

**CARMICHAEL CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the public room of the Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Avenue. All CCNA members and neighbors are welcome to attend.

Minutes of the March 8, 2007 Annual Meeting

President Sandie Dunn opened the Annual Meeting meeting of the CCNA membership at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was held in the public room of the Carmichael Library. Sandie welcomed the approximately 50 CCNA members, neighbors and guests in attendance.

Sandie asked for a moment of silence to honor Dale Wilson, a founding member of the CCNA who recently passed away. She paid tribute to the hours of work Dale gave to the CCNA. Dale mapped the CCNA boundaries, which was instrumental in the establishment of the CCNA and the NPA. He also drew up the first plan for Sutter Park.

Election of new Board of Directors: Sandie presented the following slate of candidates for directors for 2007: Anne Berner, Peggy Berry, Lora Cammack, Sharon Doughty, Sandie Dunn, Sandy Helland, Richard Humphrey, Keith Jones, Buck Meyer, Amanda Ness, Davie Schoellhamer, Frank Weisman and Walt Yost. There were no nominations from the floor.
MSP to elect the 13 candidates presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sharon Doughty reported the CCNA has \$4,796.04 in the treasury. All bills have been paid and dues deposited as of 2/28/07.

SPEAKERS:

Susan Skinner, local photographer, showed photographs from her book *A Celebration of Carmichael in Pictures*, including a picture of the first house in Carmichael, dating from the 1850s. The many pictures in her book are a representation of the diversity and uniqueness of Carmichael.

Greg Velm, local author and founding CCNA member, presented historical drawings and photographs from his book *True Gold: History and Adventure in Sacramento and the Gold Country*. Greg's book is available at Costco and the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

Dick Barbar, Chair of the Carmichael/Old Foothill Farms Community Council spoke about land-use decisions and the future of Carmichael. The Council was formed one and a half years ago to give the community more of a voice in land-use decisions in our area. The nine-member Council meets the third Wednesday of the month in the public room of the Carmichael Library. The Council makes land-use decisions on behalf of the community, in accordance with the Carmichael Community Plan and the Sacramento County development regulations. Developers are required to prepare a public outreach plan as part of their application. In the future, properties will be posted with the development plans before an

issue is brought to the Council. The Community Council will also be having informational items of general interest to the community presented at their meetings.

The Board of Supervisors has agreed that 100,000 new residential units will be built in the unincorporated areas of the County in the next 30 years. 18,000 of these units will be infill in established neighborhoods. It is important for all concerned neighbors to attend the Council meetings when there is a project that affects them. To receive the Council meeting agendas, call County Service Area Manager Bobbe Dworkis at 876-5241 and ask to be put on the agenda e-mail notification list.

The Board of Supervisors is updating the County General Plan and the Development Zoning Code. As proposed, the General Plan does not have as strong a policy protecting the character of existing neighborhoods as the previous plan adopted in 1993. At that time the CCNA, led by President Joe Patitucci, worked very hard to have this protection included in the General Plan. Now is the time to be active and let the Board know it is important to us that our neighborhood identity be maintained. The Board of Supervisors will be meeting regarding the General Plan Update Wednesday, March 14 at 4 p.m. Written comments may still be submitted to the Board of Supervisors after that time.

President Sandie Dunn asked that members be vigilant regarding proposed development within the CCNA. She asked that members alert the CCNA when they are concerned about development projects in their neighborhood that are scheduled to come before the Community Council. The CCNA will assist the neighbors in organizing so they can effectively present their position to the Council.

Steve Nugent, General Manager of the Carmichael Water District spoke about the Aerojet groundwater contamination and water meters.

The Carmichael Water District will be building two ground water extraction and treatment facilities, financed by Aerojet. Each facility will treat approximately one million gallons of water a day to remove Aerojet solvents and propellants. One facility will be on the grounds of the water treatment plant on Bajamont Way. Water treated there will be released back into the American River. The other treatment facility will be at Ancil Hoffman Park. Water treated there will be used to irrigate the golf course and supply a creek and pond in the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. This will save the Carmichael Park and Recreation District about \$100,000 a year on their water bill. Most of the contamination should be contained by these facilities. It will take about 240 years to completely clean up the pollution. Aerojet is paying for all treatment costs. An Environmental Review of the project is now being prepared. The Water District hopes the review will be adopted by the Water District Board of Directors in March and go to the Board of Supervisors in April for approval of the lease of the treatment site at Ancil Hoffman Park.

The Water District is scheduled to have water meters installed throughout the service area by 2014. They will be installing approximately 1,300 meters a year. Beginning July 1, approximately 60% of the water district customers will be billed on a metered rate. Of these customers, it is projected that 1,800 will see their water bill lowered, 1,000 will see their bill increase about five percent, and 600 will have a big increase in their water bill. The District is doing about 50 water audits a month on request to help customers reduce their water bill. If you would like a water audit, call 483-2452 to make an appointment.

The District expects that rate increases in the future will be in the range of one to one and a half percent every year or two, depending on the increase in the cost of living. This is competitive with other water districts in the area.

The Carmichael Water District, in conjunction with The American River Parkway Foundation and the Sacramento Suburban Water District, is building a demonstration drought tolerant native plant garden at the end of Arden Way near the entrance to Arden Pond. Planting should be completed next fall.

Peggy Berry, spoke about the American River Parkway Plan Update. Peggy, a CCNA founding member, was appointed by Supervisor Ila Collin to participate in a two and a half year process to update the 1985 parkway plan.

Peggy reported that there was a very diverse group of interests represented on the committee working on the update. Rancho Cordova wanted “developed recreational” sites to be included in the Parkway. Others wanted at least 25 acres for an off-leash dog park. Mountain bikers requested that they be allowed on the parkway dirt roads. These proposals were not included in the plan accepted by the County Board of Supervisors in January. As it stands now, the final plan is for the Parkway to continue to be preserved as open space to the extent possible. However, a moderately-sized interpretive center was approved near Northgate Boulevard. Also, mountain biking will be allowed on a trial basis in the future if there is enough money to fund rangers to monitor the process.

The plan is now at the County’s Department of Environmental Review. The Department of Environmental Review will be under pressure from those who want a more developed and urbanized parkway. The EIR will be submitted to the City and County late this year. Peggy encouraged those who want the Parkway to be preserved as open space to stay active in the process, let their views be known and to join the Save the American River Association (SARA).

She also encouraged us to support the Sacramento County Parks by buying a \$40 annual Parkway Pass. Holders of the pass are allowed into all the county parks for a year at no additional charge. All the funds collected for the pass go directly to County Regional Parks, especially the American River Parkway.

The meeting was adjourned by President Sandie Dunn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Cammack
Co-Recording Secretary