



Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc.

YWPHI Board of Directors' Meeting

April 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Ted Williams at 7:02pm.

Directors Present: Gary Mazzone, Pamela Schulz, Ted Williams, Neil Pack, Hilary Bagshaw, Bert Kroon, Katrin Kuttner

Officers Present: Sergio Pellegrino, Scott Renfro

Guest presenters: Katie Weber, Adar Emken

I. Update from Ted on 3/11/2021 YWDAC meeting

- **Water supply.** Additional well drilling attempts haven't found water.
- **NESC water sale.** No news whether Board of Supervisors will pursue.
- **Scenic Wonders GPZA.** No updates from the county. No SB1263 application yet reported.
- **Handling water shortages.** Improving ordinances to cover both water and not just sewer, if future deficiencies. YWDAC has provided the county with draft language to revise Mariposa ordinance 13.28.010 and supersede Resolution 88-1 to be clear how to handle future water shortage.
- **Utilities rate-increase proposal.**
 - Some corrections to rate study were accepted. Supporting major capital projects resulted in the rate-study planning for big loans to be incurred in 2021/2022 even though the projects (water+sewer+roads) wouldn't start for years.
 - YWDAC requested further corrections before starting the Prop 218 process. Accumulated fund 755 money should be available for this, and YWMD should not need to pay the \$160,000 expense for the well-access road tree work since it is covered by a MCRCD grant.
- **Road ownership.** Mariposa BoS action on 3/23/2021 to accept ownership of roads from the original developers. Thanks to the community for getting errors fixed in the maps.

II. Mail shed

- **Locker expansion.** Pamela has ordered two USPS mail parcel locker stacks (each with 3 lockers) to expand our mail locker count by 6 lockers, so we'll have 8 in total. Scheduled to arrive May 27. Still need to work out installation.
- **Weather fixes.** The rear of the shed has water damage because there's no eave overhanging the back. Katrin has been trying to get local contractors to help, but nobody seems to be responding.

III. Chipping Day - Katie Weber

- Katie's been doing a great job putting chipping day 2021 together.
- Likely schedule: sign up and tag piles by May 10, inspect piles on May 15, then actually chip around June 1-2.
- \$1500/day for 4-person crew to chip 20-25 piles per day (May need 2 full days).

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- Ted is available for hanging tape and pre-pile inspection. Katrin is available for post-chipping inspection and contractor payment approval.
- Due to COVID, we won't try to extend this into a broader community workday.
- Motion to approve up to \$3,000 for chipping (up to 2 days, if needed). Moved by Gary Mazzone, seconded by Katrin Kuttner. Motion passes via roll call vote. (Yes: Ted, Gary, Hillary, Neil, Katrin, Bert. Pamela: abstain.)

IV. FireWise Update - Adar Emken

- We want to achieve FireWise certification for YW to be the first FireWise community in county.
- In process – working on risk assessment, hoping to finalize late May or early June.
- FireWise committee created with 3 core members (Adar, Katie, Hillary) and 2 outside members (Patience Good, Mariposa Co. Fire Inspector, and Rubie Teffeteller Y/S RCDC).
- Really need to add two more members, one a full-time resident and one a fire professional.
- Commitment is 1 hour per dwelling unit or equivalent monetary contribution (294 hours or \$8,000) – key part is collecting attestments and reporting it centrally to show we meet the requirement.

V. Burn pile update

- Lost the burn pile around 2011 when “the doctors” revoked permission to use their land.
- Ted met with new YNP fire chief Dan Buckley, and discussed whether there could again be a burnpile. But grading isn't allowed on YNP land, which eliminates this idea unless a private land owner wants to make space for this.

VI. Grand Update –

● Forest Health

- Katie & Adar spoke with Melinda Barrett about adding YW as a partner for a large CALFIRE funded MCRCFD Forest Health grant for land areas around YW, both in YNP and Mariposa county.
- The grant would include trimming along most of the fire roads in the 11-mile meadow area and a prescribed burn in the Bishop Creek watershed. This is specifically area on the southeast side of Henness Ridge, which didn't burn in the Ferguson Fire.
- Katie is sending a letter of support to get this started, signed by Ted on behalf of YWPHI.
- Presentation: http://yosemitewest.org/fire_preparedness_20210409.pdf
- Permission letters from YW property owners will need to be sent, but probably not until early 2022.

● Prescribed Burning Education / Opportunities

VII. Treasurer Report and Membership

- Recent Disbursements
 - Ordered mailboxes – \$1248.28 for 2 units.
 - Legal fees \$5,000
 - Two payments for BoD D&O Insurance since timing for last year occurred in this year.
- Balances: Checking \$9,208.54 Savings \$5,589.05
- Spent about \$1,600 more this year than we've brought in during this year.
- Members: 104

VIII. No Memorial Day community event (due to Covid)

IX. Labor day Event (Sept 5, 2021)

- Potentially invite Chief Dan Buckley for introduction to community.
- Could include encouragement and training for owners to burn needed piles on their own property.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Scott Renfro, edited by Ted Williams

Schedule of next meetings:

YWPHI BoD meetings are on 2nd Tuesday of each January, April, July, and pre-Labor day:

- July 13, 2021 virtual at 7pm
- September 5, 2021 following YWPHI annual membership meeting
- January 11, 2022 virtual at 7pm
- April 12, 2022 virtual at 7pm

YW DAC meetings are on 2nd Thursday of each March, June, September, and December:

- June 10, 2021 at 2pm
- September 9, 2021 at 2pm
- December 9, 2021 at 2pm
- March 10, 2022 at 2pm