

# **Minutes for the Annual Meeting of the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association (CCNA)**

Tuesday, November 5th, 2019  
Carmichael Library, 7–8:30 p.m.

## **1. Welcome from the President of the CCNA, Gareth Lacy**

The meeting formally started at approximately 7:15 p.m. Although Susan Peters, District Supervisor, was scheduled to be the first speaker, she was still at a county supervisors' meeting. The other scheduled speaker, Michael Blondino, the new Carmichael Parks administrator, agreed to swap places.

## **2. Michael Blondino, District Administrator, Carmichael Parks and Recreation**

Mike has a family history of "recreation," starting with his father who coached Little League baseball for 40 years and Mike's participation in numerous after-school sports and activities when he was a teen. Professionally, he worked his first 20 years on the recreation side and the next 10 as a park manager.

Mike started as the Carmichael Parks Administrator in July. He has been getting to know the staff and various projects already in the works. He's currently conducting a Needs Assessment of staffing levels and succession plans. Starting with the Parks and Facilities' Master Plan (not reviewed since 2008), he's looking at new basketball courts, a tether ball court, and bocce ball areas in Carmichael Park. One trail needs to be upgraded, and the Veterans Hall is currently not ADA-accessible and needs such upgrades. All fields and turf need to be as safe as possible.

Mike has also been meeting with other organizations in the community, such as the Rotary Club and Kiwanis. The Master Plan requires a roadmap for the next 10 years, addressing deferred maintenance, stable sources of funding, and a succession plan and additional job training for people to move into Mike's position or elsewhere. Another issue for the Master Plan is looking at the availability of water for all additional turf. And, the Jensen part has a new playground listed on the Master Plan, next to the community garden.

There will be public meetings for the Master Plan, advertised on the Parks website and through social media, asking for feedback. We depend on the county for some monies. We have use fees and had some income from a tax assessment passed years ago, but it was eventually overruled by a court. The Carmichael Parks Association is not a funding source *per se*, but it raises money for specific projects, such as youth scholarships. If the CCNA fundraises, it can designate the money for a specific purpose, too; for example, the Rotary Club is updating a room at La Sierra, but it needs to be built to code and standards, so these two items need to be considered in awarding any contract.

## **3. Business Part of the Annual Meeting**

Treasurer's Report (Sharon Doughty): as of this date, there is a positive \$11,338.96 balance.

Membership Report (Anne Berner): Our year goes from Fall to Fall. So far, 120 renewals have been received since October. Several more were submitted at the Annual Meeting.

Election of the Board (Gareth Lacy): the current Board plus a new volunteer, Amanda Trumbo, were listed for a voice vote by the membership.

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| Allison, Scatha | Alonzo, Gorgiana | Berner, Anne   |
| Berry, Peggy    | Cammack, Lora    | Cooper, Jorel  |
| Doughty, Sharon | Goessling, Ryan  | Lacy, Gareth   |
| Reyes, Julia    | Watts, Jan       | Younger, Cindy |

Added during the meeting: Trumbo, Amanda

Gareth moved to accept the Board as listed; Frank Ramirez seconded the motion. Voice vote: almost all in attendance voted Aye, None opposed, and 1 Abstention. The Aye's have it.

**4. Susan Peters was unable to leave the supervisors' meeting, so her chief-of-staff, Howard Schmidt, spoke on the following topics.**

Paving Projects: Go to the website: [www.sac.dot.com](http://www.sac.dot.com) to see where the projects are located.

SB 1 is a source of funding for paving. Right now, there is a \$789 million backlog for paving. Watt and El Camino has been fixed. In 2020, Madison–Dewey–San Juan and California–Oak–Palm are scheduled.

From Landis–Marconi, underground utilities and landscaping along the medians are planned. In December 2019 through 2020, the water main will be completed first and then the paving.

Homelessness in Our Community: The last point-in-time count included approximately 5,000 individuals, of which 93% were *local* residents. The emphasis in the county has been to get people to services. If you have homeless issues in your neighborhood or would like homeless-related resources, contact HOT at (916) 874-1025 or email [NorthHOT@sacsheriff.com](mailto:NorthHOT@sacsheriff.com).

Economic Development

Private development is looking to spend/re-invest \$100 million along Arden Way for streets, sidewalks, and trees from Howe to Watt.

Susan Peters: her office sends out regular bulletins about future events, such as the California International Marathon and the Christmas Tree Lighting. Susan is not running for re-election next year, but she doesn't leave office until January 2021. And remember, the primary is next March and the county will have 78 voting centers open. You can sign up for monthly bulletins from Susan Peters' office by subscribing through the Sac County website at <https://www.sacounty.net/Pages/default.aspx>. Click on "Find Your County Supervisor."

**5. Adjournment:** Gareth called for a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting for some meet-and-greet time, Lora Cammack seconded it. Voice vote: the Aye's were unanimous, none opposed, and no abstentions.

The Effie Yeaw Nature Center had a display, explaining the purpose of the Center. For information about Effie Yeaw, please go to the following website: [www.SacNatureCenter.net](http://www.SacNatureCenter.net).

Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments to share with our community!