

# CCA Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2015

The CCA General Meeting at the CCA Quonset, 06/27/15, 4:00-5:30 p.m. 16  
Carsonites present + Chris Cody, guest.

**Fire Safety:** Chris Cody, who is the Wildland/Urban Interface Coordinator, the Deputy Chief of the Latir Fire Dept, and highly experienced in fighting fires said they are working on avoiding putting firefighters in danger.

There are 3 things you can do to prevent fires:

1. **Fuel reduction around buildings:** any hazardous fuels that can ignite should be kept out of the following safety zones around structures: 0'-5'= Non-combustible Zone, (nothing can burn); 5'-30'= Low-combustion Zone, (fire-resistant), 30'-100'= get crown fire on the ground! In this zone it's good to thin trees. Make sure crowns are not touching. Clear sagebrush away, (very flammable).
2. **“Hardening” your home:** make or cover your home with fireproof materials such as stucco, metal, plastic, etc. This includes decks, fences, roofs.
3. **Be prepared to evacuate fast-** have a plan for animals, and have medications, photos, items easily gathered. In the event of a fire, the Carson Evacuation Location is the field just west, (left), of the Fire Dept. Please do not leave Carson. Both Greg Busick and Art Wilbur have horse trailers and will help evacuate large animals. Be responsible for your small animals/pets, and take them to the meeting area. It's important to assemble and be accounted for. The Red Cross and Homeland Security is set up to help us in the event of such an emergency. Please be sure your phone numbers and addresses are up to date on the phone tree.

In the event of a fire, everyone can help provide food and water to people. Research shows most houses burn from embers from wood stoves, etc, blown to flammable places that catch fire unbeknownst to the owners. It's good to really check if your house is defensible. Be aware that you may not have electricity to run your well in the event of an emergency. Also be clear your address is visible, and realize that if your road is not accessible, firefighters and EMS might not be able to help you.

**Funding:** There are several websites we could check out and qualify for grants:

www.readysetgo.com, www.firewise.com, and [www.fireadaptivecommunities.com](http://www.fireadaptivecommunities.com)

**Spring Bling Fling** was successful- the turnout was good, people seemed to enjoy themselves, we got to be in the Fire Department building, and the CCA made \$207.

**Carson Food Bank:** Richard and Tupper are doing a great job and could use more help. If you can pitch in, show up any or every Thursday at 2:45. The Food Bank also needs more donations. Art Wilbur agreed to donate a box of large bags, and Elizabeth Brownrigg will donate the next box. The Food bank could use a set-up area for produce such as a countertop on the side of the building. The west side of the Quonset needs to be cleaned up first. There is also a Clothing Bank which seems to be helping people- if you have clothes to donate, contact Elisabeth Maier, and she can pick them up.

**Poco Loco:** is closing some time before the beginning of September. This will most likely impact the Food Bank, and will certainly impact Carson. The Bissells have been very generous in so many ways and very community-minded. We will miss them.

**Quonset ground improvement:** The mud around the Quonset poses a slipping hazard. Peter Allen will come up with a cost to grade the earth and add 2" screened material. Elisabeth Maier, Treas., made a motion for the CCA to be able to use available funds necessary to improve the dangerous areas around the Quonset, even if that exceeds \$100. Motion was seconded by Terry Wolff, and passed unanimously.

**Harvest Moon Festival:** will be on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, from noon-6pm. This coincides with the Abiquiu Studio Tour. The first meeting to organize this event will be on Thursday, July 30, at 4:30 pm at the Quonset. This is fun and we need help, so please come to the meeting.

**High Speed Internet:** Paul Green has been in contact with Taos.net. They've been to Carson 3 times, and need a line of sight for a tower. We are waiting to hear if/where it's possible. Meanwhile, Kit Carson Telecom is moving forward with the optic fiber project, both above and belowground in Carson.

**Board Member Elections:** were held for the position of President and Treasurer. Art Wilber and Elisabeth Maier, respectively, were re-elected unanimously. They've done a great job and will continue to do so!

**Insurance:** The CCA Board is looking into insurance for the CCA building and grounds, and also to protect the CCA itself. The following motion was put on the floor by Gerry Boxberger and was seconded and passed unanimously: The CCA Board can conduct transactions necessary to pay the insurance premiums once the insurance is procured. Richard Hawley will check about insurance. The Santa Fe Food Bank has a "Good Samaritan" clause that may cover some of the insurance needs.

**Wells:** the 2010 Survey showed over 50 wells in Carson compared with the 5-6 in 1990.

**Treasurer's Report:** we currently have \$1506.78.

Now is good time to donate to the CCA: POB 101, Carson 87517.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30. Total time 1h 30m.