

Ridgewood Neighborhood Association  
Winter General Meeting  
February 9, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 1:10pm by VP Sandy Fisher. The meeting was held at the Moose Lodge.

A moment of silence was requested by Sandy in memory of our good neighbor and friend Bob Parriot who had recently unexpectedly passed due to a small aircraft accident.

Sandy introduced the Board members present and asked them to come to the front during the general meeting portion of the meeting to help others put faces with positions; herself (Sandy Fisher, Vice President); Jerry Lewis, Treasurer; Chrystal Aceves, Secretary; Marty Gerbasi, Architectural Review; and Don Nester, Webmaster.

Sandy called for approval of the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Jerry Lewis approved and Marty Gerbasi seconded.

Treasurer Report – Jerry Lewis

The current balance is \$1,923 dollars and change. To date there are 30 residence with paid dues (which were likely the 30 people present – my two cents not something Jerry eluded to). He encouraged everyone to pay dues. It's a small amount and if everyone paid dues it could benefit our community a great deal.

Committee Reports

- Architectural Design – Marty Gerbasi  
Marty thanked those who have contacted him regarding changes and/or additions they were looking to make on their property. Contacting his office in advance makes it a whole lot easier than chasing you down and sending a nasty gram.
- Webmaster – Don Nester  
The website has been updated with 2020 Resident list and reflects those who have paid dues for 2020. He is working hard to keep it up to date and posting upcoming events as soon as he is made aware of them.
- Propane – Sandy Fisher on behalf of Ralph Legg  
Current Ridgewood Co-Op propane suppliers are Campora and JS West. She suggested for everyone to go to the website for details.
- Block Captains – Sandy Fisher on behalf of Jeanne Legg  
Block Captain Chairs: Karen Hebert and Jeanne Legg. Sandy called out all the block captains names and announced Tom Crosby for Ridgewood I with 25 properties.
- Tom Crosby stood up and asked if any Ridgewood I properties owners were present (none). He was going to ask for volunteers to assist with Ridgewood I Block Captain and Firewise programs.

- Ridgettes – Sandy Fisher (Ridgettes chair open)  
Sandy reported that Anna Lewis started the Ridgettes as an informal way for the women of Ridgewood to get together periodically for lunch. The Ridgettes chair is an open position and we are looking for someone to continue to coordinate these activities. She asked for anyone interested in being included in future Ridgettes activities to please give their name and email address so they can be notified.

No Old Items

No New Items

General Meeting adjourned just shy of 2:00pm

Sandy introduced Dennis Hebert, Firewise Committee Chair

Dennis gave a Firewise Committee update:

- Two additional fire hydrants will be installed for Ridgewood II and III and work will continue to install 2 more for these areas. Ridgewood I is okay for fire hydrants
- We are planning a clean-up day for Saturday, May 2, 2020. Unless grants are approved to fund this type of project, residents will have to pay out-of-pocket for any work done on community property.
- So far, I haven't received any response from Ridgewood residents to assist with grant searches and the only solution from the Supervisors is to have residents do all the work with moral support from the County.
- State Farm is allocating \$500 grants and every resident can apply as an individual for these grants. If you would like to apply for a grant, go to the NFPA/Firewise site for more information.

<https://app.wizehive.com/appform/login/nfpa2020PrepDay>

- The County Green Waste program will provide four (4) free vouchers to bring green waste to their site. There is a limit of 2,500 vouchers available on a first come, first served basis and expires on May 31, 2020 so residents should apply as quickly as possible. These vouchers will be sent via email. Residents can apply at the following website:  
<http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/>
- I made it clear to the Supervisors that Ridgewood Firewise volunteers are mostly older residents. We all work hard to reduce fuel mitigation on our own properties, and health issues make it difficult for many of us to volunteer to clean-up community property. We need help from our Supervisors!
- The Firewise volunteers will continue to fight the battle on fuel mitigation. We have no funds or equipment to make this a reality, and we will do the best we can to continue working for the Ridgewood community.

Dennis then introduced Emily Kilgore, Fire Prevention Specialist from Cal Fire.

Unfortunately we were experiencing a power outage at the Moose Lodge so Emily was unable to show her prepared slide presentation. She talked through her slides from her computer.

Emily's message was a reminder of how *each* homeowner can do their part by maintaining an appropriate defensible space on their property and practice minimum vertical and horizontal spacing for trees and shrubs. She encouraged everyone to take the information on the table at the back of the room.



Dennis invited up to the front Supervisors Ryan Campbell and Sherri Brennan.

Supervisor Ryan Campbell talked about Measure P and Q and had information on the back table if interested.

Open discussion and questions from the floor had lots of talk about getting grant money to do Firewise projects in our community.

A few remarks from the Supervisors and Emily that came out of the discussion – details were too much for me to capture!

- Position to be competitive (acute awareness)
- Pace-n-scale
- Connectivity with Phoenix Lake
- Set yourself apart
- How are “you” being strategic about being a Firewise community
- Landscape scale sensitivity
- Fire resilience
- Priority places
- Resources available; brush clearing (\$1,200/day for inmates), piles of cleared brush to be put at roadside for chipping (who pays)
- Dennis mentioned we need project managers (its always the same few people who volunteer) how do we get help from the County?

Respectfully submitted by Chrystal Aceves, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by RNA Board members