



# Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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**Everyone is welcome to attend our next Board meeting:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmichael library. Steve Nugent and Chris Nelson of the Carmichael Water District are scheduled to speak on the drought and how it will affect residents in Carmichael.

## Minutes of the February 13, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting:

Co-President Manda Ness called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmichael library. The following Board members (noted by an "x" at the left of their names) were in attendance:

x	Anne Berner	x	Sandy Helland	x	Manda Ness
x	Lora Cammack		Richard Humphrey	x	Laverne Shell
	Jorel Cooper	x	Riki Merrick		Julia Reyes
x	Sharon Doughty	x	Buck Meyer		Cindy Younger

Other attendees: Tarry Smith, Gareth Lacy, Ron Greenwood, Bud Banker, and Walt Yost.

**Speakers Ron Greenwood (Carmichael Recreation and Park Foundation) and Tarry Smith (director of the Carmichael Recreation and Park District):** Ron Greenwood spoke about the need for funds to improve maintenance and safety for the parks within the Carmichael Recreation and Park District. As a member of the Park Foundation, he reported that the Carmichael Recreation & Park District is funded through a small portion of property taxes which have steadily declined in the past few years, while costs have continued to increase. The district is proposing a special assessment (\$44.87 a year for a single-family parcel) to offset these shortages. Our district is only one of two districts in California that does not have a special assessment. Ron introduced Tarry Smith who stated that the assessment would allow the district to hire a full-time security patrol in all parks and improve the level of maintenance in the parks. In addition, these funds would allow for renovations where needed and build new facilities in Carmichael Park (as detailed in the new master plan) and new features at other parks throughout the district. Ballots will be sent to all property owners within the boundaries of the Carmichael Recreation and Park District on February 24. Property owners will have until April 17 to return their ballots.

After a short break for refreshments and informal discussion, the board meeting resumed at 8:15.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the January 9, 2014 board meeting were approved as written (MSP Lora Cammack, Riki Merrick).

### Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance (January 9, 2014)	<b>\$7122.87</b>
Deposits and credits (+)	<b>140.00</b>
Expenses (-)	<b>318.70</b>
Ending balance	<b>\$6944.17</b>

The ending balance includes \$200.16 allocated for Sutter-Jensen Park.

The expenses include a \$198.00 reimbursement to Anne Berner (approved at the January 2014 meeting) as well as \$94.80 (webhosting) and \$25.90 (CCNA & Sutter-Jensen domain names) reimbursements to Jorel Cooper (approved via an email vote).

**Membership:** Anne Berner reported that membership stands at 148 households. Anne stated that she had made phone calls to all members who had not renewed their memberships and updated the CCNA membership roles.

#### **Old Business:**

- **March Meeting:** Steve Nugent and Chris Nelson, Carmichael Water District, will speak at the March meeting. Members from the Carmichael Colony Neighborhood Association and the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce have been invited to attend. Steve and Chris will address the drought, water consumption, and Carmichael's water rights.
- **CPAC (Community Planning Advisory Council) Meetings:** Manda Ness stated that she will attend the next Carmichael CPAC meeting.
- **Welcome committee for new residents:** In our continuing effort to meet new residents and encourage them to join the CCNA, Sandy Helland, Julia Reyes, and Cindy Younger have formed a committee to address this issue. They will have an update at the March meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- **Boulevard Brush Up:** The board set the date of Sunday, April 27 for the first 2014 clean up of Fair Oaks Boulevard. Everyone is invited to help. Meet by the tennis courts in Carmichael Park at 9:00 a.m.
- **The special assessment for Carmichael Recreation and Park District:** The CCNA board voted unanimously to endorse this special assessment (MSP: Sharon Doughty, Lora Cammack). Members felt that support of our parks fits well with the purpose of the CCNA: "to preserve open space, a semi-rural residential character and the general quality of life within the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Preservation Area...through participation in community-wise issues and other means." Lora Cammack volunteered to draft a letter (which will be sent to all CCNA members) to encourage a "yes" vote on the assessment. In addition, we will allow our organization's name to be used on a list of supporters of the assessment.

**Next Meeting:** The CCNA board meets every second Thursday of the month and members are always welcome. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the Carmichael library. Steve Nugent and Chris Nelson from the Carmichael Water District will be the featured speakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Riki Merrick, Secretary

#### **Announcements:**

- The final community workshop to update the Carmichael Park Master Plan will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Avenue.
- The Sheriff's Department holds regular community meetings to share information about trends in crime and recent activities. The Carmichael meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 6 p.m. at the Del Campo High School library, 4925 Dewey Drive.