



Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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This is membership renewal time. Thank you to the 120 members who have already renewed. If you have not yet sent in your renewal form and \$20 per household check, a form and return envelope will be included with these minutes.

We are sending minutes by email if we have your email address. When you renew your membership, please make sure you include your current email address on the membership renewal form or let us know at ccna@carmichaelcreek.

Everyone is welcome to attend our next Board meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmichael library.

Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Annual Member Meeting

Co-President Gareth Lacy called the meeting to order at 7:10 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	Sharon Doughty	x	Julia Reyes
	Peggy Berry	x	Gareth Lacy	x	Laverne Shell
	Lora Cammack	x	Amanda Ness	x	Jan Watts
x	Jorel Cooper	x	Thilo Protze	x	Cindy Younger

Welcome by Gareth Lacy: Gareth welcomed the many neighbors and friends in attendance. He 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. Gareth then introduced the first speaker of the evening, County Supervisor Susan Peters. Excerpts from her talk are summarized below:

Susan Peters – Sacramento County Supervisor, 3rd District:

Supervisor Peters introduced her chief-of-staff, Howard Schmidt, as the main contact person for her office.

She opened her remarks with an update on Phase 2 (Landis Avenue to Shirley Avenue) of the Fair Oaks Boulevard Improvement Project. 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 and replacement of overhead utilities with underground facilities on Fair Oaks Boulevard within the project limits. This project is expected to be completed in March when the signal at Landis and Fair Oaks is activated and final concrete poured.

The Milagro Centre is open and includes several dining options with more to open in the next few months.

Ms. Peters also spoke about the homeless situation in the county, focusing on Carmichael. She reported that the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department has assigned specialized officers to work in teams with outreach personnel to place homeless individuals in housing. She reiterated that it is not a crime to be homeless and recommended that residents not give money to panhandlers; instead the county has cards that can be given which direct panhandlers to help. In addition, she recommended that business owners lock dumpsters and turn off WiFi and electrical connections to discourage homeless individuals from camping near businesses.

Carmichael is in the process of voting for a PBID (Property and Business Improvement District) which would encompass 350 parcels of land on Fair Oaks Boulevard from El Camino Avenue to east of California Avenue plus a spur to the Bel Air-Safeway commercial hub at Manzanita and Cypress Avenues. A PBID is a process by which business owners vote to tax themselves to improve their business districts. Usually, the money raised is spent on security, beautification and cleanliness.

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.

She reported that Measure B appears to have lost in the November election. That Measure was to provide funds for road repair and transportation projects. Defeat of the Measure means that the county will lack additional funds for purposes of needed road repairs.

In closing, the Supervisor reminded the audience that the California International Marathon will be held on Sunday, December 4. Fair Oaks Boulevard in Carmichael is at the half-point of the route and many of our roads will be closed in the early morning of December 4.

Ms. Peters then answered several specific questions from audience members concerning barking dogs, zoning speed bumps, speeding, abandoned vehicles, and the large parcel of vacant land at Manzanita Avenue and Winding Way (as far as she knows, currently there are no plans for development of the property).

Gareth then introduced the second speaker of the evening, Steve Nugent, General Manager of the Carmichael Water District. Excerpts from his talk are summarized below.

Steve Nugent, General Manager of the Carmichael Water District (CWD):

Mr. Nugent focused his talk on the Pipeline Conveyance Project by which the CWD, funded by a Department of Water Resources grant and Aerojet, is treating remediated Aerojet groundwater discharged to the American River, recapturing and filtering it and then selling the water to the Golden State Water District. This project included a new pipeline, removal of an old pipeline and environmental restoration and will generate \$800,000 in revenue per year for the CWD. This added revenue allowed the water district to reduce the January 2017 rate increase from 12% to 5%.

He then answered a few questions about the drought, the proposed twin tunnels in the Delta, and the water treatment building at Ancil Hoffman Park which treats the water used for the golf course.

After thanking the two speakers, Gareth opened a short CCNA business meeting.

Highlights of the CCNA Business Meeting:

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

Beginning balance (October 13, 2016)	\$7917.48
Deposits and credits (+)	+1220.00
Expenses (-)	-231.33
Ending balance (November 15, 2016)	\$8906.15

The ending balance includes \$31.31 allocated for Sutter-Jensen Park. An additional description was noted for the \$500 expense included in the October minutes: The \$500 expense was a sustainer membership renewal to ARNHA (American River Natural History Association).

Expenses included a \$231.33 reimbursement to Anne Berner for copying charges and three rolls of stamps.

Three reimbursements were approved by email after the annual meeting: \$483.84 to Gareth Lacy for copying the annual newsletter, \$52.59 to Amanda Ness for copying the October minutes and \$25.28 to Jan Watts for stamps and publicity signs.

Membership: Anne Berner reported that it is membership renewal time and members have received renewal notices. (Membership note: One hundred twenty 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 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) and are sent to all members by mail or email.

Election of CCNA Board of Directors: CCNA Board member Julia Reyes introduced the election of directors to the CCNA Board by describing her decision to become more active in the community by joining the Board. She encouraged others to follow her lead. The following Board members were then elected for 2016-2017 by a unanimous voice vote of the membership.

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

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 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Carmichael library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Berner, Acting Secretary