



**Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting**  
**August 7, 2023**

**Attendees:** Will Hart, Christy Barden, Joanne Brown, Sierra Buryn, Jeff Coleman-Hunt, Eve Collins, Joy Elson, Ellen Hagan, Janet Johnson, Spencer LeGate, Elena Rayo, Debbie Wandro, Marlene Widmann, Dale Tom Creighton, Brad Reynolds, Amanda Ringnalda, Karen Wcislo

The meeting was called to order by Will. There was a quorum. Introductions were made. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**New Neighborhood Rep:** Dale Tom Creighton was unanimously voted in as the area rep for Gochine and Mt. Auburn Circle replacing Gregg Dwight.

**Treasurer's report:** Janet reported a total income of \$4,575 and total expenses of \$3,747. The bank balance is \$9,084.

**Membership report:** Joy reported a total of 232 current members.

**Event Committee report:** Amanda reported that planning for the August 27 party at the Big Yellow Barn is in full swing. \$2,600 has been budgeted. 165 RSVPs have been received so far. The activities include: a welcome time, a dinner of spaghetti and potluck dishes, live music and dancing. People have been asked to BYOB. A time to socialize and have fun is the intent. Volunteers can still sign up to help.

**Firewise Committee report:**

- Ellen gave an update on the Risk Assessment process. Over 400 requests for surveys were mailed out. We've received 167. The data will be compiled and analyzed to identify strengths and vulnerabilities. This information will help us set goals and determine actions for the future. We need to include 2 focus areas in our assessment packet. Reducing the risk at Hirschman's Trail is one.
- Signage at the emergency access road from Cement Hill Road to Cedarsong is in the works. We've been in communication with Adam Aucella, the current owner of the property. We've agreed on locations for 4 reflective signs. Mr. Aucella has offered to pay for them. Once the signs are produced, arrangements for installation will need to be made.
- Karen reported on the OES evacuation study and summarized the information to be included in the material she will submit to the County. Data from road reps will inform our list of evacuation routes and description of challenges related to evacuation.
- Joanne reported that mitigation forms with data on the time and money spent by our members to create defensible space are due by Nov. 1.
- Joy reported that 16 people had signed up to take advantage of GCHNA's free chipping day. It has yet to happen, but should happen soon. We'll send a donation to the FireSafe Council.
- Feedback on the Firewise email blasts that Joanne has been sending out is positive.

**Newsletter:** Ellen will put out another newsletter in September and asked members to submit items of interest. Articles will include: a recap of the party with photos, a summary of Steering Committee minutes, and a Firewise Committee report including a link to the mitigation form. Human interest articles are encouraged.

**General Member Comments:**

- Brad Reynolds from West Piper Lane is concerned about the brush and flammable material at the edges of the city-owned Old Airport property. Given the wood debris stored there, it is a fire hazard and should be cleaned up. Joanne suggested Brad contact the City Manager, express his concern, and ask that something be done.
- Amanda reported that a neighbor on Indian Shack has put up two fences and no trespassing signage demanding that people stop walking on the road. They have cameras and are intimidating walkers who have used the road in the past. It was suggested that walkers engage the owner in discussion to hopefully come to an understanding that allows walkers to continue to use the road.

The next Steering Committee meeting is October 2 at 7 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Hagan, Secretary