



Dominican Black Canyon Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting
MINUTES
October 11, 2017
Nixon Residence, 7 pm

Present: Board Members: Jack Nixon, Jeff Cardneau, Edie Dagley, Jay Hubert, Marty W., Bob Levine, Bonnie Marks
Neighborhood guests: Joan Cardneau, Paul Minault, Pat Bignardi (S R Fire), Stephanie Burton, Bob Marks

President Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

1. **Minutes** from September meeting approved as read.
2. **Pat Bignardi**, San Rafael Fire, spoke about FireSafe Marin and how to become a firewise community.
Fire Safe Marin is a partnership of fire professionals, with representatives from different cities in Marin. They are able to get grants to help communities who are certified firewise communities with clearing and other preventive maintenance. Every home in the community must perform required maintenance for fire safety.(i.e. removing juniper, clearing brush, pruning branches that are too close to power lines) WUI (“Wildland-Urban Interface”) which our neighborhood is in- has its own standards for safety.
(We each got a copy of the SR code for WUI)
 - a. There needs to be a committee of three (or so) people to work with Todd Lando , a fireman and consultant in the wildfire prevention business, to get our neighborhood certified as a firewise neighborhood, create a plan for work conditions and to obtain grant funding.
 - b. Pat B. referred us to Todd for questions and further action. Pat is in charge of inspections in N. Marin. (vegetation management)
 - c. Joan C. to add information in Fall newsletter seeking interested volunteers to help with this.
 - d. Discussed CERT training (disaster response)- Pat B. in charge for SR
 - e. Need to get Todd Landau to Nov Board meeting (who will do this?)

There was interest in pursuing becoming a Firewise community.
Bonnie distributed a flyer on how to put together a “Go Bag” in case of disaster.
(emergency supplies)

3. Committee Reports

- a. Marty- Membership: received 4 renewals, 1 new membership. Now at goal. Discussed how to increase membership- letters to new homeowners, community beautification project, charity ... decided to stay on track with events, newsletters.
- b. Cafeteria dinner: not having at this time.
- c. Communication: Joan C. no update

- d. **Bonnie- Treasurer**
we are in good shape, will bring draft budget to Nov meeting. Reached membership goal. (budget)

- f. **Safety/ Crime Prevention-** Neighborhood watch meeting attended by Bonnie and Nancy McLin- low turnout. John M. expanding next meeting to Mountain View residents.
- g.
- 4. **Old Business:** Jeff Cardneau: poor response to issue of logs at end of Locust/ fire danger/ who is responsible for safety. How to proceed?
 - 1. Using journalism to draw attention to issue.
 - 2. Contacting mayor / fire chief
 - 3. Appealing to Hanna to protect Dominican's reputation by protecting property and neighbors -
 - 4. Jack/ Cardneaus to draft letter to Hanna, Jack to talk to Mayor

Discussion of details related to the newsletter which is almost ready to print.
(Joan)

*Next meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017 at Nixon home.
Edie to bring refreshments.*