



# Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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**Everyone is welcome to attend our next Board meeting:** Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmichael library.

## Minutes of the November 12, 2015 Annual Member Meeting

Co-President Anne Berner 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	Laverne Shell
x	Peggy Berry	x	Gareth Lacy	x	Jan Watts
x	Lora Cammack		Riki Merrick		Cindy Younger
x	Jorel Cooper	x	Amanda Ness		
x	Sharon Doughty	x	Julia Reyes		

**Welcome by Anne Berner:** Anne welcomed the many neighbors and friends in attendance. She described the history and purpose of the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association, invited attendees to attend all monthly meetings and encouraged members to join the Board.

### Highlights of the CCNA Business Meeting:

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Sharon Doughty presented the latest treasurer's report:

Beginning balance (October 8, 2015)	<b>\$7192.14</b>
Deposits and credits (+)	<b>+1840.00</b>
Expenses (-)	<b>-1355.77</b>
Ending balance (November 12, 2015)	<b>\$7676.37</b>

The ending balance includes \$57.21 allocated for Sutter-Jensen Park.

Expenses included a \$586.84 reimbursement to Sharon Doughty for copying the newsletter plus one roll of stamps, \$49.81 to Jan Watts for mailing and annual meeting publicity, \$21.38 to Amanda Ness for copying the October minutes and \$42.12 to Anne Berner for reprinting 75 newsletters. These four reimbursements were approved via email. One other reimbursement, \$106.62 to Anne Berner for secretarial expenses, was approved at the October 8, 2015 board meeting. Two expenditures (\$500 sustainer membership renewal for the American River Natural History Association and \$49.00 to renew the Sutter-Jensen post office box for 6 months) were approved via email.

**Membership:** Anne Berner reported that it is membership renewal time and members have received renewal notices. (Membership note: Over 120 members already have sent their \$20 renewal fee. If you

have not yet renewed, a renewal form and envelope are included with these minutes). Anne announced that she will update the membership rolls in late December.

Anne stated that minutes of CCNA meetings are posted each month on the CCNA website ([www.carmichaelcreek.org](http://www.carmichaelcreek.org)) and are sent to all members by mail or email.

**Election of CCNA Board of Directors:** The following Board members were elected for 2015-2016 by a unanimous voice vote of the membership.

Berner, Anne
Berry, Peggy
Cammack, Lora
Cooper, Jorel
Doughty, Sharon
Lacy, Gareth
Ness, Amanda
Reyes, Julia
Shell, Laverne
Watts, Jan
Younger, Cindy

Anne then introduced the two speakers featured at the meeting. Main points from their talks are summarized below:

**Susan Peters – Sacramento County Supervisor, 3<sup>rd</sup> District:**

Supervisor Peters introduced her chief-of-staff, Howard Schmidt, as the main contact person for her office. Ms. Peters reported that the new Milagro Centre (on Fair Oaks Boulevard near Marconi Avenue) will open soon. The Carmichael Chamber of Commerce will be moving to that location. Businesses will include River City Brewing Company, a gelato shop, restaurants and an Insight coffee shop.

She then spoke about the construction on Fair Oaks Boulevard. This project is Phase 2 of the Fair Oaks Boulevard Improvement Project (Landis Avenue to Shirley Avenue). Phase 1 included the improvements at the corner of Marconi Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard and was completed in 2013. Phase 2 improvements include bicycle lanes, landscaped medians and separated sidewalks with landscaping along Fair Oaks Boulevard from Landis Avenue to Shirley Avenue; modification to the existing signals at the intersections of Fair Oaks Boulevard/Grant Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard/Engle Road; a new traffic signal at the intersection of Fair Oaks Boulevard and Landis Avenue, installation of sidewalks on the south side of Grant Avenue adjacent to Carmichael Park; replacement of overhead utilities with underground facilities on Fair Oaks Boulevard within the project limits; and new traffic signal interconnects to provide congestion relief.

Ms. Peters also spoke about the homeless situation in the county, focusing on Carmichael. She reported that the county is working with Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) under the direction of Executive Director, Ryan Loofbourrow. Sacramento Steps Forward has the goal of “reaching ‘Functional Zero’ for individuals experiencing homelessness by December 31, 2020.” The Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department has assigned specialized officers to work in teams with SSF outreach personnel in an effort to place homeless individuals in housing. Ms. Peters stated that more teams will be working in our community since the Sheriff’s Department is in the process of hiring additional personnel. She reiterated that it is not recommended that individuals give money to panhandlers and that many panhandlers are not homeless individuals. In addition, it is hoped that homeless individuals will ask for help to secure housing if they are not able to support themselves through well-meant donations by sympathetic residents.

The supervisor stressed that residents should call 916-875-4311 or “311” (mobile app available) to report all problems from abandoned vehicles to broken street lights. This number can be used to connect with virtually any Sacramento County service. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday (6 a.m. to 11 p.m.) to answer questions, route calls, and manage cases for verification and resolution.

Ms. Peters then answered several specific questions from audience members.

**Barry Chamberlain - Sacramento County Zoning and Code Enforcement Manager:**

The second speaker was Barry Chamberlain who stated that Code Enforcement investigates violations of housing, zoning and vehicle abatement laws in the unincorporated Sacramento County. Code Enforcement’s goal is “to maintain and improve property values and the quality of life for residents, visitors and business owners.” They work to achieve voluntary compliance through notification and education but, when necessary, will use legal procedures including boarding structures, removing junk and rubbish and junk vehicles, civil citations, criminal citations, and demolition of dangerous buildings.

Code Enforcement encourages residents to fence or secure properties that might attract trespassers or vandals and to keep landscaping and structures clean and tidy. Residents should not tolerate illicit activity and should report all violations and nuisances. Mr. Chamberlain reiterated that the “311” phone number (and mobile app) is an easy way to report these violations and nuisances.

He then answered many questions that audience members posed.

**Next Meeting:** The CCNA board meets every second Thursday of the month and members are always welcome. The next business meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmichael library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Berner, Acting Secretary