



**Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2026  
7:00 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room**

**Attendees:**

*Steering Committee Members:* Will Hart, Joy Elson, Ellen Hagan, Christy Barden, Joanne Brown, Tom Dale Creighton, Eileen Jorgensen, Todd Krein, Laura Pappani, Erin Smith, Brad Reynolds, Karen Wcislo, Marlene Widman, Susan Zdanko - a quorum

*Members/Neighbors:* Midge and Terry Gallagher, Laura Wilson

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

**Treasurer's Report - Joy**

- GCHNA is in need of a Treasurer.
- Revenue to date - \$5,990 from dues Expenses - \$1,461.74
- Current Bank Account Balance - \$19,368.23.
- Donations received to date for the Pello Project are \$6,733.32. \$2,812.50 was paid to the Sierra County Land Trust leaving a balance of \$3,920.82.
- There is \$325 in a temporarily restricted Firewise Fund.

**Membership - Joy**

There are 250 current member households

**Nevada County Roadwork Summary - Karen**

Karen attended a presentation at a recent Nevada County Community Forum which summarized the various road projects currently in progress or proposed. These projects include: Hwy 20 east repaving for maintenance, McKnight to Alta Sierra which is a 3 year project, Alta Sierra to Combine improved for evacuation, Hwy 49 Corridor roundabouts at Coyote and Maidu with enhanced crosswalks with flashing lights, and a proposed Hwy 20/49 intersection redesign to be constructed in 2029.

**Firewise Committee Report - Karen**

- Watch Duty is an app that provides information in the event of fire by using smoke detection cameras. Cheryl Haines has been working with the company and hopefully 2 cameras will be placed on the ridge overlooking the Yuba River Canyon.
- Karen encouraged all to opt into the new Nevada County Alerts system.
- To maintain our status as a Firewise Community, the committee will be working on a new 3-year action plan revising the data from our original survey.
- Joanne Brown has been successful in persuading PG&E to remove debris from 5 properties in her area.
- Fire Marshal Patrick Mason is available to work with neighbors to identify ways to improve their defensible space. Neighbors on Gochine have taken advantage of this service and progress is being made. Susan's neighbors on Applewood Lane have had an assessment as well.
- Guidelines for handling flammable material in the 0'-5' zone around our homes is still not definitive.

**New Steering Committee Member**

Laurie Segal is a new Steering Committee at-large member. She is interested in keeping us informed about NID.

**Neighborhood Picnic and Garden Tour - Joy**

A picnic with garden tour at the home of Diane and Dale Jacobsen has been proposed. It would be offered for members only. Malaika Bishop will provide a tour of her flower garden. A date after July 15 is being considered.

**Annual Neighborhood Party -Joy**

Planning continues for the Oct. 17th gathering at Christy Barden's Big Yellow Barn. The committee is considering including a raffle this year.

**Mello Pello property update - Eileen**

Our goal over these many months has been to acquire this property and give it to Nevada City so it can be preserved as open space. Laurie Oberholtzer and the Sierra Land Trust have been assisting. Money has been collected and spent on preliminary work in the hopes of obtaining a grant. At this point, no grant is available. A fundraising appeal to the greater public may be set up to raise the money to purchase the property, in addition to or instead of continuing to pursue a grant.

**Newsletter - Ellen**

The next newsletter will go out in July. Contributions are encouraged. Firewise articles will focus on preparation for fire season.

**New Neighbor Packets**

Joanne has folders for any new neighbors in our community.

**Next Meeting**

The next Neighborhood Meeting will be held on August 3, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Hagan, Secretary