

Carson Community Association

General Meeting Minutes

Date and time: August 29, 2021, 10 am

Venue: Carson Community Association Quonset

Present: 33 CCA members; 21 proxies

Agenda:

1. General elections for board officers and members at large
2. Fall festival organizing committee
3. Any other business

CCA President Elizabeth Brownrigg (EB) called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

1. General elections

EB stated that there had been no elections in 2020 and, since 2019, several board members had resigned, were removed, or stopped showing up so people had been appointed until the next election. According to her records, the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two out of the three Board Members were up for election, with Rob Hughes being the only exception. EB provided brief summaries of the responsibilities of officers and board members.

EB proposed following the past practice of staggering elections to provide for some overlap between new and old board members, and voting in the Vice President and Secretary for one-year terms, and the President, Treasurer, and two Board Members for the standard two-year term. She stated this staggering is covered by the bylaws.

Questions were raised by a number of members regarding the proposed staggering. Art Wilbur (AW) proposed holding the elections in accordance with the bylaws and electing the full slate ie all four officers and three at-large board members for the standard two-year term since the current board members elected in 2019 had served their full terms and any appointees were required to step down or be elected at this meeting. He stated that: (a) the bylaws do not provide for any staggering of board terms; (b) it would be best to have a new slate of board members who actively wish to be on the board and who can work well together to accomplish positive things on behalf of the community; (c) it takes at least two years to accomplish any concrete objectives, so board members should be elected for full two-year terms; (d) if the board does a good job serving the community, the community will re-elect them to continue their good work.

A motion (proposed by Art Wilbur, seconded by Jerry Boxberger and several others) to conduct the elections in accordance with the bylaws, and vote in a full slate of four officers and three at-large board members for full two-year terms, was passed by a majority show of hands with no objections.

Before board elections proceeded, AW handed EB signed proxies for 21 members not voting in person at the meeting. Nominations were then invited from the floor. Richard Hawley nominated **Art Wilbur for President** (seconded by Scott Freeman and others) while also thanking EB for all that she had done as CCA President. Art Wilbur then nominated **Scott Freeman for Vice President** (seconded by Deborah Perrin and others), **Jeremy Paine for Treasurer** (seconded by Vicky Lindsay and others), **Paul Green for Secretary** (seconded by Jerry Boxberger and others). AW provided brief backgrounds for each one, stated that he had spoken to each of his nominees; he wants to get a good team that will contribute and know what they are doing, and can work well together to get a lot done for the community. Elizabeth Brownrigg declined a nomination for Treasurer. *The new slate for the full two-year term was confirmed, in turn, by a majority show of hands in favor with no objections.*

There were five nominations for the three at-large Board Member positions: Jerry Boxberger (nominated by Richard Hawley, seconded by Art Wilbur and others); Deborah Perrin (nominated by Maurice Palinski, seconded by Art Wilbur and others); Vonnie Zepeda (nominated by Vicky Lindsay, seconded by Art Wilbur and others); Rob Hughes (nominated by Art Wilbur, seconded by Jerry Boxberger and others); Dustin Freta (nominated by Frank Botema, seconded by Stanley Yuen and others). Voting was done by secret write-in ballots for the top three choices. Treasurer elect Jeremy Paine counted the ballots and announced the three **new Board Members: Vonnie Zepeda, Jerry Boxberger, Rob Hughes**. *They were confirmed by a majority show of hands in favor with no objections.*

A question was asked about who qualifies to be a CCA member. AW stated that the bylaws delineates the area covered by CCA and it goes up to where the flag is at the Three Peaks area; the Drakes' property is specifically excluded by their request. Anyone who owns or rents property within this area is automatically a member of CCA. No one is required to pay dues and the CCA depends on donations.

2. Fall festival

Art Wilbur led a discussion about the proposed Fall Festival, tentatively set for October 3, 2021. He emphasized that everything is contingent upon how the pandemic develops over the next two months. However, the community can still make plans. He appointed **Vonnie Zepeda overall organizer** for the event. He would like a final organizing meeting on September 26, 2021. People who might help with or oversee different aspects: food (Craig Osen), bake sale (Sharon Wilbur), pie sale (Frank Botema), music (Crittter and Bill

Marshall), raffles (Paul Green, Peter Allen, Eric), publicity (Paul Green). AW would like to see more fun activities in the open field: archery contest; ladies arm-wrestling contest; firemen in shorts doing car washes; respite, oxygen, and massage tent. He invited members to put forward their ideas.

3. Any other business

EB raised the issue of improving S Carson Way, the road leading to the Quonset. She stated that the community had voted to use surplus funds held by the CCA on this project. Rob Hughes indicated that prices have sky-rocketed since the rough estimate from two years ago, so the whole issue needs to be revisited. The funds will no longer cover much of the work. *A motion to cancel pre-existing plans for S Carson Way and for the new board to start over was proposed and passed with no objection.*

AW thanked everyone for their support and announced that the **first meeting of the new board would be on Friday September 3, 2021, 2:00 pm at his house**. He is keen to get the board started and running immediately. One of the things the board will be looking at is expanding the Quonset to become a real community center with electricity and heating, and more welcoming for activities apart from the food bank eg Bingo. EGB asked where the money would come from to pay the monthly minimal bill simply to be connected to the electricity grid. Rob Hughes suggested that CCA should explore going solar. CCA could ask local businesses to donate materials, and community members to donate their skills and labor. AW would like to flag people down with Scott Freeman (SF) and a fire truck on 567, and hand them leaflets or invites to an event to get to know the CCA and the community. AW stated that having SF as the CCA's new Vice President and Fire Chief was a godsend. SF announced that a grant application to greatly expand the Carson Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) building looked very good, so that could happen in the next year.

The meeting ended at 11.20 am.