

## **GCHNA Steering Committee Minutes**

June 3, 2019. Madelyn Helling Library Community Room 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Attendees: Ellen Hagan, Susan Wiesner, Willie Brusin, Nancy Paulson, Sue Gregory, Shaun Havard, Jeff and Marty Coleman-Hunt, Randy Newsome, Debbie Wandro, Christy Barden, Patricia Fuenzalida, Terry Wagner, Uli Paulin, Marjorie McConnell, Suuzi Webb - a quorum

Uli called the meeting to order. After introductions, the agenda and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Susan reported a balance of \$8538 - a portion is in a special fund. There are 240 members who've paid dues.

### **Neighborhood Reps**

Excelsior Ditch Camp Road improvement update - Marjorie reported that work had been done and donations had been collected. Damage was done to the road, however, when a chipper used it after heavy rains. Unless mine rock (2 loads preferably) is laid down, it's likely that the road will revert to its original condition. A transfer load of rock costs \$750 for the first load and a bit less for the second. Hal Davis would spread it. GCHNA has received a donation of \$500 that could be used for rock. Considerable discussion ensued about what should/could be done. Receiving a Firewise grant seems unlikely. Neighbors generally don't want to contribute more. Some neighbors would prefer the road not be improved. We could ask the general membership for additional contributions. Randall made a motion. "Given that GCHNA would like to support the establishment of EDCR as a fire evacuation route and recognizing that maintenance of a private road is primarily the responsibility of the property owners along it, GCHNA will contribute \$250 in addition to the \$236 already allocated which would be added to the \$500 donation to be used for 1 load of mine rock with the provision that the work be done soon before August 1. The motion was passed unanimously.

**SR 49 Meeting - Transportation Commission** - A meeting was held recently to discuss safety concerns along Hwy 49 from the Hwy 20 intersection to Juvenile Hall. Dan Landon, Executive Director of the Transportation Commission, has asked GCHNA to participate and several of our members attended and gave input. The Transportation Commission is using grant money to gather data and plan a strategy to slow traffic along this section. Several changes were suggested. The goal is to develop an implementation plan and gain more grant money to do the work. Another meeting will be held in July.

Vegetation blocking signage along Hwy 49 in the vicinity of Cement Hill Road is also a concern. Dan Landon informed us that he has submitted a request to have this vegetation removed. He suggested GCHNA submit a request as well and provided us with a link to the online Caltrans Maintenance Service Request: <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/> Ellen explained that the form asked for the specific location of concern and she couldn't use the map feature.

### **Committee Reports**

**Newsletter** - Ellen explained that it was published in the last newsletter that we'd be sending out the Aug. newsletter digitally. We don't have all members email addresses at this time. How shall we transition to a digital format? Beginning with the Jan. newsletter, which will be mailed, the plan is to collect members' email addresses and send the other 2 newsletters digitally. More discussion seems necessary about how to handle the upcoming Aug newsletter.

**Family Picnic**- The idea of a picnic held at the home of Patricia Kaminski was discussed. No one stepped forward to organize it. Susan moved we have a social as we did last year before the annual membership meeting at the Helling Library amphitheater as we did last year. The motion passed unanimously.

**Firewise Committee** - Beth reviewed the schedule for the Fire Drill to be held on June 9. 11 properties are participating. Members are encouraged to join in. There will be a debriefing at the Rood Center from 4:00 to 5:00.

Uli distributed a letter by David Kapler to County and City officials. He's a retired firefighter and has concerns that the strategies being discussed for early notification and evacuation are weak. He suggests we institute warning sirens and mandate the clearing of brush along evacuation routes. A motion was passed unanimously that we write a letter to County and City officials supporting the ideas expressed in David Kapler's letter. Uli will work on a draft and share it with the Steering Committee.

Next meeting - Monday, Aug 5, 7pm at the Helling Library.  
Respectfully submitted, Ellen Hagan, Secretary

