

## March 27, 2010 CCA Meeting Minutes

**Present:** 20 Carson residents in the heated and lighted CCA Community Center, 2:15pm.

**Treasurer's report:** Elisabeth Maier, treasurer, reported that we currently have in our account \$760.81 plus 3 more donation checks to deposit for \$85.00.

**Money matters:** a motion passed to take up a collection from those present to purchase a gift certificate at the Poco Loco General Store for Cricket as an act of appreciation for the wood-burning stove she provided for the CCA Community Building. We raised \$30, and Elisabeth Maier will buy the certificate and give it to her. A motion to pay the Bissells the \$600 balance for the survey for the land they donated passed unanimously, and that transaction was completed at the meeting.

**Fundraising ideas:** through brainstorming we came up with a fun idea on how to raise money for the CCA. We plan to have a Summer Fair on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Elisabeth Maier volunteered to head up the committee to organize this event. Barb Sosa will request donations of items we can use as door prizes and raffle prizes; Sharon Wilbur will donate baked goods to sell, (other people are encouraged, too); Art Wilbur suggested we have a turkey shoot where participants will pay a small fee for the opportunity to win a prize. Other ideas included selling our local arts and crafts and donating a percentage of those sales to the CCA; playing outdoor games such as horse shoes; as well as selling our quality used clothing, (that of which doesn't sell can be donated to the CAV store in town with minimal inconvenience).

**Secretary's report:** the meeting minutes from the last CCA meeting were approved.

**Newsletter:** A motion passed to publish the *Carson O Piñon!* semi-annually, with the next edition coming out in the fall. Elizabeth Brownrigg, editor, agreed to use the best of her abilities to make this occur. Jim Defibaugh graciously volunteered to fund this second publication.

**Phone Tree:** Elisabeth Maier reported that she and the Boxbergers met recently and listed everyone they could think of who hadn't signed up in the notebook that was at the Poco Loco. They will call these people to get permission to incorporate them in the new phone tree. A dispatcher list is also being formed. The Phone Tree Committee will reconvene in May to complete the Tree. The Phone Tree will also be used on a regular basis to inform people of upcoming Carson events. This will keep the Tree current and active, something crucial in the event of an emergency.

**Adopt-A-Highway:** Elisabeth Maier proposed we incorporate the "Adopt-A-Highway" program on the South Carson Road. Numerous people volunteered to clean up various stretches of it from the Post Office all the way to Petaca Road. More volunteers are encouraged to take on parts south of Petaca Road near their own homes.

**Community road signs:** Alice Morrison proposed we erect 2 signs along Highway 567 announcing we have a community here and welcoming people passing through. Bob Logue suggested we put one on Rick Hill's land donation, as there is a stipulation that we use the land for community purposes by 2015, otherwise it reverts to him. Eric Bissell proposed we put one on his land, as he has hundreds of yards of road frontage and we would not need to get county permission. Elisabeth Brownrigg, Eric, and Alice will work on this project.

**South Carson Road name change:** Deborah Perrin proposed we change the name of this road to “Logue Road”, in honor of Bob Logue who does such a great job of maintaining it for us. Bob declined, explaining it would be too complicated as it’s a county road, the name is already approved, and people know it as such. Greg Busick suggested we petition the county to erect a metal sign for this road, as no sign currently exists at all. Bob will ask, but he pointed out that it would probably be a sign with the county road number on it, not the name. Everyone seemed to agree that it would be nice to have some sort of official county sign on it, nonetheless.

**Summer projects:** Rob Hughes suggested that we really need about \$1000 in our treasury before we proceed with more projects on the CCA Community Center. We now have a wonderful wood-burning stove, as well as fluorescent lights, which make it feasible to hold all of our meetings here any time of year or day. One thing that would make a difference would be a porch to the east side of the building for outdoor shade for summer gatherings, as the existing pilapa is pretty much deteriorated. Rob will come up with a cost estimate. We could also add a little plexiglass to some areas on the south wall to lighten up the inside. Additionally, we need some outdoor storage for tools and other items owned by the CCA that are currently taking up space in the Quonset.

**CCA Storage:** Joy Wright has an 8’x6’ pick-up truck camper with a cook stove which she would donate for what it had cost her to get it to Carson. It needs camper jacks, but could work well for our storage needs. A motion passed to pay Joy \$100 and haul it over to the CCA Community Center property behind the Quonset.

**Using the land Rick Hill donated to the CCA:** until we can erect a firehouse, one suggestion for using the land for community purposes was proposed by Jim Defibaugh. That would be to plant a tree on the otherwise treeless tract. Greg Busick suggested that we plant it on the south side of the property, somewhat near Hwy 567, with a picnic table under it.

**Emergency & Crisis Response Organization:** we discussed how to organize ourselves in such a way as to be able to address emergencies and crises in Carson. The phone tree will be an invaluable tool for this.

**Carson Volunteer Fire Dept:** Greg Busick announced that with a little effort, we could feasibly get the CVFD up and running relatively soon. He met with the Assistant County Attorney, who said that our next step is to be recognized by the county. In order to do that, we need to put together a proposal and present it at 2 County Commission meetings. Elizabeth Brownrigg volunteered to work with Greg on getting the proposal together. We will then need volunteers to attend two of the daylong meetings and get the proposal on the floor. Greg also suggested it might be more cost effective if we looked for cheap or free water storage tanks instead of trying to use the dry pond on the Bissells’ property. He also said there are a number of ways for people to get trained in fire fighting: individually, as a group, on line, or in conjunction with other established FDs. The next CVFD meeting will be to site the future firehouse on the CCA property donated by Rick Hill. We will meet at the CCA Community Center on Saturday, May 15, Noon.

**The next CCA meeting** will also be on Saturday, May 15, at the Community Center, at 1pm. It will be a potluck, and the main topic of discussion will be the Summer Fair. Today’s meeting lasted 2 hours; it adjourned at 4:15pm.