



**Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting
June 5, 2023**

Attendees: Will Hart (moderator), Joy Elson, Ellen Hagan, Spencer LeGate, Janet Johnson, Marlene Widmann, Joanne Brown, Eileen Jorgensen, Eve Collins, Gregg Dwight, Debbie Wandro (zoom), Sierra Buryn, Christy Barden

Neighbors: Megan Coolbah (zoom), Tom Creighton, April Edwards, Stan Hooper, David Kendall, Henry & Arabella Macias, LaVeta Nevius, Amanda Ringnalda, Karen Wcislo, and Pete Williams (guest from the Fire Safe Council)

Will called the meeting to order. We have a quorum.

Introductions were made.

Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

Janet reported a bank balance of \$9763. Membership dues received: \$3958, and 2023 expenses: \$3754

Membership:

Joy reported that we are up to 220 members for 2023. 30 are new.

New Road Rep:

Sierra Buryn was unanimously elected as the road rep for Wet Hill Road.

Special Guest:

Pete Williams from the Fire Safe Council spoke about the Defensible Space Visit program. A trained person will come to the house and inspect home characteristics and landscaping for defensible space. It's free. Sign up on the areyoufiresafe website. Joanne will send road reps a summary of Pete's presentation and ask them to contact neighbors. Training is available to anyone wanting to become an advisor. Other services offered by the Fire Safe Council were discussed including a chipping day which Joy will organize.

Firewise Committee Report

- Ellen reported that so far 18 people have completed the survey needed for the Risk Assessment which is required to maintain our Firewise Community designation. Ways to encourage further participation were discussed. Road reps should reach out to neighbors to let them know the importance of this effort. Ellen and Joy will send out an email specifically addressing the survey and the mitigation form. After the July 1 deadline, a mailer will need to go out. Signs could be put up on the road.
- Joanne reported that the Hirschman's Pond Fuel Reduction and Maintenance Proposal has been submitted to the County Office of Emergency Services.
- Ellen and Karen represented GCHNA at the Fire Safe Council fundraiser.

- Karen explained that the County Office of Emergency Services is writing a comprehensive plan for emergency preparedness and is asking for community input on vulnerabilities. A survey is available on the nevadacountyready website.

Idaho-Maryland Mine:

Will updated us on the status of the mine proposal and stressed the importance of this issue. Information is available at minewatchnc.org and on the RiseGold website.

Event Committee Report:

Amanda reported that the committee is planning a party for August 27, 2-7pm, at Christy Barden's Big Yellow Barn. It will be an opportunity for neighbors to socialize. There will be food and music. Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up.

Crooked Arrow Tea/Tour:

Eileen reported that 24 people attended the event at the CASA farm to learn about the operation. They sell meat, chicken, eggs and other produce.

Other Info:

- Sierra told us about a group of people she's involved with offering local produce on Idaho Maryland Road.
- There is a tour at Blue Bird Farm on June 15. More information and tickets can be found on Sierra Harvest's website.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be Aug 7 at 7pm at the Madelyn Helling Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan, Secretary