

**Carmel Views Community Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2024 4-7 PM

- A. The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM.
- B. All members of the Board and association member Michael Krause were present. Members attending via Skype were Doug Oldfield, Liz Chornesky and two members who did not identify themselves.
- C. The Board approved the August 6, 2024 meeting minutes.
- D. Status of Emergency Fire Evacuation for Carmel Views residents. The Board believes that the issue of fire prevention, safety and evacuation are major leadership directives. Consequently, in addition to the ongoing brush and tree removal programs, the Board is seeking resolution for safe evacuation routes for Carmel Views residents.

Invited representatives of Cal Fire, Cypress, Carmel Highlands and Pebble Beach districts who attended the Board Meeting as guest speakers were:

Asst. Chief John Trenner, West Division / Fuels Management  
Battalion Chief Tom Bolyard  
Assistant Chief West Division, Matt Stanford

Chief Tanner announced that, after extensive exploration of the options for emergency evacuation of Carmel Views residents in the event of a major fire, it was decided that the **Cal Am Road** in upper Carmel Views (leading to the water storage tanks) was considered to be the most prudent emergency escape route. However, the road requires improvements involving permissions from Cal Am and Monterey County, namely: straightening one curved section and resurfacing.

However, the Chief emphasized if Carmel Views residents see smoke in the area, “Do not hesitate -- get off the hill immediately”! He advised residents to have a “Go Pack” ready for such an emergency.

He also advised residents to keep informed of immediate fire conditions during high-risk periods by downloading and logging on to [www.PulsePoint.com](http://www.PulsePoint.com). He also recommended accessing [www.cypressfire.org](http://www.cypressfire.org) for even more extensive fire information.

Chief Tanner said that in early 2025 they will stage a large pre-plan event with fire personnel, engines, water tankers, helicopters and law enforcement as well as Cal Am Water and Cal Parks. We will be notified when and where.

**Outlook Extension** Egress has been discussed but has been deferred to county supervisors because fire agencies cannot touch the road, which needs structural

improvements. The local fire district put in fuel break last year and changed the designation from Fire Road to Fire Break.

**Canada Court** is a possible emergency fire egress but the state parks department needs to improve the road in 3 small areas with minor work.

The Chief complimented Carmel Views for their aggressive actions in clearing the area of fuel and creating a more defensible space. He concluded his remarks by assuring the Board that Chief Frank Espinosa will be very involved and Chief Matt Stafford and Battalion Chief Tom Bolyard will be our area contacts.

Liz Chornesky via Skype asked if there was a communications protocol for orderly evacuations—“How do we homeowners get evacuated?” Chief Tanner explained Monterey County would engage their [www.alertmontereycounty.genasys.com](http://www.alertmontereycounty.genasys.com) public safety text alerts and recommends we download the Pulse Point application for real time safety updates in our local area.

When asked if helicopters would be available for emergency personnel evacuation, the Chief said they would be available but only in a limited way.

#### E. Updates

##### Bob Sinotte & Bill Vogelwohl – Infrastructure

Two dead trees have recently been removed from 24980 Outlook Drive (Spark's residence) and many properties have been cleared and foliage trimmed.

The Entrance Walls have been pressure-washed and we received an estimate to repaint the Entrance Walls, including filling micro-cracks. Rancho Rio Vista will pay their fair share but Bob needs to contact Rio Vista first.

Jim—Some of the potholes have been repaired but more repairs are needed.

Bill—18 streetlamps have burned out. Bill has contacted PG&E. Bill also notified the Board that he will be retiring from the board the end of the year after having been in charge of Infrastructure for 8 years.

Bob--- New flood lights at Carmel High School are pointing upward and light pollution is affecting Outlook Views.

Jim -- Has contacted CHS twice so far with no results and will elevate this situation to the Principal and the Carmel School Board if needed.

##### Victor Lourenco – Forestry Progress

Dead trees have been removed. The empty lot on Upper Outlook has been cleared. We have negotiated a \$35,000 fire grant for 2025.

##### Steve Murphy – Financial Status

Cal Am Water \$950 credited Carmel Views toward the recent \$1,100 water leak. Rio Vista needs to pay their fair share of loss from leakage.

Annual Member Mailing

Final review of policy documents in annual package almost complete. Gary will print 180 copies of annual documents. The Board will meet to collate documents for mailing.  
Member Data Bases:

We have 173 Property Owner Addresses

We need to develop procedure for gathering the data of new owners.

Gary Koeppel— Secretarial

Board approve New Member Greeting Letter.

Jim Fergusson - Camera

A Security Camera representative will make a proposal at the Annual Meeting.

F. The Annual Meeting will be on January 25, 2025. The location is Congregation Beth Israel and the time is 5-7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM

Reminder for Association Members to use [www.carmelviews.net](http://www.carmelviews.net) for all CVCA News.

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