



Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Frank Weisman's Cabinet Studio (7907-A Fair Oaks Boulevard).

Minutes of January 19, 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
x	Peggy Berry	x	Eddie Hard	x	Frank Weisman
x	Lora Cammack	x	Richard Humphrey		Doug Williams
x	Bev Davis	x	Buck Meyer		Shiomi Wilson
x	Sharon Doughty	x	Amanda Ness	x	Walt Yost
x	Sandra Dunn	x	David Schoellhamer	x	Ruth Ingulsrud - Alternate

Others present at the meeting: Linda Stephenson, Keith Jones, Bill Berry, Joyce Weisman, and Kevin Nesbitt.

Discussion with Bill Slaton, SMUD Director for Ward 7: Bill Slaton and a SMUD staff person attended the January meeting to inform CCNA members of SMUD's purpose, values, and budgeting process and to present the alternatives being considered for a proposed 6% rate increase. This rate increase has been recommended because of the increase in the cost of natural gas and the need to generate revenue over the next three years to maintain SMUD's current credit rating. Four alternatives have been proposed for the rate increase. The recommended alternative is a phase-in to equity to achieve approximately the same rate over time among the different types of SMUD users (residential, commercial, and agricultural, among others). Mr. Slaton answered questions posed by members and reminded us of the several community meetings and workshops scheduled in January and February for public comment. The SMUD directors will make a final decision in early March regarding electric rates.

Secretary's Report: There was no secretary's report. The previous CCNA Board meeting was in October 2004.

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

Treasurer's Report: There was no formal treasurer's report. **MSP:** The following reimbursement was approved: \$9.00 to Peggy Berry for copying charges. **MSP:** Members approved the following expenditures: \$38.00 to the Postmaster for a year's renewal of our post office box and \$100 to the Carmichael Library for its renovation project. Lora Cammack will deliver the check to the library and give a letter of acknowledgement to the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce. This letter will be presented to outgoing supervisor, Muriel Johnson, at the Chamber's January luncheon as they honor Ms. Johnson (an enthusiastic library supporter) for her public service on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. It also was decided that a check would be sent to the Secretary of State's office with the forms required for organization maintenance. Lora Cammack will prepare the forms and obtain a check from Treasurer Sharon Doughty.

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New Business:

Members reconsidered March 23 as the date for the annual CCNA meeting. It was felt that there was not enough time to write and distribute a newsletter before that date. Therefore, directors set a new date of Tuesday, October 18. This date will conform to the CCNA Bylaws ("The annual voting meeting of the CCNA shall be held each year in October or November...") and will provide enough time to schedule speakers and prepare a newsletter. Eddie Hard will reserve the Veterans' Hall at Carmichael Park for the meeting.

A general discussion of the Bylaws ensued. Bill Berry made suggestions for changes that would make the Bylaws more workable. It was decided that Lora Cammack and Bill Berry would continue to study the Bylaws and present suggestions at the February meeting. This will allow directors to consider changes for the annual meeting.

Eddie Hard will continue to serve as interim president and all other officers will remain in their positions until the annual meeting, at which time a new board and new officers will be selected. Members considered the duties of the office of president. These duties require a significant time commitment. It is helpful that the president possess a thorough knowledge of county rules and processes. Therefore, it is often difficult to fill the office of the president. To encourage members to assume that office, Walt Yost will chair a committee to explore the possibility of changing the scope of the presidency and assigning to other CCNA members and/or officers some of the responsibilities of that office. Bev Davis and Sandie Dunn will serve on the committee. Recommendations from the committee will be presented at the March meeting.

Kevin Nesbitt attended the CCPAC (Carmichael Community Planning Advisory Council) on January 19 and reported on the La Collina agenda item. This project is located on the southwest corner of Grant Avenue and N. Bajamont Way in the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Preservation Area. The applicant proposes to divide 5.57 gross acres into ten (10) lots on property zoned RD-2 (two homes per acre). The proposal conforms to the current zoning and the applicant is not asking for an upzone. Kevin stated that several neighbors spoke in opposition to the project, citing engineering flaws and traffic impact. CCPAC voted to continue this item until the February 16 meeting. CCPAC also asked that neighbors and the developer work together in the hopes that a workable solution can be reached. Eddie Hard and David Schoellhamer volunteered to follow up on this project for input at the February 16 CCPAC meeting.

Directors approved a \$500 donation to SARA (Save the American River Association) for the parkway defense fund. This donation will be matched by a challenge grant and used to enable the Parkway to protect itself from inappropriate development within the Parkway Corridor Combining Zone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Several General Plan Update workshops and focus group sessions will be held from January through April. For information, contact Surinder Singh, General Plan Update Program Manager at (916) 874-6141 or visit the county web site at www.saccounty.net/planning.

The American River Parkway Coalition is holding a Parkway Summit on February 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For information, visit www.arpf.org/stakeholdersummit.

There will be a Conference on Neighborhood Concerns May 25-28 at the Convention Center. A Community Plan Open House will be held on January 26 at 6:00 at La Sierra Community Center.

Peggy Berry announced a tour of the lower American River Parkway on January 29.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Berner
Recording Secretary