

CCNA September Board Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2023 6:30pm - Zoom call

Board Members in Attendance: Karen Shelton, Bob Bernstein, Lorie Moreno, Emily Giza, Frank Wheeler, Keith DeVore, Brandon Grundhoefer, Bill Busath

Board Members Absent: Stan Makris, Ralph Sattelmayer

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

1. President's Welcome

2. **Secretary's Report:** Approval of May minutes: The minutes were reviewed. Frank 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:** 7 new members; total members to date for 2023 is 123.

4. Treasurer's Report:

\$6143.10 checking
\$6,158.92 savings (.71 in interest)
Total: \$12,302.02

5. **President Update:** a) **spawning habitat project:** A question concerning potential pollution from the heavy machinery was raised. It was advised that when this machinery is used in environmentally sensitive areas such as the American River, the grease and oil used for the hydraulics is cleaned out and switched to vegetable oil. There are also strict requirements for turbidity. The plan for the project is to make the lowest impact possible on the surrounding and existing areas. The CCNA Board has been invited for a special tour.

ACTION ITEM: Doodle Poll to determine best day and time for those interested in a tour of the spawning habitat project.

b) **cameras at Effie Yeaw:** the cameras at Effie Yeaw may be malfunctioning. Lorie met with the new executive director who wasn't even aware 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 up with Effie Yeaw regarding the status of the cameras.

6. **Public Comment Forum:** no public attendees.

7. **Discussion:** a) **recent crime issue:** burglary at a home at Palm/San Lorenzo: Despite the the \$20,000 value of stolen property and even with fingerprints and a photo

of the perpetrator, the sheriff has not had any luck in finding the person and has not been particularly communicative about the status of the investigation. It was noted that given how thinly stretched the sheriff's office is, theft even of that value is likely a lower priority.

b) **safety meeting with Sacramento County sheriff's office:** Bill attended the safety meeting and reported that the sheriff's office sees things generally improving with increased staffing levels and problem oriented policing (POP), though they are still only at 75% of normal staffing levels since Covid. The sheriff has been aggressive in enforcing laws and its Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is now up to 9 staff members. The usual general safety measures were advised to prevent crime (dog, alarm, safe for valuables, and good relations with neighbors). Crime statistics are available on the sheriff's website through a Lexis Nexis link where you can search by address. Sheriff Cooper wants to increase patrolling as staffing levels increase.

There was a group at the meeting that is active in cleaning up and protecting the health of the waterways called the River City Waterway Alliance. They have an active social media presence and are looking for volunteers.

c) **Planning Commission Meeting:** The Fair Oaks Blvd Corridor Development Plan: The planning commission approved the amendment to the drive-thru and car wash zoning ordinance. Although the amendment does allow for additional drive-thrus, approval for a car wash or drive-thru will require a high level of scrutiny by the Board of Supervisors who will review and provide a conditional use permit, which may include requirements that exceed the basic development standards in the county code.

8. **Website Upgrades:** A sub-group has been formed to research and determine the scope and needs for the CCNA website. The group will consist of Lorie, Frank, Karen and Brandon.

ACTION ITEM:

The sub-group will research and report back to the Board with a few options/quotes for a website host.

9. **2023-24 Work Plan:** Discussion was held regarding CCNA's priorities and core areas to focus our attention and energy. They include:

- a. Crime and Safety
- b. Park Maintenance and Safety
- c. County Planning and Engagement

A vote was taken to adopt these priorities and move forward in planning our advocacy and efforts around these categories. Karen made the motion, Keith seconded. All voted aye and the motion passed.

10. **Park Safety:** Prescribed herbivory (goats); fire prevention, public safety; action items: As we were running short of time, Brandon briefly touched upon the status of the tree maintenance along the path, as well as concerns of speeding and potholes on Tarshes.

ACTION ITEM: Brandon will inquire as to whether hand crews will be trimming the dangerous Oak tree limbs of the path and report back.

11. **Road/pedestrian Safety:** fatalities on El Camino (hit-and-run El Camino/FOB; crash on Oak/FOB curve); street signal (El Camino/FOB); roadway safety buffer cones (Oak/California curve), speed bumps (Palm) (Lorie, Bob, Stan) - We tabled this topic for the next meeting as we ran short on time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.