



Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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Everyone is welcome to attend our next Board meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the Carmichael library.

Minutes of the March 13, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting:

Co-President Anne Berner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmichael library. She welcomed Linda Melody from the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce and together they introduced speakers Steve Nugent and Chris Nelson from the Carmichael Water District. The following Board members (noted by an “x” at the left of their names) were in attendance:

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

Other attendees: Carmichael Chamber of Commerce members; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District board member and 2014 chair of the Regional Water Authority; representatives from the offices of Congressman Ami Bera and state Assemblyman Ken Cooley; assembly candidate Doug Holland; and several members of the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association.

Speakers Steve Nugent (General Manager) and Chris Nelson (Public Information Officer) from the Carmichael Water District (CWD): Steve and Chris spoke about California’s drought and how the drought affects us in Carmichael. The CWD has surface water rights allowing it to draw water from the American River. It also supplements from ground wells. As of this date, the water district has requested a 10% voluntary reduction in water use. It is possible that more stringent water usage rules will be imposed if the drought continues. Currently, within the CWD, there are no specific dates/hours for watering, but the district encourages us all to check for leaks and to water lawns only a couple of times each week during the summer and never during the winter if it has rained. Steve and Chris recommended watering trees slowly and deeply and using mulch to slow evaporation. If residents suspect they have leaks, the district will conduct efficiency surveys. Residents can report water waste anonymously. The district does not have a “cash for grass” (grants for replacing traditional grass lawns with drought-tolerant landscaping) program as yet. Steve and Chris do not recommend replacing plants or lawns this summer because new plantings need water to get established. The district is conducting a water rate study and residents are invited to apply for the committee.

After a short break for refreshments and informal discussion, the board meeting resumed at 8:20.

Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the February 13, 2014 board meeting were approved as written (MSP Julia Reyes, Riki Merrick).

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance (February 13, 2014)	\$6944.17
Deposits and credits (+)	40.00
Expenses (-)	0.00
Ending balance	\$6984.17

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

The following reimbursements/expenditures were approved: \$20 to Sharon Doughty (filing fee for the Secretary of State) and \$500 to the Carmichael Recreation and Park District for the summer concert series.

Membership: Anne Berner reported that membership stands at 150 households.

Old Business:

- **April Meeting:** Manda Ness volunteered to research a speaking request from the county District Attorney's office since it was not clear if this was an outreach or a campaign request.
- **Letter for Carmichael Recreation and Park District special assessment:** Board members thanked Lora Cammack for composing our letter supporting a special assessment for the Carmichael Recreation and Park District. We were reminded that we have until April 17 to cast our mail-in ballots.
- **CPAC (Community Planning Advisory Council) Meetings:** Manda Ness stated that she attended the last CPAC meeting which approved a proposed McDonald's restaurant at the location of the old Burger King at Arden and Fair Oaks. She will continue to monitor the issues scheduled for review and keep us informed of any planning requests within the boundaries of our neighborhood association.
- **Welcome committee for new residents:** There was no update.
- **Boulevard Brush Up:** The next Boulevard Brush Up will be held Sunday, April 27. Please join us in our effort to clean up Fair Oaks Boulevard. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. by the tennis courts in Carmichael Park.

New Business:

- **Donation to Carmichael Recreation and Park District's Summer Band Concerts:** Board members approved a \$500 donation for this concert series (MSP: Lora Cammack, Sharon Doughty). For supporting this series, the CCNA name and logo will appear on event publicity.

Anne reminded members of the March 18 workshop on the Carmichael Park Master Plan to be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Carmichael Park Clubhouse and the March 18 Sheriff's Department community meeting to be held at the Del Campo High School library at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: The CCNA board meets every second Thursday of the month and members are always welcome. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 10, 2014 at the Carmichael library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Riki Merrick, Secretary

Announcements:

- Our neighboring neighborhood group, the Carmichael Colony Neighborhood Association, will hold its annual meeting on April 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ancil Hoffman Clubhouse.