



Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting on December 4, 2023

Madelyn Helling Library, Nevada City

Attendees: Steering Committee: Christy Barden, Jeff Coleman-Hunt, Eve Collins, Dale Creighton, Joy Elson, Ellen Hagan, Will Hart, Janet Johnson, Eileen Jorgensen, Uli Paulin, Spencer LeGate, Marlene Widmann (a quorum). Others: Karen Wcislo, Brad Reynolds

Will called the meeting to order and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Janet summarized our revenue and expenses. Projected revenue for the year is \$4,855. Expenses were \$,8512. Our projected year-end balance is \$3,657.

Membership report: Joy reported that our membership is 245, which is an increase over last year.

2024 Budget

Janet reviewed our revenue and expenses dating back to 2014 including details on spending for events. Her budget reports are included with these minutes. Though membership numbers have remained stable, general expenses, event spending, and spending for Firewise Community activities have increased. Our reserve balance has been depleted. Possible cuts in spending, including other ways to fund the party, were discussed. An increase in the amount budgeted for Firewise events were added to the budget. The consensus was that in order to sustain the organization and accomplish what we feel is important for the community, membership dues need to increase. The motion to increase dues from \$20 to \$30 was passed.

Firewise Committee Report

- Ellen reported that the Risk Assessment required by the NPFA to maintain our Firewise Community designation has been submitted. The recommendations, written by the Fire Safe Council based on data we compiled, included the importance of our continued focus on creating hardscape and controlling vegetation in the 0-5' zone, educating our members about hardening strategies, particularly non-combustible skirting under decks, and making members aware of evacuation strategies including partnering with the Sheriff's office to learn about safe evacuation. The report will be posted on the gchna.com website.
- Karen reported for Joanne Brown on the annual mitigation results. 105 people responded with data. 78,000 hours of work were logged times \$29 per hour credit equals \$2,360,000 worth of work contributed and \$645,000 was spent by residents in the greater Cement Hill neighborhood area. Our mitigation total is over \$3,000,000. This amount demonstrates the strong commitment of our community's effort to create defensible space to mitigate the threat of wildfire.

- Joanne has created fire preparedness folders to be given to newcomers to our community. Road reps are encouraged to hand these out where appropriate. An allocation of \$150 was approved for folder expenses.

Idaho-Maryland Mine Board of Supervisors meeting

Will reported that the issue is not over. Attendance is encouraged at the meeting on 12/13.

Newsletter

- The next newsletter will go out in January. Articles will include membership renewal information, an explanation of the proposed budget and dues increase, a summary of the minutes of the last meetings, and a Firewise Committee report. Other articles are welcome.
- The value of mailing a paper newsletter in January was discussed. There are members who have no email address with us. The mailed newsletter would include an envelope and would go to all property owners in our area, not just members, which will create awareness of our organization. An allocation of \$500 was approved unanimously for the January newsletter.

New Steering Committee Officer: Will Hart is our new President! His willingness to step up was greeted with loud applause and much gratitude. He was voted in unanimously.

General Member Comments

- Dale attended a meeting where representatives from the County explained the plans they have for more strategic, safer evacuation.
- Jeff shared information that a burn pile fire had gotten out of control near him and we should make people aware of the need for diligence.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2024 at the Madelyn Helling Library.

Additional information of interest.:

The 2024 Steering Committee meeting calendar was not discussed. Meetings will continue to be bimonthly on the first Monday of the month from 7 to 8:30pm. The dates will be Feb 5, April 1, June 3, Aug 5, Oct 7, and Dec. 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan, Secretary

**Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Revenue and Expenses**

| | 2014 Actual | 2015 Actual | 2016 Actual | 2017 Actual | 2018 Actual | 2019 Actual | 2020 Actual | 2021 Actual | 2022 Actual | 2023 Projection | 2024 Budget @ \$20 Dues | 2024 Budget @ \$30 Dues |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| REVENUE: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Member Dues | \$ 4,485.00 | \$ 4,485.00 | \$ 4,440.00 | \$ 4,285.00 | \$ 4,910.00 | \$ 5,310.00 | \$ 4,535.00 | \$ 5,013.60 | \$ 4,945.00 | \$ 4,855.00 | \$ 4,860.00 | \$ 7,290.00 |
| Notes | | | | | | | | | | \$20 Dues | 243 Members, \$20 Dues | 243 Members, \$30 Dues |
| Interest, Other Income | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | \$ - | | | |
| Total Income: | \$ 4,485.00 | \$ 4,485.00 | \$ 4,440.00 | \$ 4,285.00 | \$ 4,930.00 | \$ 5,360.00 | \$ 4,535.00 | \$ 5,513.60 | \$ 4,945.00 | \$ 4,855.00 | \$ 4,860.00 | \$ 7,290.00 |
| EXPENSES: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Picnic and/or Annual Meeting | \$ 1,184.46 | \$ 1,321.56 | \$ 1,543.01 | \$ 1,053.06 | \$ 281.19 | \$ 27.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,920.13 | \$ 2,861.68 | \$ 2,448.00 | \$ 2,448.00 |
| Gifts, Honorariums | \$ - | \$ 291.13 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 35.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 700.00 | \$ 700.00 | \$ 700.00 | \$ 700.00 |
| Spring or Other Firesafe Educational Event | \$ 272.20 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 89.18 | \$ - | \$ 400.00 | \$ - | \$ 235.51 | \$ 48.86 | \$ 1,371.14 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Newsletters | \$ 2,070.26 | \$ 2,050.38 | \$ 2,016.67 | \$ 1,872.66 | \$ 2,400.58 | \$ 2,163.00 | \$ 859.50 | \$ 1,352.28 | \$ 1,749.51 | \$ 851.21 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| D&O Liability Insurance | | | \$ 1,090.00 | \$ 1,080.00 | \$ 981.00 | \$ 981.00 | \$ 981.00 | \$ 981.00 | \$ 981.00 | \$ 981.00 | \$ 981.00 | \$ 981.00 |
| Meeting Room Rental | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 | \$ 130.00 | \$ 120.00 | \$ 120.00 | \$ 103.00 | \$ 45.00 | \$ - | \$ 120.00 | \$ 120.00 | \$ 120.00 | \$ 120.00 |
| Membership Dues | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 499.00 | \$ 499.00 | \$ 350.00 | \$ 640.00 | \$ 822.12 | \$ 609.00 | \$ 619.00 | \$ 619.00 | \$ 619.00 |
| Consulting - Legal / Special Projects | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 450.50 | \$ - | \$ 436.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| Website & Other Software / Web Expenses | \$ 139.35 | \$ 784.85 | \$ 227.35 | \$ 175.35 | \$ 195.30 | \$ 175.00 | \$ 175.35 | \$ 501.60 | \$ 555.75 | \$ 688.40 | \$ 646.00 | \$ 646.00 |
| Misc: USPS Box, Bank, Printing, Supplies | \$ 30.63 | \$ 135.05 | \$ 144.66 | \$ 168.87 | \$ 117.53 | \$ 140.00 | \$ 133.80 | \$ 187.42 | \$ 226.26 | \$ 320.03 | \$ 276.00 | \$ 276.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 4,346.90 | \$ 5,232.97 | \$ 5,651.69 | \$ 5,508.62 | \$ 4,594.60 | \$ 4,810.00 | \$ 2,834.65 | \$ 4,079.93 | \$ 6,910.51 | \$ 8,512.46 | \$ 7,290.00 | \$ 7,290.00 |
| NET REVENUE LESS EXPENSES: | \$ 138.10 | \$ (747.97) | \$ (1,211.69) | \$ (1,223.62) | \$ 335.40 | \$ 550.00 | \$ 1,700.35 | \$ 1,433.67 | \$ (1,965.51) | \$ (3,657.46) | \$ (2,430.00) | \$ 0.00 |
| Year End Bank Balance | \$ 8,995.44 | \$ 8,247.47 | \$ 6,775.78 | \$ 5,552.16 | \$ 5,887.56 | \$ 6,437.86 | \$ 8,138.21 | \$ 9,571.88 | \$ 7,606.37 | \$ 3,948.91 | \$ 1,518.91 | \$ 3,948.91 |

**Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Revenue and Expense Detail
2019 through 2024**

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 Estimate | 2024 Budget, 2024 Budget, 243 | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | | | Members @ \$20 Dues | Members @ \$30 Dues |
| Revenue | | | | | | | |
| Membership Dues | 5,310.00 | 4,535.00 | 5,013.60 | 4,945.00 | 4,805.00 | 4,860.00 | 7,290.00 |
| GCHNA Donation | 50.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Hirschman's Pond Plaque Fund | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Income | 5,360.00 | 4,535.00 | 5,513.60 | 4,945.00 | 4,855.00 | 4,860.00 | 7,290.00 |
| Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Annual Gathering | | | | | | | |
| Children's Program | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 140.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Firewise Folders | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 62.34 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Flowers | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75.26 | 163.28 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Food, Wine and Supplies | 26.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 456.68 | 679.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Location Rental, Gifts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 210.00 | 159.32 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Music | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 700.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Party Rentals | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 427.00 | 942.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Porta Potty Rental | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 286.17 | 217.58 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Signs - Gathering | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 62.68 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Speaker | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Annual Gathering Budget | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,448.00 | 2,448.00 |
| Total Annual Gathering | 26.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,920.13 | 2,861.68 | 2,448.00 | 2,448.00 |
| Donations, Gifts | | | | | | | |
| CHIRP - CA Heritage | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Fire Safe - Chipping | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Other Donations | 34.71 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Donations, Gifts | 34.71 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| Events | | | | | | | |
| Assessment Project | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,079.37 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Safe Events & Educ. | 400.00 | 0.00 | 235.51 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Farm Tours | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 48.86 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Safe Events - Tickets | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Scotch Broom Pull | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 25.21 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Tea and Tour Event | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 116.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Events | 400.00 | 0.00 | 235.51 | 48.86 | 1,371.14 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Newsletters | | | | | | | |
| 49er Direct | 508.00 | 0.00 | 173.78 | 167.48 | 208.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Epic Design | 640.00 | 280.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 160.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| House of Print | 1,014.81 | 579.50 | 578.50 | 982.03 | 483.15 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Total Newsletters | 2,162.81 | 859.50 | 1,352.28 | 1,749.51 | 851.21 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| D&O Liability Insurance | 981.00 | 981.00 | 981.00 | 981.00 | 981.00 | 981.00 | 981.00 |
| Meeting Room Rental | 103.00 | 45.00 | 0.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| Memberships | | | | | | | |
| Bear River Land Trust | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| Fire Safe Council | 250.00 | 350.00 | 249.00 | 249.00 | 249.00 | 249.00 | 249.00 |
| FONA | 0.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Hirschman's Pond Plaque | 0.00 | 0.00 | 573.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Yuba Net | 0.00 | 240.00 | 0.00 | 240.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Total Memberships | 350.00 | 640.00 | 822.12 | 609.00 | 619.00 | 619.00 | 619.00 |
| Consulting, Special Projects | | | | | | | |
| EDCR - Excelsion Ditch Camp Rd. | | | | | | | |
| EDCR Expenses | 2,069.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Less EDCR Contributions | -1,633.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total EDCR | 436.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Consulting, Special Projects | 436.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Website and Software | | | | | | | |
| Website Hosting | 175.35 | 175.35 | 155.40 | 134.55 | 202.40 | 160.00 | 160.00 |
| Little Green Light Software | 0.00 | 0.00 | 346.20 | 421.20 | 486.00 | 486.00 | 486.00 |
| Total Website and Software | 175.35 | 175.35 | 501.60 | 555.75 | 688.40 | 646.00 | 646.00 |
| Misc. - USPS, Printing, etc. | | | | | | | |
| Checks - Bank | 0.00 | 27.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 29.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| First Aid Kit | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 30.37 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Postage | 21.45 | 0.00 | 18.70 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| PO Box Rental | 92.00 | 106.00 | 134.00 | 166.00 | 166.00 | 166.00 | 166.00 |
| PO Keys | 18.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Printouts | 8.23 | 0.00 | 34.72 | 6.94 | 37.24 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| PayPal | | | | | | | |
| Fees | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 86.47 | 85.84 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Less Donations | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -33.15 | -28.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| PayPal - Budget Estimate | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Total PayPal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 53.32 | 56.89 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Total Misc. - USPS, Printing, etc. | 139.68 | 133.80 | 187.42 | 226.26 | 320.03 | 276.00 | 276.00 |
| Total Expense | 4,809.70 | 2,834.65 | 4,079.93 | 6,910.51 | 8,512.46 | 7,290.00 | 7,290.00 |
| Net Income | 550.30 | 1,700.35 | 1,433.67 | -1,965.51 | -3,657.46 | -2,430.00 | 0.00 |
| Year End Bank Balance: | \$ 6,437.86 | \$ 8,138.21 | \$ 9,571.88 | \$ 7,606.37 | \$ 3,948.91 | \$ 1,518.91 | \$ 3,948.91 |