

Carmel Views Community Association Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2022 — 4 PM Via Zoom

A. Reading and Approval of Minutes: Board Meeting, 11/14/2021

Maureen moved to approve, Bud second. Minutes approved without opposition.

B. Discussion of Board Activities and Schedule

Laura Speakman (president): This is an organizational meeting to plan Board activities and tasks for the next year. We need to streamline our system for responding to complaints/concerns. We need to discuss pursuing a potential grant from Cal Fire.

C. Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members

Pursuant to the vote at the annual meeting and Board members who are staying on in their roles, Board positions will be held by the following: President (Laura Speakman), Vice President/Fire Abatement (Michelle Nix), Communications (Bud Allen), Secretary (Alexis Speidel), Infrastructure (Bill Vogelwohl), and Treasurer (currently Maureen McEachen)

D. Updates

Budget Update (Maureen McEachen): 103 members still owe dues for 2022. We have \$3,000 so far in fire abatement donations, so on track for \$6,000 planned donations in our budget.

Fire Abatement Update: We have removed genista in seven areas so far this year. In regards to pursuing a grant from Cal Fire, Bud says that it will give us money for developing and implementing a forest management plan, but CVCA will have to provide the money up front for a forester to write the plan, and then reimbursement could take 4-12 months. We have also approached Cal Fire/Cypress fire for a grant to create a new egress/fuel break.

E. New Items

1. The use of Roundup and similar herbicides: Larry Arthur wants to inform members that Roundup can be safe for native plants and wildlife if used appropriately. Alexis will create guidelines for website for use of Roundup on private land for residents. For now, we will continue to remove genista on common lands with manual methods only.
2. There was a request to discuss selling the park, one of our common areas. It is merely a suggestion from a resident so that we wouldn't have to collect dues to fund our fire abatement activities each year. An exploratory committee will be headed by Robert Kahn (rkinsocal@aol.com) about funding for next 50 years without assessments. Jim Ferguson referenced Article 1 Section 1B and Article 4 Section 4 of the CC&Rs which indicate that a committee is not necessary. Robert says CC&Rs are 50 years old and might need to change to support the best community going forward. Bruce Neben worried about changing character of neighborhood if park is gone. Mary Pacey would like to add benches to the park and reinstate community picnics, and she said future larger assessments may be necessary as is often the case in communities. Charlie Wahle says we need to try to get the community goals achieved with lowest cost and within county mechanisms. Laura notes that CVCA is always flexible when

people are having a situation where it is difficult to pay. Judy Feisthamel said that the park is an important area for dog exercise. Judy asked if there are any empty lots left in CVCA? Two lots are vacant, but they are owned by private citizens.

3. Neighborhood News: Larry thanked Bud and Laura for putting a message on website about alcohol bottles left on side of Canada and Outlook. He has been providing photos of the bottles. He is worried that we have impaired drivers and wants us to do even more (contact the highway patrol and post DUI messages) to encourage safe driving. Michelle wondered if we can have a community day where we clean up the neighborhood. Laura wants to make sure we do it in a way where we don't incur liability issues, but definitely possible. Robert says there may be precedent for community days and suggested we add signs (he is willing to pay). Jim says they could even say "cameras watching". There was another dog attack on a jogger in our neighborhood. Larry followed up with victim. It was his dog, Blue, who bit the jogger. They now have a dog trainer and will no longer walk Blue alone. Bruce's wife asks that Blue be muzzled on walks. Larry is very sensitive to issue as he was attacked by dog previously.

Adjourn at 5:22 by Laura