**GCHNA STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

January 6, 2020 Madelyn Helling LIbrary 7:00 - 8:30pm

**Attendees:** Terry Wagner, Bill Holman, Debbie Wandro, Beth Enoch, Eve Collins, Patricia Fuenzalida, Nancy Paulson, Sue Gregory, Christy Bardon, Gregg Dwight, Randy Newsome, Suuzi Webb, Uli Paulin, Annette Seabury, Ellen Hagan - a quorum

Uli called the meeting to order. After introductions, the agenda was approved. The minutes were approved with the addition of an August 3rd Steering Committee meeting added to the yearly calendar.

No Treasurer’s report

**Neighborhood Reports**

We regretfully accept the resignation of Christina Reski as Central Cement Hill Road Rep.

Sue brought up how trash cans are left along Daisy Blue Mine Rd and bears have created a mess. Large cans can’t be transported in a regular car. Other than finding a way to transport cans back and forth, there’s not much to be done. Patricia suggested a rack (Trash Sporter) that attaches to the back of a car.

Shaun Havard is concerned that during power outages, AT&T provides no back up power for landlines which leaves some people with no way to receive code red warnings. AT&T at this time doesn’t guarantee landline service for power outages of several days. Nancy suggested that Road Reps encourage communication among neighbors, being aware of those who are most vulnerable. Power outage tips include having a solar battery/phone charger and light bulbs that give some power even when power is out.

The Old Airport Road Concept Plan was discussed. Uli provided us with a map and the latest information from Amy Wolfson, a planner for Nevada City. There will be a meeting this Wed. Jan. 8th and all are encouraged to attend. Annette and Uli shared their perspective on the plan and brought up areas of concern which include: piles of flammable material, the condition of the roadway itself, the fencing location and materials to be used, and how the bathroom will be used and monitored.

**Committee Reports**

Events - A candidates’ night was suggested. Planning should be done for the FireSafe Council Preparedness Day. Providing speakers and fire prevention information geared to newcomers was mentioned.

Gregg asked how the fire hydrants are maintained. It is the Fire Dept’s responsibility, but no one knew the specific procedure. Gregg will contact Consolidated to find out how the Fire Dept handles testing the hydrants.

Newsletter - the Winter edition should be received by members the week of Jan. 13th. Thank you to all who contributed.

Membership - We had 245 members last year. Ten so far.

Firewise Survey - Beth completed a survey from the Coalition asking us to name our top priorities for fire preparedness in our community. She reported that our in-kind contribution for the year was $386,000. We need to continue our efforts to get people to report their defensible space work.

The next meeting will be March 2 at the Madelyn Helling Library in Nevada City at 7pm.

A Steering Committee photo was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Hagan, Secretary