

CHPOA Board Meeting Minutes
3/9/16

Attendees: Bob and Connie Leavitt, RJ Akers, Bill Cook, Gail Albers, Mike Wold, David Born, Janice Lee, Joan Sapp

We discussed lighting the Carriage Hills sign. A picture was passed around showing a low wall enclosing solar lights in front of the sign. Joan pointed out that it might be better to have a cluster of small boulders around each light rather than a wall, to better protect them from elk and other wildlife. We are going to look at this option. Joan mentioned that Greg Daniels, who lives in Carriage Hills, has a lot of experience working with rock walls and he might be a good one to consult. Bill Cook pointed out that the price of solar lights is coming down and there are more options on the market. We decided to authorize the spending of up to \$3,000 on this project. RJ will put together a cost estimate and the landscape committee will proceed with the project as long as it is within the budget.

RJ brought up the idea of replacing the current pillars at the entrance of Carriage Hills and passed around some sample pictures. The pillars in the proposed design would be tall and elegant looking. However the cost would be quite high, as much as \$20,000. If we eventually do this project we'll have to have a scaled down alternative at a much lower cost. There was general agreement that we need to focus on the sign lighting project and get that done before we move on to the pillars.

Bob and Connie talked to the Town Community Planning Dept. regarding the sign and pillars. We'll need to fill out a sign application and have it inspected. For lighting the sign we will also need a permit from the state (Dave Cearlock). Whenever we do the pillars project it will require a building permit, site plan, and engineering plan.

Vacation rentals have become a hot topic. Bob, Connie, and David have attended several town meetings on the topic. The town and county are working on proposed regulations. The Planning Commission will review proposed VR regulations on March 15. The Trustees are supposed to take a vote on March 30. In January Bob obtained spreadsheets from the Town Clerk listing the licensed VR properties in EP and throughout the valley. Contact information for each property owner or manager is included. Bob will get updated spreadsheets and RJ will post them on the CR Facebook page.

We discussed our discounted tree spraying service. We might be able to get a better deal than our current one with Swingle. Joan mentioned Fine Tree Service in the valley has been spraying hers for \$9.00 per tree. However, it appears that the pine beetle infestation has subsided and many people will not be spraying this year.

A resident on Saddleback Lane asked Bob whether their road is included in slash pickup and road maintenance (including snow plowing). RJ said Saddleback should be included in slash pickup. We will make sure they are included next time. Bob will contact GID4 to see whether they are (or should be) included in road maintenance.

RJ has a person named Lisa formatting the newsletter. She does a great job and she's currently doing it for free. We should think about compensating her in the future. Gail said one person liked the newsletter so much she sent in an extra \$50 with her dues. We didn't discuss specifics but maybe the extra \$50 should go to her.

We currently spend \$600 - \$750 on postage for the newsletter. We discussed giving people the option to receive the newsletter either by email or regular mail rather than both ways as now is done. This would save money but might lead to fewer paid dues from people who don't get the printed copy.

We will continue to refer road issues to GID4. Roger Fankhauser is probably the easiest one to reach. The phone numbers are in the newsletter. Mike said that longtime residents often contact CHPOA rather than GID4 because road maintenance used to be included in CHPOA responsibilities. A number of years ago the county made us separate the two functions.

David Born is heading up the weed task force. He has about 6 people to work with him this summer. They will walk through neighborhoods and try to work with home owners to identify and eliminate the major problems. Joan pointed out that we can probably obtain chemicals (such as pre-emergent weed control) from the county at a discounted price.

David is working with the ELSA group to prepare a new weed information booklet. He plans to distribute this booklet to Carriage Hills residents. We decided to donate \$200 to the group's effort.

We briefly discussed having a cleanup day in Carriage Hills to help eliminate accumulated junk and trash on people's property. No action was taken.

Mike will look into having the remaining wooden street signs replaced.

The next meeting is tentatively planned for mid-June.

Bob Leavitt
3/10/16