

Berry Creek Community Association

March 14, 2009

Minutes

70 Graystone Lane

Council Members present: Roger Cutler, Skip Gross, Dori Hamill, Kat Molohon

Absent: Loren Gill

Minutes from February approved.

Treasurer Report: \$50 check written to Will Cotter.

Checking: \$115.16, Savings: \$325.35

Need to buy black ink, paint for bucket signs, brushes and renew PO Box

Committee Reports:

Planning and Zoning:

*It was suggested that we should possibly buy a flash drive to preserve files.

***General Plan 2030** Feb 18, 19 Board of Supervisors met. Discussed deer herd migration. 20 acre minimum and 40 acre min. They felt it should all be 40 acre min.

Institute flexible lot if acreage is bigger than 40 acres. September is the target for decisions. This may hurt chances of discussion by community to subdivide.

**General Plan Housing Element Public Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 5-8pm at the Oroville Sports Club, 2600 Oro Dam Blvd E. The public will be invited to comment on community housing needs and policies.

*Email notification from Planning Dept. at County to go to Dori and Nanci due to large file sizes. Those emails are generally sent out mid week for next week. Only addresses larger projects. Agenda lists parcel numbers and projects. Gives us a chance to look at it. We can check building permits on Butte County website.

Roads and Trails:

*Andy went to BOS meeting on Feb 24 re: Berry Creek Rd designation to recreation.

Approved all which will get right of way. Allows them to put removable bollards.

ACTION: check minutes on website from Feb 24. to confirm.

*Demonstration portion of road: possible stimulus money? Andy met with County guy previously to show problems with road. We need to continue to make our needs known to County.

*Kathy continues to work on advisory road signs with Mark Jones. They can't get us speed limit signs. We will get advisory signs and "no dumping" signs. Still need to take photos of dangerous areas of road that show crumbling road. It is requested by the council that if Kathy or Andy meets with Mark, please coordinate the meeting so you can both be there.

Petition to Widen Rd.: meet with Bill Connelly to see if money is in pipeline and hold off until there is some word.

Public Health:

*Cathy is communicating with visiting nurse from county. County Health has said that they are not sure what they can provide is what we need. The county has taken over a Children's Health and Disability program. What is the community looking for in a visiting nurse? Screenings: blood sugar/pressure, brief exam? Difficulty is in follow up, since resources are limited. ACTION: Ask community input at Town Mtg.

*Next fall's flu clinic: It was funded from state for \$2 shots. Cathy will follow up on scheduling shot clinic. Funded by Senior Services. Hours may be 1-4pm to avoid lunch and overtime.

Public Safety:

*Coordinate with Fire Safe Council. They meet Thursday, 3rd week of month.

*Skip reports that Butte County received approval for radio permit. Now it belongs to OES. Next step is to get funding to move tower to Bloomer. Skip contacted USFS in Quincy. We turned over control to State? Waiting for Mike Shorrock to get approval from Calfire who sends it to state for approval. Radio is WQCE 340, Nifty 1250am. Bill Baker, ISS owns radio. Issue with FCC inspectors that said there is a storm coming up. Was told to desist. Need FCC approval for info. Can't say any upcoming weather/emergency. ACTION write to Bill Baker and FCC supporting early notification for safety issues.

*Berry Fest is Aug. 8

*BOS Budget Cuts to close Amador fire stations in rural areas during winter months. Council attended meeting. Berry Creek objected to closures and wanted CalFire to cut expenses from the top, not from services.

Roger met with Mike Shorrock and Henry Brachere to clarify our position. Cuts should come from top. They listened and we reiterated our position.

Winter closures: maintain demand for fire services.

*There is a MOE signed but was not used in last emergency. Hopefully when we meet with the heads of emergency services we can clarify our needs.

*Having Accurate Maps is one of our goals for our firefighters and visiting fire companies during emergencies. We will have Co. 61 firefighters at the Town Mtg who will have community members confirm whether their info is accurate on the master map and make any changes, add water sources and locked gates to the map.

*Letter will be sent to John Gulserian, Office of Emergency Services, Butte County requesting a coordinated meeting with emergency departments. This meeting will hopefully better prepare our community for the next emergency.

Watershed:

*Kathy has meeting with Paul Goslin at end of March. In the works for grants. Go through Fire Safe Council since they are non profit.

*Septic: ACTION: recommend Council draft letter opposing Septic Action: call Paradise, write to state reps. Dori has been in contact with Dan Logue's office. He opposes new septic regulations. They would have an impact on everyone in Berry Creek. We want to make sure our water supplies are safe but feel the new rules would be a financial burden and there are better ways to monitor the situation. We all live downstream.

Parks and Rec.

*Shirley has created some suggestion for classes.

We will either have a station at meeting where people can add their suggestions or have a group discussion, or both.

*Question from Andy: There are stands of dead trees from the fires, is anything going to be done with clearing them? Action: Call USFS to find out who might be responsible.

*Will, Dori and Mary will look into grant writing for acquiring new park property. Work with FRRP on grant writing.

Website:

*Will and Dori are continuing to work on getting the new and improved website up and running for the Town Meeting.

Agenda for Town Mtg.

Format:

Early voting at Post Office starts March 23-27, permits, buckets signs in place.

Election: Open polls: Volunteers for voting booth: Mary, Shirley, Nanci

Business directory, \$20 year to highlight Berry Creek businesses. Donations will support website

Public Safety: Mike Shorrock, Fire Safe Council, Sheriff, Reed Rankin

Logo Contest: Open to whole community. Promote community spirit, young to old Present to BC School children the following week after meeting. Due May 1, 2009 Mary creating flyer for contest.

4 min maximum for Committee Reports

Meeting Adjourned