



Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2025
7:00 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room

Attendees:

Steering Committee: Will Hart, Joy Elson, Ellen Hagan, Janet Johnson, Christy Barden, Joanne Brown, Eileen Jorgensen, Spencer LeGate, Tom Dale Creighton and Jeff Coleman-Hunt - a quorum
Members/Neighbors: Todd Krein, Brad Johnson, Susan Zdarko, Willie and Sue Brusin, Dorothy Fowler, Laura Wilson, Dan Bibelheimer and Sue Thomsen

Meeting Called to Order

Will Hart called the meeting to order and introductions were done. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Janet Johnson

Membership dues taken in - \$6280. Expenses to date, party expenses not included - \$1948. Bank balance - \$12,482.

Membership – Joy Elson

250 current members. Joy has sent an email to encourage those who haven't yet renewed.

New Area Representative for Old Airport Road

Todd Krein was elected unanimously! He replaces long time representative Uli Paulin.

Firewise Committee Report

- Will has been in contact with Double Dogwood Nursery about doing a presentation on indigenous plants and what plants are least hazardous in the event of a fire.
- Joy reported that the Cement Hill Road to Cedarsong Road emergency access road video is available on the website. Adam Aucella who owns the property at the west end of Cement Hill made the video to aid neighbors in knowing how to use the road as an evacuation route to Cedarsong then Hwy 49.
- Joanne Brown reported that Evan McClenithan and Nevada City were very helpful in dealing with a tree that was blocking a road from the Graves property that abuts Hirschman's Trail. The road is used by the property owners on Robinson King as an emergency evacuation route.
- More clearing has been done by the City on the Old Airport property and Hirschman's Trail is on the list for more clean up.
- Joy explained that annual mitigation forms to provide data to the Firewise Committee on work done and money spent by members on defensible space and home hardening are available on the website. They are due by Oct 31. This data is required to maintain our official Firewise Community status and acts as a measurement to gauge how we're doing. Ellen encouraged road reps to make a personal request for members to turn in forms. Ellen will provide a sample email for road reps. Joy will send updated contact information to the neighborhood reps. Joy will send out reminder emails to all members.

Pello property purchase

Will and Eileen met with the Nevada City Council and presented our proposal for purchasing this property and giving it to the City to enlarge the Hirschman's Trail property. The Council was very receptive and will provide a letter of acceptance which allows us to proceed with grant applications. They have a concern about issues caused by the historic mining done on the site, and that will be looked into. Money will need to be raised through a GoFundMe account for an appraisal, approximately \$5000, and the expenses of a landscape architect.

Scenic Corridor

Eileen Jorgensen explained that GCHNA has engaged with the County and City to make them aware of our desire to maintain the natural “look” along the Hwy 49 scenic corridor. The County is open to working with us as development occurs.

Neighborhood Party - Aug 24 at the Big Yellow Barn

The planning proceeds. The event starts at 1:00 with the potluck at 2:00. There will be an ice cream truck. A short program will include Heidi Hall and a thank you to OES for its help with green waste removal and chipping. 40 households (78 people) have responded so far. Joy asked for ideas about finding young people to help with parking.

Newsletter – Ellen Hagan

The next newsletter will go out at the end of August. It will include the usual articles by Will and Karen with additional articles about the Pello land purchase, a bio from Todd, and highlights of Gus Coronel’s interesting life. The Fire Safe Mitigation Form will be included.

Member Comments

Joanne has an upright piano from 1916 which she would like to “repurpose”/give away to a new home.

Next Meeting

The next neighborhood meeting will be on October 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan, Secretary