



Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc.

YWPHI Board of Directors' Meeting

September 2, 2018

President Ted Williams called the meeting to order at 3:23 pm.

Directors Present: Ted Williams, Gary Mazzone, Sergio Pellegrino, Bert Kroon, Scott Renfro, Katrin Kuttner, Mike Stepien

Officers Present: Brian Bond

Directors Absent: None

I. Minutes

No minutes were read or approved. Previous board minutes are all posted at: <http://www.yosemitewest.org/board.htm#minutes>

II. New Business

1. Officer Roles. The board re-appointed the same assignment of officers for the coming year:

President: Ted Williams

Vice President: Mike Stepien

Treasurer: Brian Bond

Secretary: Scott Renfro

Communications Officer: Katrin Kuttner

Membership Officer: Gary Mazzone

2. Priorities. The board held a prioritization discussion for the organization.

2.1 Zone of Benefit. There are still some things happening in that space, including a lawsuit addressing the ZoB vote counting by Mariposa County, but since YWPHI is not party to the suit, we don't directly hear status updates. It doesn't seem like there are currently actionable steps for us to take on this topic.

2.2 Fire Protection. We think we're at the end of an era for the local grants that Kim O'Neil and John Mock have done an amazing job getting allocated to the community. Our impression is that Cal Fire wants to focus its attention on very large projects rather than smaller, community-driven projects. We discussed some other options that aren't quite actionable yet, including the California Fire Foundation and the county's chipper and incinerator that they have not yet been willing to bring up to Yosemite West. One action item did come out of this: Sergio will continue his discussions with NatureBridge about possibilities to earmark donations for a future fire station at the NESC.

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2.3 Membership. Current membership is around 80 owners, which is about one third of properties. We all want to improve on this, and had a lengthy discussion about membership drivers and possible projects. Four specific action items were agreed upon:

- Gary moved that YWPHI spend \$200 towards a \$400 run of custom-printed plates as a thank you gift for membership. Gary will donate the remaining \$200. Ted seconded. The motion passed.
- Ted moved that YWPHI spend \$175 or current price for Brian to purchase the county property owner list in digital form online in October. Katrin seconded. This involves purchasing a subscription then canceling it after downloading the current data. The motion passed.
- Possible Memorial Day fundraiser. Katrin has been talking with a variety of people about the possibility of doing a fundraiser in conjunction with our Memorial Day events. We probably want to start small, but Shanelle Saunders is willing to help us connect with the communities of Foresta and Wawona if or when we're ready to make it a broader Yosemite community event. Katrin will come up with a specific proposal to share at the next board meeting, including what organization and purpose for which we would solicit donations, and whether donations would be only considered as contributions to that organizations general fund or whether the YW-affiliated donations could be earmarked to a specified purpose (e.g., donations for a fire house for Yosemite West area). Katrin will specifically investigate the "California Fire Foundation" as a non-profit who may have the possibility of partnering in a fundraiser to be earmarked for the NESC fire-house.
- Getting better member data. The current payment method through PayPal only provides Brian with the email address of the person who contributed, which often makes it difficult to tie membership fees back to actual property owners. Scott will go look at the PayPal APIs to see if there's a way to customize the form that people complete as part of payment so that we can also collect name and Yosemite West address or some other unambiguous information.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Scott Renfro