

CCA Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2011

Present: 16 Carson residents

The meeting started with old biz, followed by a discussion about roads: Bob Logue explained that the Carson Community Action Committee, (which is now known as Carson Community Association), was originally started to get road work done. Everyone in Taos County refers to our road as South Carson Road, *except* the road department, which refers to it as Post Office Road. So, when calling the road department to report bad road conditions which need attention, please call it Post Office Road. The person to call is Rick Chavez, 737-6472 or 779-9501, (who said he got a lot of complaints when the culvert was removed and there was a sandy ditch in front of Freedom Road, so please be courteous). When Art and Sharon Wilbur spoke with Rick about widening the road and adding culverts, he explained that there are parts of the road that are on private land. That means we need to start a petition to obtain permission from the landowners along South Carson Road, (specifically from Fox Hill to Hwy 567), to improve the road. Elisabeth Maier and Jim Defibaugh will go to the mapping department to obtain the addresses. Terry Wolff will write the petition. Art will then invite Rick Chavez to a meeting to see the condition of our road. Also, we need to reinstate the adopt-a-road program, as there is quite a bit of litter again along the sides. If you volunteered to do this, please do your section. In addition, we have scheduled a Clean-up Hwy 567 Pizza Party for December 3rd, 10am-1pm, as that road is also very littered. The Wilburs will furnish trash bags.

Fire Department: Regarding the 501(c)3, we got an extension as we are waiting for approval of the amendment to our bylaws from the state. Once we have that submitted, we should get our approval from the Feds very soon! Then we can begin to apply for grants, and we'll be able to license our 2 nurses, who have been training with the Ojo Fire Dept, as official EMTs. We currently have 9 Carsonites who are training at Ojo. They have already had life support training and training on a brush truck. Brett Bower is supportive of our FD and will allow us to use his brush truck in the event of a fire. The Ojo FD will supply us with equipment we need, such as uniforms, etc. We still need more people, though. After 10 years of service, a person will receive \$100/month, and after 20 years of service, a person will receive

\$300/month. For life. After just 6 months of training at Ojo, one can go to the Ojo Mineral Springs for free from Monday through Thursday. On the first Saturday of every month there is now a pizza party at the CCA Building for the fire dept trainees. Talk to Art Wilbur if you are interested in signing up. Meanwhile, we will soon erect a sign on our FD land with our new logo designed by Terry Wolff, which will read: "Future home of the CVFD".

Land: We need to move our gate to the CCA land up to our property line, to separate our land from the newly purchased property to the east. Rob Hughes volunteered to do it. Also, Rob bought the Propanel for our shed roof and donated \$100 toward these roofing materials. April Anderson will call Roy Smith to see if he will help Rob Hughes and Arvid Wahlgren to put it on.

Treasurer's Report: Elisabeth Maier reported we have \$6025 in our account as of Sep 30, 2011.

Christmas Party: Since Karen Dwyer and Patrika Brown are no longer hosting the annual Christmas party, the CCA will take it on as a pot-luck party on Saturday, December 17th, from 4-8pm. All of Carson is invited. CCA will provide beverages.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25. Total meeting time 1hr; 25min.