



**Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2025**

7:00 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room

Attendees:

Steering Committee: Joy Elson, Will Hart, Ellen Hagan, Karen Weislo, Christy Barden, Joanne Brown, Sierra Bury, Tom Dale Creighton, Spencer LeGate, Debbie Wandro - a quorum

Members/Neighbors: Diane Rossi, Brad Reynolds, Dave Herbst, Curt Beckmann, Tom Stone, Uli Paulin

Meeting Called to Order

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

Treasurer's Report - Joy Elson

Membership dues taken in - \$6740. Expenses, including party costs to date - \$2639. A \$250 donation was made to the FireSafe Nevada County Coalition. Bank balance - \$14,699.

Membership - Joy Elson

254 current members

Firewise Committee Report - Karen Weislo

- Josh Miller has joined the Firewise Committee. He's a firefighter and is available to do defensible space inspections. Members can request an inspection by contacting him through the GCHNA website.
- The Firewise Committee has been working with Steve Renz from OES to find a way to take advantage of the grant opportunity that is available. Thank you to the 25 members who indicated they would be willing to clear brush to improve evacuation routes on private roads in our neighborhood. At this time, the logistics involved make the project beyond our ability.
- Mitigation forms are due by Oct. 31. 50 have been turned in so far. Joy will send out another request.
- Ellen reported on the Wildfire Prepared Home checklist that has been produced by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety to guide owners in creating defensible space on their property and upgrading building features to reduce the chance of ignition. Completing the required actions would allow homeowners to apply for a discount on homeowners insurance, specifically the Fair plan. Participating in the program involves an application with photos that show that requirements have been met along with a \$100 fee.

Double Dogwood Nursery presentation 10/19 at 7:30 at the Helling Library Community Room. Native plants and plant adaptability to fire concerns will be discussed. There will be a Q and A session.

Pello Property Fundraising

\$2500 has been raised so far through the GoFundMe account. \$7000 is needed to pay the upfront costs to proceed with the grant application. The goal is to purchase the Pello property using the grant money and give it to the City. It would be kept as open space integrated into Hirschman's Trail.

Summer Party Debrief

It was a great party! Those attending enjoyed socializing with neighbors. The variety of activities was successful. It was hot, and changing the date to October may be considered for next year.

Highway 49 Corridor Improvement Project

GCHNA members were well represented at an informational meeting sponsored by the Nevada County Transportation Commission and Caltrans. The proposed project would run from the intersection of Hwy 49 and 20 to the Juvenile Hall and could include 2 roundabouts, pedestrian crossings and other improvements. GCHNA will continue to provide input as the project proceeds. A survey can be completed at Caltrans. Construction would likely begin in 2028.

Newsletter - Ellen Hagan

The next newsletter will go out in early Feb. It will be mailed. Articles of interest are requested, particularly articles of human interest. A tribute to Paul Godwin has been suggested.

General Member Comments and Input

- Tom Stone made us aware of a survey made available by Nevada City regarding the general plan update. Input is encouraged.
- Uli Paulin reported that Nevada City has done significant clearing on West Airport Road.

Announcements

The next Neighborhood Meeting will be held on December 1, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan