

**Carmel Views Community Association Board Meeting  
October 6, 2020 6:00-7:30pm  
Due to Shelter at Home Directive, via Zoom or Call-in**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Tricia Bean, Avner Cohen, Judy Feisthamel, Maureen McEachen, Bud Miller, Peter Nosler, Mary Pacey, Laura Speakman, Alexis Speidel, Jane Sutton, Bill Vogelpohl, Charlie Wahle, Tempe Wennerholm

Called to order 6:06 by Laura Speakman

**Open Comments:**

Mary Pacey: Concerned about brush pile across from her house. Also noted turkeys getting too numerous and destructive and should be moved. Referred to SPCA and thoughts to put that info on the website.

**Agenda Items:**

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from board meeting on August 2, 2020 were approved with no changes

**B. Reports of Board Members:**

**1. Fire Abatement (VP, Jane Sutton):**

-In September, met with 5 potential new members for neighborhood fire abatement team. They will work on us becoming a firewise community (this may help us get grants, maybe cheaper insurance in future-see Mary Adams insurance info on her website-- and means we are actively working towards fire abatement, peace of mind), communication with the community, inspection of common areas, and fire abatement donations. Robert Kahn will be taking over as fire abatement lead. The individual house fire safety inspections were supposed to take place May-Sept, but the fire staff/volunteers has been stretched thin this year. There is training available, so there is the possibility of doing inspections ourselves and suggesting private inspectors to residents. Will be delivering home hardening and 100 ft defensible space flyers over next few months to residents. Would like to get another grant through forest management with Jamie Louis for fire break along the 600 acre parcel of land to the east.

-Met with Pam Peck about grant and goats in 3 canyons plus Gabilan crew in December. Waiting on cost proposal for maintenance goats in difficult to access common areas (once per year). Details of goats: electric fence around 1-2 acre, have a herder 24 hrs a day for the week they are here, and they can use hydrants for water.

-Met with Liz Stout at PG & E about substation work. Many more trees around Hatton Substation will have to come down to comply with 10ft canopy to canopy fire hazard standard in case there is an event at substation.

-Dead Trees along Canada Dr. that are hazards for wires are Rio Vista trees. This is also why we have problems with dirt shoulder having parked boat trailers, etc--this is not on our property. We are due to meet and coordinate with Rio Vista. Suggest residents call 911 to report downed trees.

## **2. Treasurer (Maureen McEachen)**

Working on insurance issues and coverage and cost with Laura. We did go over about \$10,000 for fire abatement but we had the funds to cover it. Bud suggests putting out proxy vote for some higher dues options and see what people want. Laura wants to keep annual dues at \$260 and then start campaign for donations in specific areas. Will develop proxy mailing and then also mail out annual dues and work with members to donate on specific projects.

## **3. President (Laura Speakman)**

No update from PG&E re: vegetation clearing from transmission lines. Will call our liaison.

## **C. New Business:**

### **Update on CSA 47 (Charlie Wahle)**

This is a citizen committee to report to resource committee (RMA) for advice (priorities and focus) about what to spend CSA money on. \$40,000 or so in our account. Last meeting was a year ago and not much communication from them. Starting to ramp up again so they gave a draft list of priorities: remove flammable roadside vegetation, road surfaces, county engagement in development and maintenance fire escape routes. Meeting should be in next couple weeks. Will be public zoom CSA so everybody should join. Jane notes best way to get dead tree taken care of is to call county public works (Art) at 755-4925 or 755-5025 and note that tree is a fire hazard for individual homeowners.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

**Minutes compiled by Alexis Speidel**