

Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc.

YWPHI ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING & PICNIC AUGUST 31, 2025

Directors (and guests) Present: Greg Desin, Jedediah Ike,

Pamela Schulz and (after election) Alison Mayhew Jaques

Directors & officers Absent: Hilary Bagshaw, Nate Mueller, Katie Weber, Tim Vanderet, Greg

Desin, Scott Renfro, Adar Emken

Approximately 30 members were present at the picnic and meeting.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Pamela Schulz at 12:07 pm.

2. Recap of Board some accomplishments of the year:

- —establishment of email database for members and neighbors (for all communications, especially emergency or urgent updates),
- —chipping program paid for by association was completed in July.

3. Call for any new emails to be added to our list for all communications and community news.

4. Election of New Treasurer

Greg Desin has resigned as Treasurer and asked to become Member-at-Large in order to continue contributions as a Board Member.

Nomination of *Alison Mayhew Jaques* was made and seconded. She was unanimously elected by those present and by all Board Members via email.

5. Call for volunteers

—to audit the books and accounts of YWPHI as mandated by our By-laws.

6. Topics of the day:

—ongoing complete power outage for entirety of neighborhood and update on PG & E activities onsite to restore electricity. (Editor's note: as of the Picnic we had been without power from Friday night through the noon Sunday picnic, with several outages of long duration in the weeks leading up to it.)

- —Call for community to write to or **contact PG& E** to voice concerns and call for more transparency on the issues and causes of the frequent outages. Board will research best contact for these efforts at PG&E. Member John Mock says "outage coordinator" is Heather Gonzalez at PG&E.
- —Question about Well Pump. Last communication from Public Works indicated pump is repaired.
- —Request for a map of the fire hose stations in the neighborhood (on website, designed by Kim O'Neil)

Some years ago there was a request for community members to be trained on the hoses but this was discouraged by Yosemite Fire as insufficient and inevitably a hindrance to them in properly evacuating the neighborhood in the case of a catastrophic or threatening fire in our area.

—Adopt a Hydrant proposal

Our 24 hydrants are in need of cleanup and maintenance so they are more accessible to fire personnel. Public works doesn't seem to have the manpower for this activity so we may encourage residents to cleanup the hydrant nearest to their property for their own safety. An anecdote was shared that the hydrants were in a sorry state in 2018 and were properly dug out only days before the devastating Ferguson fire of July 2018.

Look for flyer to come later.

—Question from member Alexy Chinkov about County **snow equipment blocking his driveway** and creating a berm even after it's been plowed.

Several members stated this is common to all and proposed various local folks who may be able to help with their equipment.

Social Hour and Picnic

During our time of fellowship and picnicking (thanks to all those who brought dishes to share) each member present introduced themselves and stated the number of years they've owned/lived in Yosemite West. Our Yosemite West historians, aka long-time owners, are a wealth of funny, interesting and/or poignant tales of life in our very beautiful corner of Yosemite. It's very gratifying to hear how many of us have come to YNP since our childhood and how many have passed on their love for the park and the legacy of their homes to children and grandchildren, friends, and partners.

Note: our scheduled speaker from Yosemite Fire was unable to attend as he was called out on one of the many active regional fires. \circ

Respectfully submitted by Jedediah Ike (edited by Pamela Schulz)

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