

## **May 15, 2010 CCA Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** 18 Carson residents in CCA Community Center, 1:45-3:30pm. (1hour 45minutes)

**Treasurer's report:** Elisabeth Maier, treasurer, reported that we started with \$845.81 at the last meeting. Since then, we paid the \$600 balance to the Bissells, paid Bob Logue for the lights, received \$138.94 from donations, plus \$50 from today's meeting, bringing the total to \$188.94.

**Secretary's report:** last meeting minutes were approved, and unfinished business was discussed.

**South Carson Road:** Bob Logue said a county road sign, "CB133", and a "Stop" sign are ready and soon to be posted in Carson at the junction of the South Carson Road and Hwy 567. Additionally, he will try to get them to put a sign printed "South Carson Road", since that's what it is commonly called.

**CCA Community storage:** Bob Logue will contact Joy Wright re: camper to ascertain if it is a feasible storage unit for the CCA needs.

**Tree for Hill land donation:** Jim Defibaugh will donate a tree for the property, he and Bob will plant it, and Cricket will put a sign on it encouraging people to water it. Merilee Lighty suggested putting a tub near the tree to catch rainwater so people could just stop and water it easily.

**Carson Volunteer Fire Dept:** Bob Logue brought up that the Dept of Agriculture has grants that we should be able to get if we can get certified by the county, which is the next step in the process. Then the CVFD establishment project will move forward faster. Bob also said he has been promised water storage units at half price. He reminded everyone that we are continuing to make progress with the CVFD; we have names of volunteers, and have had several meetings and are ready to take the next steps.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Summer Fair Committee:** Elisabeth Maier, head, said the committee decided definitively and unanimously to hold the event outside the Poco Loco General Store. The Bissells are fine with us doing a BBQ, bake sale, etc., to sell food to raise money. They would like us to order supplies through them, and at the event they would like people to buy drinks in the store. Tents and tables will be outside, and the turkey shoot will be in the back. This is a fun fundraiser, so please remember to bring some money to eat and play, and to bring change if you are selling things.

**Committee heads are as follows:** Barb Sosa/raffle & fundraising; Sharon Wilbur/bake sale; Art Wilbur/turkey shoot; Richard Hawley/kite painting & flying; Deborah Perrin/publicity. Art Wilbur assured everyone that no one intoxicated, drinking, or smelling of alcohol would be able to participate in the turkey shoot. People are encouraged to bring their own weapon, but if not, Art has one to lend as well as ammo. Giselle Botani will do research to find inexpensive kites, Judith Babka offered to donate money for the cost of them. People are encouraged to bring a table and sell their arts and crafts, and their quality used items, all of which a % must be donated to the CCA. Any unsold items must be removed at the end of the event by the vendor. We need a head for the bowling and horseshoe area, as well as volunteers to run the BBQ. We also need to adapt some of the various games for children, too. There will be another meeting to continue to organize this event: 2pm Monday, May 25, at Elisabeth Maier's house, 7 Mesa Road. Please come participate!

**Phone Tree:** Elisabeth Maier said she and the Boxbergers came up with an initial draft for the phone tree after sorting through numerous lists from the past. The draft was passed around at the meeting, and people were encouraged to look it over for errors or omissions. The draft is composed of 8 or 9 groups of people with 2 dispatchers for each group. The people were grouped generally according to where they live in Carson. We still need to assign 3 primary dispatchers and the list will be complete. The list will be used for emergencies, as well as for inviting people to Carson events.

**Found Treasure:** Deborah Perrin did some research and determined that the CCA might own some items that are not frequently used but worth selling online to raise money. A motion was passed for her to continue her research further.

**Taosnet info:** Elisabeth Maier said that the requirements to make Taosnet accessible to more Carson residents would be to have a tower in Carson with a clear line of sight to Taosnet office in Taos, as well as electricity. The terrain here could be a problem, with trees creating obstacles to the sightline. Art Wilber said he would be willing to put a tower on his property.

**Community Center improvements:** Rob Hughes brought drawings he made of the proposed shade porch along the east side of the Quonset. In order to connect that exterior space more cohesively with the interior for parties, a new door would be cut into the east side of the building. The cost of the porch would be approximately \$1000. Also, the existing pilapa needs to be demolished.

**Sign for Community Center:** Bob Logue suggested we get a sign for the Community Center. Art Wilbur will ask Terry Wolff if he would volunteer to make one. Cricket said she would help if needed.

**Generating community interest:** Jim Defibaugh pointed out the importance of talking up the CCA and encouraging people to come to events and meetings.

**Emergency Response:** Art Wilbur will research the cost of getting a siren/alarm for Carson that could be sounded in the event of an emergency.

**Poco Loco General Store:** Merilee Lighty encouraged people to stop at the Poco Loco *first* with their shopping lists to get as much of them fulfilled there, then proceeding to town for things the store may not have. Deborah Perrin recommended opening an account at the Poco Loco by giving them a check and drawing from that. Also, bulk items can be ordered from the store, too. All of these things can help increase business for the Poco Loco and keep it open here in Carson.

**Possible solar array:** Richard Hawley spoke with Vern Lehmann a few years ago: Vern was talking about putting up a field of solar panels on Tres Orejas to create a green electric alternative to Kit Carson. The only real negative commentary at the meeting was the negative visual impact this might create; however, there could be ways to camouflage the panels. Richard will talk to Vern to see if he is still considering this.

**Artwork:** Jim Defibaugh brought an example of artwork he has access to, which could be sold to raise money for the CCA. The question is: salability and storage.

**Next CCA Meeting:** Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, CCA Community Center, Potluck.