

College Terrace Residents' Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 7:00PM
Fireside Room, University Lutheran Church

Attendance

Board Members: James Cook, Chris Saccheri, Annette Ross, Pria Graves, Taylor Brady, Margaret Heath, Jens Jensen

Members of the Public: Doria Summa, Ed Schmitt, Fred Balin, Sue Dremann

“Open Mic” (public comment time)

Doria Summa

New City of Palo Alto technical tree ordinance/manual coming soon (then going to council for approval). She recommends the CTRA be proactive and write a letter in support of keeping redwoods on the protected trees list. The Board agreed and James will draft a letter, noting that the letter comes from the CTRA Board, not the neighborhood as a whole (individuals are welcome to write letters as well).

Agenda Changes

Adding Ed Schmitt re: traffic monitoring

Traffic Monitoring

Ed Schmitt

For the past four years, Ed has led the traffic monitoring/counting process around College Terrace. The equipment used for the monitoring needs repair but, before working with the manufacturer on this, Ed wants to know if the Board is still interested in monitoring neighborhood traffic. If so, Ed will work to get the equipment fixed, but would like to retire from his duties and donate the computer and equipment he's been using to the CTRA for future use.

After some discussion regarding the objectives and dissemination of monitoring data, the Board voted to support continuing the traffic counts, though did not commit to a dollar amount for the cost of repairs to the system. The Board also acknowledged the need to find someone in the neighborhood to manage the traffic monitoring program.

Stanford GUP Update

Pria Graves (CTRA Stanford Observer)

Pria will send the Board the latest schedule of upcoming GUP-related meetings, including Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors hearing and workshop dates. She hopes that some of these meetings will take place in Palo Alto.

The Board discussed ways to keep the neighborhood informed about the ongoing GUP process, including adding more information to the CTRA website.

Coyotes in College Terrace

James read Ann Balin's email to the board summarizing her conversation with Peter Gotcher (the wildlife expert who presented at the May CTRA meeting). He believes the coyote population has remained stable and believes they may leave in October. Residents should continue sending him sightings which, to date, have been clustered near Kite Hill but also as far away as El Camino Real.

Parking Permit Discussion

Renewal letters for the CT Parking program were sent out this week, which is quite late given that the deadline is August 31. The Board voted to write a letter to the City requesting a one-month extension of the renewal period.

Doria recommended the Board reinstate its parking oversight committee to ensure a) the City sends out renewal letters in a timely manner and b) information about opting in/out of the program is clearly communicated to residents (there was no mention of it in the renewal letter or on the current City parking website).

Fall Picnic

Taylor Brady (CTRA Social Coordinator)

The Fall picnic is coming up on Saturday, October 20. To help defray the costs of the picnic, some fundraising ideas were presented:

- Cake walk
- Pumpkin pie cook-off
- Costume contest for pets

The Board agreed to dedicate significant time at next month's meeting to discuss picnic logistics. There was also discussion about possibly tapping into the City's fund for neighborhood get-togethers.

CT Market Fines/News

This item was moved to next month's meeting.

Board Updates

Jens Jensen (CTRA Communications Director)

Interested in changing the way the neighborhood email list is handled. He'll sync up with Chris to discuss options.

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday September 19, 7pm, University Lutheran Church

Prepared by Chris Saccheri

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