

MINUTES OF THE RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION (RNA) BOARD MEETING
November 13, 2019

Voting Board of Directors present: Ralph Legg, President; Sandy Fisher, Vice-President; Chrystal Aceves, Secretary; Jerry Lewis, Member-at-Large

Block Captains present: Karen Hebert, Block 3; Anna Lewis, Block 5; Charles Luke (representing Kathie Luke), Block 6; Sandy Piercey, Block 7; Jeanne Legg, Chairperson/Block 9; Barbara Harvey, Block 10; Tom Crosby, Ridgewood 1

Firewise Committee present: Dennis Hebert, Chair; Charles Luke, Tom Crosby

Others present: Marty Gerbasi, Architectural Design Chair; Beverly Handleman; Bob Fisher

General Business

The meeting of the RNA Board of Directors was called to order at 10:06 am by Ralph Legg in Ralph and Jeanne Legg's residence.

1. Ralph motioned to approve the July 29, 2019 board meeting minutes as written, motion approved by Jerry Lewis and seconded by Sandy Fisher.
2. Ralph motioned for a location change for future Board meetings to the Moose Lodge with an 11:00am start time. All present in favor...no objections.
 - Dennis Hebert will be the interim interface to confirm Moose Lodge availability on an as needed basis as future meetings are scheduled.

Treasurer Report

Ralph reported on behalf of Dave Palmer current balance is \$2,066.77.

New Business

1. Ralph discussed the need for a Webmaster backup. Karen Hebert has agreed to assist Don Nester as Assistant Webmaster.
2. Tom Crosby has joined the Firewise committee representing Ridgewood I residents.

Architectural Design

Chair Marty Gerbasi reported one project reviewed and approved for Gael and Chris Amend on Crestridge Ave for construction of a large garage (60x40) and to add a second driveway off Ridgewood Dr. They have worked with their neighbors and made modifications for an appealing structural view of the new garage...everyone happy!

Propane

1. Ralph advised that JS West will be raising our community price by 10 cents a gallon above the SF wholesale price on January 1, 2020. Our rate is currently 55 cents above the SF wholesale price and will increase to 65 cents above beginning January 1, 2020. This increase is due to additional fees continuing to be added by the State of California therefore they have no choice but to pass the increase onto their customers.
 - Ralph will continue to investigate with other suppliers to get the best net price for Ridgewood homeowners.
 - JS West signed a 5 yr. contract for 55 cents above SF wholesale rate in March 2018. They're in essence breaching their contract by raising the rate by 10 cents a gallon 1.5 yrs. into our contract. Unfortunately our only option is to sue and it's not worth the cost for a lawyer, etc...our hands are tied.
2. JS West, as Ralph pointed out, has provided excellent service, where with our previous supplier he would receive 1 or 2 calls a month. He has not received one call with JS West.
 - Current Ridgewood co-op propane prices are posted on the website for reference.

****REMINDER****

**DO NOT DISCLOSE RIDGEWOOD'S CO-OP PRICE PER GALLON RATE
NEGOTIATED WITH JS WEST TO ANYONE OUTSIDE THE RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY.**

Ridgettes

The thought to continue with the Ridgettes was again brought to the table as the Chairperson seat remains vacant. Consensus by the females present is the Ridgettes is a great way for the women of Ridgewood to network and get to know each other and get together for lunch or an occasional outing; e.g., Duarte Poinsettias Nursery and a children toy collection at Christmas to donate to those less fortunate.

- Anna Lewis was one of the founders of the Ridgettes and she misses the get togethers and did it for 20 years but just can't do it any more. It would be nice for someone to volunteer to keep an updated "Ridgettes" roster and contact list at a minimum.

Block Captains

1. Block Captains present shared their experiences while distributing the Firewise folders to all Ridgewood residents. The vast majority has been delivered with just a few remaining. There is still an issue with vacant lots and getting the information to the lot owners.
2. Ralph reiterated the importance of the Block Captains getting out there and personally meeting the residents and bringing their experiences (good and bad) back to the Board meeting. This kind of personal interaction and information exchange could not be handled by 4 or 5 board members alone.

3. Tom Crosby has graciously agreed to represent Ridgewood I as a Block Captain. Many, if not all of Ridgewood I residents were unaware of the neighborhood association and those who knew of it were not enthusiastic about receiving information regarding the RNA or showed a positive reaction for inclusion. Hopefully with Tom's help and including Ridgewood I residents in information mailings and with Block Captain representation we can change minds and show them we are stronger together!
 - Tom expressed his thoughts of Ridgewood I residents having distrust with the CCRs and oversight concerns with the RNA.

Firewise

1. Dennis Hebert updated the Board members on fire hydrants. They have identified three new locations; two on Parkridge and one on Crestridge. The cost will be in the \$7,000 range each. More homeowner signatures of agreement to participate in the shared cost are needed and moving forward.
 - We need to look at clearing the areas around existing fire hydrants and painting if necessary to make them easily visible and accessible.
2. The HYW 108 Fire Council is proposing a Shaded Fuel Break (SFB) similar to the one in process near Cedar Ridge and Big Hill. We would like to be the first Firewise community to have a fire break. Map(s) will be available soon for the proposed SFB path proposal.
 - There is a 70% participation approval needed by those affected by a fire break path proposal to move forward with a SFB.
 - A Project Manager will need to be identified to oversee the work to be done to create a SFB.
3. Firewise safety and clean-up has an individual resident expectation as well. We all need to look at our property and clear brush, remove tree branches at least 6ft from the ground, and clear your property of dead and broken branches.
 - For those who are not physically capable of doing this work, maybe a "work day" by others should be identified and explored.
4. Tom Crosby has a connection in the Road Dept. and will ask what is the County vs. Resident responsibilities for maintenance on roadways. Where and how do we coordinate this work to be done, and guidelines for right of entry?
 - Maybe a grant is available to get funding to have crews to come in and perform this work along the roadways.
5. Dennis reported there are grants available for all kinds of work relating to Firewise. The funding is granted on a first-come first-served basis.

6. The Firewise committee needs someone to help research available grants and write proposals for Ridgewood to request grants.
- Beverly Handleman offered to assist.

The RNA Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Upcoming Meetings

Ridgettes	December 17, 2019	3:00 pm	Jeanne Legg's Resident
Holiday / Winter Social Get-Together	February 8, 2020 (To be confirmed)	TBA	Moose Lodge (to be confirmed) with possible guest speaker TBA
RNA Board Mtg	March	TBD	TBD

Respectfully written and submitted by Chrystal Aceves, Secretary
Reviewed and Approved by Ralph Legg, President