



Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting on October 2, 2023
Madelyn Helling Library, Nevada City

Attendees: *Steering Committee:* Will Hart, Ellen Hagan, Joy Elson, Eve Collins, Joanne Brown, Spencer LeGate, Marlene Widmann, Eileen Jorgensen, Christy Barden and Sierra Buryn (a quorum). *Others:* Jane Graves, and Mollie and Alan Feeney

Meeting Business

- Will called the meeting to order.
- Reports of Officers
- The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Joy provided the information prepared by Janet. From January to September, revenue from membership has been \$4,834. Expenses were \$6,775 (including the party cost of \$2,861). Last year \$600 was donated to the Fire Safe Council for their services for the day of free chipping to GCHNA members. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that we donate \$600 again this year. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that we donate \$250 to Yuba Net, \$100 to CHIRP, and \$120 to Bear Yuba Land Trust.
- The projected balance at end of year is \$3,900. This is significantly lower than balances of the past. It was suggested that we raise dues in the coming year. Janet will be asked to write up a proposed budget for next year that we can discuss at the December meeting along with the issue of increasing dues.

Membership Report

Joy reported 243 members for 2023 to date.

Firewise Committee Report

- Ellen reported on the status of the Risk Assessment project. Data from the 180 surveys was presented and summarized. The Committee will right up a Summary and Recommendations to complete the assessment document that will be submitted to the Fire Safe Council this month for review.
- Mitigation forms with data on work done and money spent on defensible space and fire preparedness are due now. Joanne will send road reps a copy of the letter she sent to her area members encouraging them to send in their data. Joy will send an email to all members and road reps should follow up.
- Hirschman's Pond Update: The Hirschman's Trail maintenance project plan has been submitted to the County Office of Emergency Services in the hope that funding will be found. The City is discussing a tax for fire mitigation that would include funds for maintaining City property that could fund maintenance of the Trail, the Airport property, and Sugarloaf.
- The installation of signage for the Emergency Access Road at the west end of Cement Hill Road has been completed. Many thanks to Adam Aucella who paid for the signs and installation and to Ellen Hagan for being the GCHNA liaison.

Event Planning Committee Report

The August gathering was well attended and successful. Joy reported on the results of the survey. Less food will be provided next time. Thanks to Eve for dealing with the trash and recyclables!

Newsletter

The newsletter went out earlier this month. Ellen thanked those who contributed. Whether the January newsletter will be mailed or only digital should be discussed at the December meeting.

Mine Project Update

Will reported that the hearing regarding the Idaho-Maryland Mine project has been rescheduled to December 13. It will deal with the Rise Gold petition for vested rights. The MineWatch website has information.

Indian Shack update

Marlene reported that the neighbor on Indian Shack continues to intimidate walkers. They have threatened to close a gate that would limit an access route during a fire. It was suggested that Consolidated Fire be made aware of the problem.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Dec. 4, 7pm, at the Madelyn Helling Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Hagan
Secretary