



Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting
April 3, 2023

Attendees

Steering Committee: Joanne Brown, Eve Collins, Gregg Dwight, Joy Elson, Ellen Hagan, Janet Johnson (Zoom), Eileen Jorgensen, (not a quorum)

Members & Neighbors: Ken Brown, Kathleen & Cris Curlee, Jack Dean, Hal Davis, Janet & Jim Graves, Will Hart, Spencer LeGate, Chris & Rick Panos, Brad Reynolds, Laurie Segal, Michael Waring, Laura Wilson, Karen Wcislo

Via Zoom: Tish Caddell, Rebecca Sonu, Kevin Slechta (guest internet consultant)

The meeting was called to order by Will Hart and introductions made.
The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report (Joy reported for Janet)

GCHNA Cash Flow, Revenue and Expenses as of 4/3/23

12/31/22 Bank Balance	\$9,199.44
2023 Revenue	
GCHNA Member Dues	\$3,472.94
2023 Expenses	
Liability Insurance	\$981.00
Newsletter	\$851.21
Website Hosting	\$33.90
Dues and Donations	\$1,309.00
Total Expenses	\$3,175.11
2023 Revenue less Expenses	\$297.83
Register Balance	\$9,497.27

Member Report

Joy reported that we have 177 members so far this year. 22 of these were not members in 2022 or 2021. Last year membership was 238, and we hope 2023 brings in more members.

Neighborhood Internet Project

Mike Waring voiced concern about the inadequate internet service in our area and shared information he had gathered about what other communities have done and what might be done to improve our situation. He mentioned alternatives to the internet choices we now have and interesting innovations that might prove fruitful in the future. What can GCHNA do to incentivize providers to improve service in our area? Kevin Slechta provided additional information and suggested GCHNA members complete a survey via an SEC Broadband link to show our interest. This data could be provided to Heidi Hall at the County. It might be useful to invite Heidi and Steve Monahan to attend a Steering Committee meeting to let them know that GCHNA would support their effort on our behalf.

Firewise Committee Report

Joy reported that the Scotch Broom Pull has been rescheduled to 4/22 from 9 to 12. Volunteers as of 4/3: 15 parties, 21 people. Karen and Joanne described the locations on Nevada City-owned property along Indian Trail. Weed wrenches will be provided. Refreshments will be provided. The City will collect the debris.

Community Risk Assessment Update

Ellen reported that a Risk Assessment must be completed this year to maintain our national Firewise Community certification. It will describe our degree of defensibility in the event of wildfire. It will identify vulnerabilities and be used to guide our efforts in fire preparedness. Completion of a survey by all property owners and renters in our community will be encouraged. How to complete the survey was discussed. An announcement of the assessment and survey request will be included in the next newsletter. A digital copy will be available on the website and a survey will be included in an email blast sent by the Firewise Committee. Those not responding will be sent a survey in the mail. Having a deadline was discussed, possibly July 1, though we will ask people to do it now. Money will need to be allocated for expenses.

Snow/Power Outage Events

Given the disruption caused by the latest storms, attendees were asked to discuss ways to proactively prepare for future events. Brad reported that neighbors on W. Piper had met to collect and chip debris. Other neighbors had joined together to pay for road clearing. It was suggested that neighbors organize and negotiate with service providers out of season.

Newsletter

Ellen reported that a digital newsletter would go out in April. In addition to the usual, she requested human interest articles and photos. Brad will contribute photos of the W. Piper cleanup.

Events

Eileen reported that she, Eve and Lin Donald have spoken with the owners of Crooked Arrow Sustainable Ranch in our community about our hosting a tour of their farm and a tea. They'll let us know more as the planning proceeds. Money will need to be allocated for expenses.

Will we have another social gathering this year? Eileen reported that Amanda (our new Events Coordinator) told her that a party in September is being discussed.

Next Meeting

The next Steering Committee meeting will be June 5, 7:00 pm, at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room. A volunteer is needed to lead the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan, Secretary