

Berry Creek Community Association

Minutes

April 12, 2008

70 Graystone Lane

9-10:30am

Executive Council Members Present:

RogerCutler, Loren Gill, SkipGross, Dori Hamill (minutes)

Executive Members Absent: none

There is currently one seat vacant on the 5 member Council

Treasurer's Report

Balance \$405.00

Waiting for reissue of check for \$200.00 from Berry Festival

Nominees for Executive Council

Roger Cutler

Fred Schrader

Kathryn Molohon

Close nominations on April 30, with the allowance of a write in name at the election.

501c3 report by Roger

Attorney fees very expensive. Roger bought a Non Profit Corporation book to read. Tim Hannon offered his help since he just went through the process. We will pursue this informally with the help book and cd.

Committee Reports

Committee	Chair	Liaison	Plan
Public Safety	Rikki	Skip	Prioritize (reverse 911 for lost child)Is it only for landlines?
PublicHealth	Cathy Jaborski	Dori	Contact insurance providers about BCCA eligible for group health plan? Research and document past clinic. Contact air quality mgt.

Roads and Trails	None yet	Loren	Signs speed
Planning and Zoning	John	Roger	General Plan 2030
Parks and Rec	Shirley	Loren	Identify public and private sites for public trails and parks.
Watershed	Kathy	Loren	Will learn and meet with from other watershed groups. Some also work with Firesafe Council. It is reported that there is a new commercial bldg next to Grange. They have big tanks. Investigate situation.

Butte County General Plan

3 Alternatives available for consideration. We don't necessarily need to accept any of these, and can create our own.

Discussion:

CAC workshop on Berry Creek at 5 at Checkers in Oroville.

Loren's input starts by addressing that the original study is flawed with old info incorrect. Based on a 1970's study. 1.

Issues: What does Berry Creek mean? Board of Supervisors denied our request for expanding area to watershed.

Lake Madrone doesn't supply water. Berry Creek Community Services District is self contained. No surface water Lake Madrone.

Public Services: Downgraded Fire 60,61

Brush Creek part of BC, as well as Forest Service hotshots

62 year round

We have a new fire station to open soon.

Sheriff Services: Slow times but we have a resident deputy sheriff.

Bike Circulation: multi-purpose trail planned and ask for bike lane

p.201 Geological Hazards. Are we really subject to landslides?

Plan for school is to enlarge cafeteria. Is there money there already?

Can we accept that there will be development and that we want to minimize?

Response to report from Mary:

Less development the better, like the rural atmosphere. Water is main concern with any new development. Prefer 2nd alternative.

Report concentrates 300 homes in a small area. How is that affecting water, septic?

Main desire is to preserve the rural character of Berry Creek .

Member reports that Paradise and other areas have septic problems.

A Member notes Canyon Creek has parcels that are ripe for dividing. Concerns about road.

We expect development but want it planned to retain rural character.

Balance nature and human needs.

Bloomer Hill : 1 acre parcels were given away as prizes. There are many, many parcels. Who owns? Any plans for development?

Deer migration equals 40 acre parcels, based on studies before Lake Oroville was filled and blocked migration route.

Action: Use Planning Dept of Butte County to help learn about planning developments.

Question of Timber harvesting vs agricultural uses.

Local farmers: Vineyards and small orchards.

Commercial development: report says that we are not populated enough for retail. There are needs of local residents, such as a hardware store, feed store.

Mary is opposed to more retail development at this time. Others feel that we could expand existing business to meet needs. Or modest expansion but not a strip mall.

High speed internet to lure software companies.

Concerns raised that a hardware store would not be able to support itself.

General store-diversified concept.

How do you control who develops what?

More concerned with amount of business than where they are located.

Chico is overgrown, how do avoid that?

Bob: Resources through chamber of commerce.

Website: A local professional resource on website. To promote Berry Creek businesses such as: Baby Chicks, Smiths Small Animals, plumbing ,wells, metal smiths, etc.
Bob will look into Chamber of Commerce.

Bucket Signs: Add: Discuss the future of Berry Creek to signs.

Tire Amnesty coming up.

10th Annual Berry Festival, August 9, 2008

We would like to invite Bill Connelly and Gorgon Andoe to May 10 election

Roger wants to know how to proceed on CAC meeting Thursday.

Adjourned 10:30am