

GCHNA Steering Committee Minutes - Annual Membership Meeting
October 1, 2018 Madelyn Helling Library
Business Meeting 6:50 - 8:30

Attendees: Ellen Hagan, Susan Wiesner, Uli Paulin, Eve Collins, Terry Wagner, Debbie Wandro, Bill Holman, Willie and Sue Brusin, Randy and Blair Newsome, Beth Enoch, Christina Reski, Gregg Dwight, Annette Seabury, S. Whitlock, Ken Bigham, Joy Elson, Martin Holden, Donna and Jim Darling, Brad Reynolds and Linda Katz, Lin Donald, Roy and Chris Gedney, Eileen and Paul Jorgensen, Daniel and Patt Kyle, LaVeta Nevius

Uli opened the meeting. The agenda was approved. Minutes from 8/6 were approved.

Treasurer's report - Good news. We have a cash balance of \$7000. About \$1300 will be spent on liability insurance and meeting room rent. Membership revenue was \$4765 - more than expected.

Neighborhood Reps reports - Ken Bigham and S. Whitlock made us aware that Jim Miller has been decorating their neighborhood with stone structures and other "art". They feel it has become inappropriate. He sometimes trespasses and is creating litter. The sheriff has been called but no action was taken. It was suggested that a civil lawsuit could be filed. An article expressing their concern could be put in the newsletter.

Old Airport Road development update - The City has made a survey available and we are encouraging members to give input. Uli will write a letter to the City explaining that we consider ourselves stakeholders and want to be part of the process. How can we represent ourselves effectively?

Newsletter - Ellen and Eve will be putting the next newsletter together in Dec. Articles will include a summary of this meeting, bios of new members, and Firewise information from Beth, possibly an article on "hardening".

Membership - Eve reported that we have 229 members.

Propane - The contract expires in Nov. Susan, Ellen and Eve will contact Ferrellgas.

Events - Eve discussed our desire to honor Marty Pezzaglia by planting a tree or putting a bench in Coyote Park. She's contacted the county to find out how to do this. We most likely will do some fund-raising.

Firewise Committee. - Uli read a letter we'd received from the Champion Mine Community to Consolidated Fire expressing concerns about illegal campfires. It's relevant to us in that there are motorized vehicles operating illegally near Hirschman's Pond and illegal camps and campfires at the old Airport site that could impact our neighborhood. Beth will draft a letter supporting the Champion Mine group and expressing our concern. She encouraged road reps to work with neighbors to make roads safer and to form work groups to clear Scotch Broom. She will help reps organize and obtain equipment from the Firesafe Council. Beth has been trained and can advise property owners on creating more defensible space. She attends Coalition meetings and is up to date on the latest information. FONA - A rep is needed to attend meetings.

NID - Willie reported that rates will go up. He's on the rate committee and has been involved in creating a 5 year plan. He thinks a cost of living increase of 4% is appropriate.

Membership List/Website - William Mandel has been updating our website and sends out the email blasts. We appreciate his efforts.

Election Results - Members voted on Road Representatives and Steering Committee Officers. 24 ballots were cast and the results were unanimous. Officers are Uli Paulin - President, Susan Wiesner - Treasurer, and Ellen Hagan - Secretary. There are 13 Road Reps and At-large members.

New Business - A member from West Piper expressed concern about the safety of his son walking along Cement Hill Road to the Library to meet a school bus. This brought up a discussion of efforts that had been taken about the feasibility of a walking path along the road. Uli explained that the process is a complicated one. It was suggested that we write a letter to the County explaining our concern and requesting that specific improvements be made. Paul will provide Uli with a website that he believes takes input about improvements needed to trails, etc. (This is the address: <http://www.nctc.ca.gov/Projects/Nevada-County-Active-Transportation-Plan/index.html>).

A Steering Committee photo was taken and the meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan, Secretary