



Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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Everyone is welcome to attend our next board meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Carmichael library.

Minutes of the April 9, 2015 Board of Directors' Meeting:

Co-President Anne Berner called the meeting to order at 7:02 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		Julia Reyes
x	Peggy Berry	x	Gareth Lacy	x	Laverne Shell
	Lora Cammack	x	Riki Merrick	x	Jan Watts
	Jorel Cooper		Buck Meyer	x	Cindy Younger
x	Sharon Doughty	x	Manda Ness		

Other attendees: Al Leonard, Helen Home, George Home, Shaun Dillon.

Speaker Tricia Stevens, Principal Planner, Sacramento County: Tricia Stevens spoke about the status of the updated proposed zoning code and design guidelines. She stressed that nothing in the proposed guidelines will affect our Neighborhood Preservation Area. Zoning codes define the use of an area (residential, industrial, agricultural, mixed-use, etc.). Any variations to prescribed use are reviewed by Community Planning Advisory Councils. Special planning districts and NPA requirements overlay and reinforce the zoning codes. The zoning code and design guidelines have three objectives: "Provide business and user friendly practices that promote economic development and streamline the entitlement process, providing flexibility while insuring appropriate community review; achieve high standards for the quality of the built environment through enhanced Design Guidelines and Development Standards; and promote sustainable development practices through enhanced Design Guidelines and Development Standards that promote low-impact development, active design, walkable communities, energy efficiency, and water conservation."

Tricia pointed out that the landscaping changes focus on low-impact development practices, drought tolerant plantings and water conservation. There are some fencing height changes in the codes and current non-conforming fences must be maintained. She discussed other issues related to single-family areas such as room and vacation rentals, yard parking, cargo containers, and accessory dwellings.

Other topics such as urban agriculture and the keeping of animals, recycling, and shopping carts are still being discussed and, if new procedures are adopted, they will be rolled into existing codes at a later date.

Tricia stressed that there is still time for comment and participation. The proposed zoning codes and design guidelines will be discussed at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on Wednesday May 6th (2 p.m. at the Board Chambers at 700 H Street). The community is welcome to peruse the document at <http://www.per.saccounty.net/PlansandProjectsIn-Progress/Pages/DevelopmentCodeUpdate.aspx>

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

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 12, 2015 (MSP Riki Merrick, Cindy Younger) were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance (March 12, 2015)	\$7996.10
Deposits and credits (+)	0.00
Expenses (-)	500.00
Ending balance (April 9, 2015)	\$7496.10

Expenses included a donation of \$500 to the Carmichael Recreation and Park District for the summer concert series which was approved at the March board meeting. There were no new requests for reimbursement.

The ending balance includes \$141.21 allocated for Sutter-Jensen Park.

Membership: Anne Berner stated that membership stands at 156 households.

Old Business:

- **Boulevard Brush-Up:** The spring Boulevard Brush Up will be held on Sunday, April 12 at 8:00 a.m. Peggy Berry and Manda Ness volunteered to staff the sign-in table. Cindy Younger will pick up the bags and deposit them in one place for disposal by the county. Participants are to meet by the tennis courts in Carmichael Park.
- **CPAC (Community Planning Advisory Council) Meetings:** Manda Ness reported that the next CPAC meeting will be the week of April 12 but there are no items within the boundaries of our neighborhood association. Manda will continue to monitor the meeting agendas and will keep the board informed of any projects in our area.
- **Sutter-Jensen Park Update:** Sandy Helland reported that five American River College students are clearing a new pathway by the community garden to aid in the disposal of garden green waste disposal.
- **Committee Report Regarding Clean-Up Days in Carmichael:** Peggy Berry reported that she was not successful in locating a supplier for inexpensive vests for volunteers to wear for future cleanups. She found that vests are not inexpensive and would require washing and storage. Therefore, she recommended that vests not be purchased. Instead, a committee of Cindy Younger, Peggy Berry, Laverne Shell, Jan Watts and Gareth Lacy will consider ideas for better publicity and outreach for future clean-ups, especially for the one sponsored by the Carmichael Chamber each fall.

New Business:

- Manda Ness, Jorel Cooper, Sandy Helland and Anne Berner attended the Carmichael Colony Neighborhood Association's meeting on April 8th. They commented on the interesting speakers, good attendance, and plentiful food. Several ideas, such as conducting association business at the start of the meeting and limiting the number of speakers, were discussed and will be considered more fully next month at our May meeting when we begin the process of planning for the fall annual meeting. Sharon Doughty will meet with Gareth Lacy and Jan Watts to discuss future distributions of the annual CCNA newsletter.

Announcements:

- **Park District meetings** are held the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m.
- **Water District meetings** are held on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. However, the May 20th meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. This will be a public hearing on proposed rate changes. All meetings are held at the District's meeting room located at 7837 Fair Oaks Boulevard in Carmichael.

- **County Board of Supervisors meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H Street, Sacramento regarding zoning code and design guidelines. The target date for adoption of the zoning code and design guidelines is June 2015.
- **Boulevard Brush-Up:** The next Boulevard Brush-Up is set for **Sunday, July 19, 2015.** We'll meet at 8:00 a.m. by the tennis courts in Carmichael Park.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmichael library. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Riki Merrick, Secretary