

GCHNA Steering Committee minutes for Zoom meeting

Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7pm

Attendees: Patricia Fuenzalida, Susan Wiesner, Ellen Hagan, Sue Gregory, Joy Elson, Eve Collins, Christy Barden, Gregg Dwight, Randy Newsome, Eileen Jorgensen, Debbie Wandro, Elena Rayo, Annette Seabury - a quorum

Patricia called the meeting to order.

Gregg reported on his area and expressed an interest in collaborating with other neighbors to arrange for defensible space work. Patricia will reach out to Brian who also expressed an interest and they might explore options. Elena reported that there are new neighbors in her area.

The minutes were approved with the change to Justin's comments.

Treasurer's report - Susan reported our balance of \$10,522 which is within the range from last year. Dues are coming in as projected.

Eve reported our membership. 167 so far.

Old Airport Clean Up Event - 4/17

Annette, Uli, and Eileen organized this event. Laura Waag produced the flyer and Annette has been promoting the clean up by contacting city and county offices, the fire department, and displaying the flyer along the roadway. Her goals are to create awareness about the conditions at the Old Airport, to get the word out that this parcel needs a management plan, and to facilitate specific remedies including safety issues. She's meeting with the Public Works dept to plan the event. The City is being helpful and will provide tools and pick up debris. Eileen reiterated the need to start a conversation. We need to be proactive and work for what we believe should be done. GCHNA will provide funds for the flyer expense and for refreshments.

Hirschman's Pond

Patricia reported that the old house has been torn down. Color Me Human is interested in creating a community garden.

Randy described the efforts of Bernie Zimmerman from the Historical Landmark Commission to have Hirschman's Pond officially recognized as a historical landmark with a commemorative plaque noting the significant Jewish population living in Nevada City in the mid 1800s and the contributions of Leb Hirschman. The pond was part of the mine property he owned. It was

moved and unanimously passed that GCHNA would sponsor an effort to fund the mounting of a plaque. The cost would be approximately \$1200. Randy will donate \$500. \$700 will be raised by GCHNA in ways to be determined. Joy suggested we ask for donations on the website using PayPal. We'll publish a request in the newsletter. Eileen suggested the plaque include a map.

Little Green Light and website update

As a result of Joy's significant efforts, GCHNA is now using Little Green Light as our database platform. She is also updating the website. She's created a link - members at gchna.com to better allow members to communicate with the Steering Committee. It was moved that we adopt PayPal as our payment platform. A vote could not be taken because of a lack of a forum. Contact Joy with any other ideas for improvement of the website.

Firewise Community Team needed

We have a job description from Beth. Ellen is willing to be part of the team, but would like to be replaced as Secretary. A request for interested members to join the team will be included in the newsletter. An email request could be made as well. A Firewise Coalition Zoom meeting is scheduled for 4/6.

Spring newsletter

Articles for the spring newsletter should be sent to Ellen by 4/15. Articles could include: Patricia's update, Firewise education articles (Ingress/Egress road clearing project, Coalition summaries, evacuation info reminder), the membership list, Little Green Light and website update efforts by Joy, Hirschman's Pond plaque fund drive, John Paul's internet project description, winery on Cement Hill highlight and event mentioned by Brian, defensible space work highlight (Sue will contact her neighbor.), photos of the Old Airport clean up day could be included.

Next meeting

Our next meeting is June 7. It might be possible to meet outside in person. Patricia offered her front yard.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan, Secretary