



Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2026

7:00 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room

Attendees

Steering Committee: Will Hart, Joy Elson, Ellen Hagan, Christy Barden, Tom Dale Creighton, Spencer LeGate, Todd Krein, Debbie Wandro, Karen Wcislo, and Brad Reynolds (a quorum). *Member/Neighbor:* Dave Herbst

Will Hart called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Joy

- *For the year 2025* (full report will be in the newsletter): *Total Revenue* - \$13,883 (includes Dues \$7,330; Firewise Fund \$100; Pello Project Fund \$6,453). *Expenses* - \$4,661. *Bank balance at 12/31/25* - \$17,372 which includes \$10,494 in unrestricted funds and \$6,878 in restricted funds (Pello Property and Firewise Fund).
- Janet Johnson has moved and will no longer be our Treasurer. We are actively looking for someone to step into that position.

Membership - Joy

- There are 264 current member households representing 392 residents.
- 80 people are in the Facebook group.

Firewise Committee Report - Karen

- The chipping program sponsored by OES is doing a great job.
- Josh Miller is doing defensible space advisory visits.
- Molly Breen and Karen are doing additional training through the Wildfire Ready Coalition with input from insurance industry representatives on creating defensible space and home hardening.
- Discounts are available on the FAIR plan. Homeowners are encouraged to talk to their agent.
- Watch Duty has no cameras in our area. Cheryl Haines is working to convince them to install a camera. Early warning systems including sensors are being developed. The committee is working with a group to pilot a sensor program in our area.
- Wildfire Ready Coalition is sponsoring a fundraising event titled Hearts on Fire on February 13 at Miner's Foundry. They are also leading winter walks which are informative.

Newsletter - Ellen

The winter edition will be mailed soon. It will reach members and non-members, so there's a focus on explaining what GCHNA is and the benefits of membership. We include an envelope for membership checks. This year it is being printed and mailed by Country Copy. The cost of the full service is affordable because they use their mailing permit which saves money.

Annual Party - Joy

Planning for the annual party is beginning. It will be in October this year. Christy has offered his barn. Several people have indicated on their member renewal forms that they are interested in joining the party planning committee. An email will be sent soon to start to planning process.

General Comments

- The Pello Property Purchase Project continues. We have applied for a second grant. To date, \$6,516 in donations have been received for the Pello project.
- Scotch broom pull?
- What can we do as GCHNA to help people in need? Road reps should contact the Firewise Committee if they know someone in need.
- Old Airport property - Evan McClenithan is awaiting approval to begin work.
- Nevada City is experimenting with biochar.

Announcements

The next Neighborhood Meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan, Secretary