



GCHNA Steering Committee Minutes April 4, 2022 at 7 pm on Zoom

Attendees: Patricia Fuenzalida, Eve Collins, Christy Barden, Joy Elson, Joanne Browne, Ellen Hagan, Eileen Jorgensen, Susan Wiesner, Gregg Dwight, Elena Rayo, Spencer LeGate, Jane & Jim Graves - a quorum

Introductions. The agenda was approved with the addition of a membership report and donation consideration for the Bear Yuba Land Trust. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Patricia reported a balance of \$8,339.44. Recent expenses included the newsletter, which was mailed, and the cost of LGL. A formal audit is still to be done.

Neighborhood Reports: Suuzi Webb has resigned as rep for Wet Hill Road.

Annual gathering: May 22, 2 pm to dusk at the home of Chris Owens. Eileen reported on the planning meeting. The committee includes Eileen, Eve, Joy, Patricia, Jan, and Donna. The goal is to bring newcomers into the organization. Plans include schmooze time with drinks, an ice breaker, kids activities, potluck, speakers Heidi Hall, Ricky Heck, and Tanis Hall. Volunteers are needed.

Elena suggested that having a social media group on Instagram and Facebook might be useful for facilitating communication among members. Joy will look into it.

Nissan CHIRP donation: A one-time \$150 donation to CHIRP was approved.

Firewise Committee report:

- Consolidated Fire masticated most of the area of concern on Indian Trail.
- Patricia explained that the work we'd hoped to do at the Old Airport property in partnership with the City didn't pan out.
- It came to our attention that neighbors on Crystal View Heights wanted to help a neighbor clear small trees from her property. The Firewise Committee explored the possibility of helping in some way. The liability issues became a serious concern. No insurance was available through the Firesafe Council and no company would issue event coverage given the nature of the work. A waiver would be needed. After much effort, it was decided that the legal issues involved should be explored before GCHNA sponsors an event like the one proposed.
- Ellen reenforced the idea that we need to step back and discuss what we want "fuel reduction events" to look like in the future. A risk assessment will need to be done. A procedure for selecting where to put our efforts needs to be discussed. Another option might be to give a grant to neighbors who organize to do work. Eve suggested a patch of Scotch Broom to pull, but the ground may already be too hard.
- Patricia suggested we look into marking fire hydrants for better visibility during a fire as a possible project. Gregg reminded us of the research he'd done with NID on how the hydrants were maintained. Based on his information, he was satisfied that the hydrants are operational.

Newsletter: The next newsletter should go out this month or early May. Ellen and Eve will work on it. It would include: the May 22 party announcement (a graphic and details are needed), Patricia's message, a Firewise report, and a recent list of members). Human interest stories are requested. Jane and Jim Graves, new to the neighborhood, brought up the issue of water availability given the drought. It's a subject for a future newsletter. Also, a review of evacuation routes would be useful to new members.

Membership Report: Joy reported that she's received 165 memberships so far - 18 are new. We had 234 members last year. Joy will send out reminders to people who haven't yet renewed. She'll send area reps new lists of area members.

Joy asked for consideration of a donation to the Bear Yuba Land Trust.

June 6 is our next scheduled meeting, which hopefully will be in-person. Patricia will contact the Katz' in regard to a meeting at their property. If not there, then arrangements would need to be made with the Helling Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan, secretary