



Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Frank Weisman's Cabinet Studio (7907-A Fair Oaks Boulevard).

Minutes of April 27, 2005 CCNA Board of Directors Meeting:

President Eddie Hard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at The Cabinet Studio. The following board members (noted by an "x" at the left of their names) were in attendance:

x	Anne Berner		Craig Griffin		Elizabeth Schroeder
	Peggy Berry	x	Eddie Hard	x	Frank Weisman
x	Lora Cammack	x	Richard Humphrey		Doug Williams
	Bev Davis	x	Buck Meyer		Shiomi Wilson
x	Sharon Doughty		Amanda Ness		Walt Yost
	Sandra Dunn		David Schoellhamer		Ruth Ingulsrud - Alternate

Others present at the meeting: Charles Roberts, Patty Tavill, Dan Smith, Greg Voelm, and Joyce Weisman.

Discussion – Stanley Avenue Access: Charles Roberts, Patty Tavill, Dan Smith, and Greg Voelm attended the meeting to inform the board of issues regarding a rectangle of vacant land approximately 60' x 150' that runs from the end of Stanley Avenue to bluffs overlooking the American River. A county sign on the property (where Stanley ends) states that there is no river access. However, the two neighbors whose properties abut this land reported that they have experienced problems, especially at night, with drinking and partying on the property. They have contacted the sheriff's department, but all agree that it is difficult to prevent these problems. The neighbors recently have spoken with county officials in an effort to determine who actually owns and is responsible for maintaining the property. Since area residents historically have used this land to walk to the bluffs, there is concern expressed by some residents that, depending on the county's determination, this access could be blocked. CCNA board members felt that a decision by the county is essential and could resolve the problems of property ownership, maintenance, and public access.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 23 meeting were approved as written.

Membership: Anne Berner, membership chair, reported that the membership stands at 133 households.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sharon Doughty reported that there is \$4241.90 in the treasury as of the last bank statement. This balance included one deduction of \$14.33 for a new book of checks.

MSP: The following reimbursement was approved: \$257.66 to Buck Meyer for stamps and envelopes.

MSP: The board voted to advance Anne Berner \$90.19 for secretarial expenses.

New Business:

CCNA Financial Books: Lora Cammack previously had been asked to look over the books and records for the CCNA for the last three years (10/01/01 to 02/28/05). Lora reported that,
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based on her experience with the CCNA, the expenses during this time appear to be consistent with CCNA practices. The bank statements and cancelled checks that she was able to examine showed no discrepancies. Some state and federal organizational forms were not filed during this time period and need to be filed. Lora presented a suggested list of Treasurer's Duties and Procedures. At the May meeting, the board will consider these procedures for adoption. Sharon Doughty will deliver a copy of Lora's report to all absent board members so they will have an opportunity to review the recommendations before the meeting.

CCNA Insurance: Sharon Doughty reported that the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company would no longer cover non-profit organization liability insurance. Fireman's Fund will provide referrals for companies that continue to offer this type of coverage. Eddie Hard will complete a form asking for these referrals. It is anticipated that the CCNA will be able to consider various quotes and apply for new insurance before the old Fireman's Fund policy expires.

Old Business:

Bylaw Revision: A discussion of possible bylaw changes was postponed until the May meeting.

Office of the President: A short discussion ensued concerning the recommendations presented at the last meeting to encourage officers to serve as president. Greg Voelm stated that he feels that an activist president is essential for an organization such as the CCNA. A more thorough discussion of the recommendations will be scheduled for the May meeting. Board members felt that it would be helpful if they were more familiar with county land-use issues. Various handouts devoted to land-use planning as it is practiced in California were made available to members. It was decided that future CCNA board meetings would include a discussion of these issues. At the May meeting, the handout entitled "A Citizen's Guide to Planning" will be discussed. Sharon Doughty will deliver a copy of this handout to the absent board members.

Channel 3 Community Meeting: Eddie Hard attended a community meeting sponsored by Channel 3 on April 21. In response to the major question as to what Carmichael and Fair Oaks issues Channel 3 should be covering, attendees responded with the following suggestions: Schools, vandalism, water contamination from Aerojet, the parkway update, municipal services issues, etc. Eddie reported that Channel 3 would offer a call-in as part of its programming on May 3 so that citizens can phone in questions for local governmental officials to discuss.

Announcements:

Anne Berner reminded board members of the e-mail that Mary Anne Dann, Business Citizen Assistance Representative in the Sacramento County Municipal Services Agency, had sent to Peggy Berry announcing that Victor Morrison-Vega is the new director of that agency. Mr. Morrison-Vega would like to meet with neighborhood groups such as the CCNA to establish regular communication between Sacramento County and its neighborhoods.

Next Meeting: The next CCNA Board Meeting will be Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at The Cabinet Studio, 7907-A Fair Oaks Boulevard. All CCNA members are encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Berner, Recording Secretary