

CCNA October Board Meeting Minutes - October 17, 2023 6:30pm - Zoom call

Board Members in Attendance: Karen Shelton, Bob Bernstein, Lorie Moreno, Emily Giza, Keith DeVore, Brandon Grundhoefer, Ralph Sattelmayer

Board Members Absent: Stan Makris, Frank Wheeler, Bill Busath

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

1. President's Welcome

2. **Secretary's Report:** Approval of September minutes: The minutes were reviewed. Emily made a motion to approve the minutes, Karen seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion passed and meeting minutes were approved.

3. **Membership Report:** No changes: total members to date for 2023 is 123.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** No changes per Frank's correspondence:

\$6143.10 checking

\$6,158.92 savings (.71 in interest)

Total: \$12,302.02

5. **Salmon Habitat:** tour has been postponed until after the project is completed. We will coordinate a time in a few weeks to take a tour of the completed project. ACTION ITEM (Lorie to follow up on a date).

6. **Parks maintenance and safety update from Brandon:** Brandon has been working to communicate with Sacramento county parks regarding the dangerous limbs of the various mature oaks along the San Lorenzo side of Ancil Hoffman as well as all along the perimeter walking trail and picnic areas. He has left messages for James Mitts, Park Maintenance Superintendent and Michael Doane, Deputy Director of Regional Parks to discuss the imminent danger these oaks pose to those in the park and steps to address the fire hazard of all of the fallen trees and brush. There is a maintenance schedule for all of the county parks and they cycle through the schedule. Because of Effie Yeaw and its wildlife, there may be a tendency to leave it in a more natural state. But Brandon noted that the county parks have an obligation to remove obvious hazards. Of course the county has competing priorities and the goal is to work constructively with them. ACTION ITEM: Brandon will follow up on his messages to get a response.

7. Discussion on the Proposal for Changes to Entrance Fees: There was a short conversation about the proposed changes in fees for low income people. It was decided that any comments or positions taken on the proposed changes would be as individuals and that CCNA would not put forth a group position.

During the discussion, concerns about accountability for how entrance fees are used were raised. The amount of trash and the lack of enforcement of safety regulations are a growing concern. The suggestion of a public clean up campaign was raised in an effort to encourage all park users to do their part to keep our parks clean.

8. Work plan for 2023 based on priorities set at previous meeting:

Discussion on the work plan for 2023 continued:

- 1) Crime and Safety: Major topics CCNA plan to address include
 - speeding
 - speed bumps, lights and pedestrian safety (ACTION ITEM: Stan to provide update on speed bumps on Palm Ave at November meeting)
 - new traffic light at Kenneth Ave & Fair Oaks Blvd
 - Sheriff's Program and Neighborhood Watch
 - Lexis Nexis Crime Data (ACTION ITEM: Emily to investigate this tool)

- 2) Park Maintenance & Safety
 - hazard trees
 - wild fire risk
 - the leaving of BBQ charcoal
 - trash
 - encampments
 - off leash dogs
 - poaching of wildlife

- 3) County Planning & Engagement
 - monitor agendas of meetings
 - engage with Board of Supervisors- CPAC regarding property development
 - helping to maintain a good quality of life in Carmichael

It was noted that it would be helpful to have metrics to report, such as the number of times members of CCNA reach out to the Board of Supervisors and number of meetings attended by CCNA board members.

We circled back on the need to emphasize the pressures on Ancil Hoffman relative to its size and its high usership together with its diverse demographics. We need to seek accountability for fees collected and the county parks' budget.

9. Updates from the website subcommittee: No updates; we will continue the discussion at the November meeting.

10. Movement on the homelessness crisis in Sacramento County: Lorie spoke with Vanessa McCarthy Omstead, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Desmond. There are \$25 million in federal funds for Sacramento County to put towards the homelessness crisis. They have started the process of vetting for qualified sites within two miles of the American River that would include congregate and individual housing. Cal Expo is on the list of proposed sites that they are exploring. They are currently looking for qualified real estate developers as well.

11) Cameras at Effie Yeaw: the cameras CCNA donated to Effie Yeaw in order to help prevent poaching of wildlife may be malfunctioning. After Lorie met with the new executive director who wasn't even aware of the cameras, she spoke with Dan Root, director of facilities and grounds. Dan will check on the status of the cameras. We want to make sure that the investment CCNA made in providing security cameras for Effie Yeaw is being put to good use and works well. ACTION ITEM: Follow back up on message left with Dan Root (Lorie).

Meeting adjourned at 7:44.