



Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc.

YWPHI Board of Directors' Meeting

Friday, August 1, 2008, 5:15 p.m. at Kim O'Neil's house

The meeting was held August 1, 2008 at the home of John Mock and Kim O'Neil. The meeting was called to order by President Kay Pitts at 5:15pm and the agenda was distributed.

Directors Present: Kay Pitts, Tom Lambert, Kim O'Neil and Jeff Hornacek

Directors Absent: Todd Caranto, Jim Andrews, Kelly Rich

Committee Chairs Present: John Mock

I. Guest Speaker

Moose Mutlow gave a presentation for the Yosemite Institute on NPS' current plans for an Environmental Education Campus. There are three sites under study by YI and NPS: (1) improve the existing site at Crane Flat, (2) build a new site at the Sand Lot at Henness Ridge and Wawona Road; or (3) make no changes to the existing facilities. Public workshops are to be conducted by NPS concerning financing, layout, architecture and benefits. They expect a Draft EIA to be available to the public in the first quarter of 2009.

A water well was installed and tested near Chinquapin on the edge of Indian Creek for the Sand Lot location. The current plan would include a 238,000-gallon water storage tank, 6,000 square feet solar collector, access along the fire motorway, a firehouse that might be staffed by NPS in June, July and August. The total building footprint and size is undefined, the tallest buildings would be 16-feet tall, of rustic design and be visible from Henness Ridge and Wawona Roads.

YWPHI requested a presentation by NPS at the Annual YWPHI meeting on Labor Day weekend.

II. Minutes

Jeff Hornacek did not have the previous YWPHI Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2008 complete.

II. Treasurer's Report

Kim O'Neil presented the 2nd quarter 2008 (4/1/2008 to 6/30/2008) Treasurer's Report.

The Balance Sheet shows total assets of \$7,815.47, which included:

\$196.80 checking account

\$7,668.67 savings account

The Profit & Loss statement shows a net loss of \$ 1,987.04:

\$150.00 total income from membership dues

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\$2.32 other income from interest
\$1989.36 total net expenses

The itemized expenses included:

\$9.00 Bank Charges
\$1900.00 Labor (for chipping program)
\$215.37 Meals & Entertainment (Memorial Day weekend picnic)
\$324.52 Postage & Delivery
\$695.32 Printing & Reproduction
\$63.10 Sales Tax
\$42.31 Office Supplies

\$12.06 Telephone

\$30.24 travel

(\$1,152.56) reimbursement to YWPHI from the Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council on May 27, 2008 for expenses relating to the fire safety grants; which included \$270.68 reimbursement to YWPHI for the costs of the April 2008 newsletter (mailing labels, photocopying, postage and telephone calls).

2007-08 Membership Report: 96

1 additional membership since 4/1/2008: 1 new member Dave & Mary Ann Bluhm

III. Website

There was nothing to report concerning the YWPHI website.

IV. Fire Safety Committee

John Mock provided a report on the In-Kind Services Survey sent out to the community. 31 lots participated. Yosemite West land and homeowners' labor and out-of-pocket expenses were approximately \$96,000 in clearing their property. This value is important in seeking grants for future fire safety programs.

An important goal is to become a Fire Wise Community which improves chances for future grants. A motion was made and carried to complete the necessary application for this designation.

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Yosemite West Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) on June 17, 2008. This will be a plan to help define future community safety programs and fire protection. The contractors are finishing the shaded fuel break on the north and west boundaries of Yosemite West. This project was funded by a grant to the community.

The Fire Safety Committee is producing 250 CD's of the CWPP to be mailed to all property owners of record in Yosemite West.

Discussion followed concerning the need for an ordinance requiring vacant lots to be cleared.

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V. Newsletter

Tom Lambert reported that a draft of the newsletter was complete, it would be reviewed and sent electronically to YWPHI members and made available on the website.

VI. Nominating Committee

Tom Lambert, Kay Pitts and Jim Andrews' terms will expire this year. There was reported interest by Rea Jackman to serve on the board. The committee was going to contact members of the community to solicit nominees for the Annual Meeting and election to the Board. It was decided that phone call board meetings would increase attendance and involvement by Board members and the community.

VII. Hospitality

Kay Pitts will organize the potluck brunch for the YWPHI Annual Meeting to be held August 31, at 10:30am.

VIII. Old Business

1. Audit

Kim O'Neil reported that the YWPHI Bylaws required a financial audit. Tom Lambert made a motion that carried to provide up to \$200 for an audit.

2. Mailboxes

Jeff Hornacek reported that expanding the community mailbox center would require a County permit. He will check into the costs to add locking mailboxes to the facility.

3. Website

It was decided that no referrals for contractors would be added to the YWPHI website.

4. Annual Meeting

The minutes from September 2007 annual meeting would be sent out with the newsletter. The agenda for the upcoming annual meeting was discussed. The Environmental Education Campus and membership dues were to be included in the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Hornacek
YWPHI Secretary