



**Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting
February 6, 2023**

Attendees

Ellen Hagen (meeting chair), Christy Barden, Joanne Brown, Eve Collins, Gregg Dwight, Joy Elson, Bill Holman, Janet Johnson*, Elena Rayo, Marlene Widmann, Amanda Ringnada, Karen Wcislo, Tom Elson, Brad Johnson, Will Hart, Spencer LeGate, Dave Herbst, Karalyn Buchner, Steve Danner*, Joe Brusca*, Ursala Conofrio*, Laurie Segal, Bob Aron, Yvette Young, Michael Waring*
(*Indicates attendance via zoom)

Call to Order at 7:04 p.m.

Ellen Hagen determined a quorum had been met.

Introductions were made.

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Janet Johnson reported a bank balance of \$9880.44 as of December, 2022, with deposits of \$65.00 and expenses of \$1727.00 leaving a current balance of \$8218.44.

Neighborhood Reports

1. Gregg Dwight, road rep for Mt. Auburn Circle and Gochine, spoke on the following subjects:
 - A neighbor has converted a garage into an "Additional Dwelling Unit."
 - There have been AT&T landline problems in his area due to condensation forming on old copper wiring. AT&T has been responsive.
 - Neighbors are appreciative the substantial pot hole at the base of Cement Hill Road has been filled.
2. Dave Herbst is on the board of the Sierra Streams Institute. He announced there will be a presentation and discussion of the results of the Tapwater Analysis Program (TAP) on February 28th from 6:00 – 7:00 at the Gold Vibe Kombuchary. TAP is available to provide free testing of the water quality for homes and wells.
3. Joanne Brown reported walking the length of Wet Hill Road trying to interest residents in becoming their neighborhood's road rep. The effort was not successful.

Firewise Community Committee Report

1. There will be a Fuel Reduction Event on March 11th from 9 – 12. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled on March 18th. Scotch Broom will be removed from city-owned properties along Indian Trail using wrenches and loppers. Volunteers are needed.
2. Attendees were reminded our Firewise Community status requires a comprehensive assessment be accomplished this year.
3. The Firewise Committee will begin sending bi-monthly email “blasts” to everyone living within GCHNA’s boundaries featuring short wildfire prevention blurbs developed by Lake Wildwood.
4. A brief history of the city-owned Hirschman Pond Property was presented. The 85.34 acre property will be the subject of a Priority Project titled “Hirschman Pond Property Maintenance Plan” to be submitted to the County Office of Emergency Services.

New/Old Business

1. Amanda Ringnada, who is a professional event planner, volunteered to become GCHNA’s Event Coordinator. Marlene Widmann and Elena Rayo agreed to be her committee members.
2. Ellen Hagen announced the newsletter will be transitioning to a fully digital format. The current winter hardcopy edition will no longer be delivered. Reasons for the change include ease of creating the newsletter using a digital option, cost of postage, and the lag time mailing bulk rate issues requires. Road reps were asked to submit a bio and selfie for the next edition.

Community Input

Laurie Segal spoke about the Citizens Climate Lobby which presents lectures regarding community actions that can reduce the effects of climate change.

Next Meeting

1. None of the attendees volunteered to chair the April Steering Committee meeting. Joanne Brown moved that meeting be cancelled due to the lack of a chairman. Karen Wcislo seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion went down to defeat.
2. The next meeting will be held on April 3rd in the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room from 7:00 until 8:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Brown,
Substitute Secretary