

Audubon Hills Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2008

Meeting called to order 2:00

AHA! Board members introduced, Jim McCarthy conducted meeting.

Remembrance of AHCSO president Mike Fennessy and resident Mark Moody.

Treasurer's report

- The treasurer's report is clear cut. The opening amount from June 18, 2007 is \$3,061.76 and the closing on June 19, 2008 is \$4915.31.

Benches

- Jim mentioned the purchase of two additional benches for the community. Each bench costs are approximately \$700.
 - One to be dedicated to Mike Fennessy, for his service to the CSD, and installed in front of his home on Audubon Dr. and Mockingbird.
 - Another bench is to be installed at the end of Audubon, somewhere on Waxwing.
 - Larry Linville made a motion for the purchase of 2 benches, Inge Clark seconded the motion. All were in favor and passed the motion for the purchase of 2 benches.

AHCSO

- Jim introduced the board members. Informed the attendees that he is now the president of CSD, and that is why he's stepping down from being president of AHA!
- Said road side clearing is now done. The next goal is to start paving side roads, Waxwing will be the first. The roads will all be widened to approximately 14' and will have a turn around at the end.
 - The question was asked, 'what was the purpose of widening the roads?' Jim said they needed to be widened to accommodate emergency vehicle clearance requirements. He stated that the fire department will not go down some of these roads in a wildfire, because it's unsafe for them, they don't have to take that risk. So widening the roads will keep all residents safe.
 - What if I have something in the easement, that's in the way of widening it? You will have to move those items, if we are unable to go widen on the other side of the road. We must stay within out CSD easement, when improving the roads, and we will try our best not to impact any development. But...keep in mind, these improvements are for your and your neighbors safety. Your understanding is appreciated.
 - Another question was, will culverts be replaced when removed during widening. Jim said that any culverts removed will be replaced and fixed.
 - Whose road gets paved first? The paving order will be determined by the greatest number of homes that are utilizing the road, will be paved first.
- Veer camp has to increase their bid, since the cost of oil has increased so drastically since their bid was given to us.

Neighborhood Watch

- Our neighborhood watch has had a test over the last week. We are in good shape in our community, but there are some issues with emergency personal and communication with our N.W.
- Officer Murdoch, with the Sheriff's dept., said we are the most organized N.W. in El Dorado County; there isn't another like us here.
- Jim Wells was wonderful to the residents on Waxwing, during the incident on June 12. He heard sirens, turned on his scanner, and contacted neighbors to tell them to stay inside until they are told there was an all clear. Lisa House and Inge Clarke, residents of Magpie and Waxwing, said he was the only one to

warn them and help them through the incident. They were very thankful for his help. (Jim Wells got a round of applause).

- Jim Wells explained some of the difficulties presented to him on June 12, and that the fire department that was waiting on Mockingbird basically told him to go home, when he drove up offering our maps, names, and phone numbers for the Sheriff Dept. incident commander. Later, Officer Murdoch stated he would have given anything for that map. So the Sheriff's department is going to go over some of this with various departments and emergency personal. This shouldn't have happened.
- The sheriff's office said a scanner was crucial to the success of a neighborhood watch, and the last week proved that. Kim said scanners run about \$150 apiece, and suggested that it was a good idea to purchase a scanner for the executive board members and N.W. captain. That way if one person is out of town, like the McCarthy's were last week, then another board member would know to turn them on if they hear sirens or planes circling overhead, so they could alert the community
- Mark Stanley said he can get an emergency personal discount on scanners, he will look into it.
- Vicky Yorty, from the E.D. Fire Safe Council, said the scanners were extremely important for keeping up to date on fires as well. She said it would definitely help the community to be ahead of the game, and to know if they need to prepare to evacuate.
 - Scanners are the first step in community safety, and she said she would give us the law and fire frequencies that filter out the garbage and are more local.
 - She also suggested handheld, because they can be taken with you during an emergency.
 - Lisa Hoffman made the motion to purchase scanners for the board members and N.W.. Lisa House seconded the motion. All were in favor and passed the motion to purchase scanners.

Dumpsters

- Vicky Yorty said that she has a grant to get us as many green dumpsters as we need. So we won't have that cost.
- Approval was needed to rent Spring and Fall dumpsters. Mark
 - Mark Stanley mentioned that we should schedule spring clean up during the Camino Dump Day, to reduce costs. It's free, so we might as well utilize it. The garbage will just need to be taken to the two dumpsters in town. Many were in favor of this.
 - A motion was made for approval of two dumpsters, just in case the program will not happen, or we need two during fall clean up. All were in favor and the motion was passed to rent two dumpsters.

AHA! Board Positions

- There are 3 positions up for a vote.
 - President-Jim McCarthy is stepping down due to his recent appointment as president of Audubon Hills Community Services District. Mark Stanley was asked if he would run for president, because of his expertise in fire management. He can help us get a fire safe council for Audubon Hills.
 - A motion was made by Kim McCarthy, to elect Mark Stanley as Audubon Hills Association president, the motion was seconded, and all were in favor of voting Mark Stanley as AHA! new president.
 - Secretary/Treasurer-Sue Collier is willing to run again, if there's no-one else interested.
 - A motion was made by Don Murray to re-elect Sue Collier for Secretary Treasurer, the motion was seconded, and all were in favor for re-electing Sue Collier.
 - 1st Director-Don Murray is willing to run again.
 - A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Don Murray as 1st Director.

Drawings

- There were two drawings for prizes.
 - Robin Stanley won a \$40 Camino Garden Center gift certificate for attending the picnic.

- Larry Wilson won his \$25 dues back for attending the meeting.

Fire Exit Clearing

- Seventeen year old resident, Quinn McCarthy, explained that he had to choose a senior project for his high school, Shenandoah. He chose clearing fire exits for Audubon Hills, after seeing how overgrown the original ones had become.
- His influence came from seeing the devastation at Angora Fire, and he realized we needed safe exits out, so we wouldn't get trapped.
- Quinn asked for residents to contact him, if they feel they have an exit that could be used.
- He also asked for volunteers to help him.
- Quinn explained some of the legal issues he's had to research, before even starting.
 - He also explained that he had to get permission from each property to allow the exit to be cleared on their property.
- Vicky Yorty explained that that identifying evacuation routes was very necessary, and they can be done without creating a through-way.

Fire/Emergency Safety-Vicky Yorty w/ Fire Safe Council

- Chipping program will be coming out at the end of next week. No calls have been made to residents yet.
- They can take up to 9" rounds, but something that size can be used for firewood.
- A suggestion to all residents is to clear out under and around your propane tank.
 - Then put a 10' circle of rock under and around the tank, on the ground, so fire won't ignite it.
 - You can also use a perimeter of rock around your house, 4' from the edge and out, to keep fire from crawling to your house.
- It's a great effort the road committee is taking, to widen the very narrow roads in Audubon Hills. These are very unsafe, in the event of any emergency, and I commend your community for recognizing and fixing the issue.
- Be sure to change your batteries on your smoke detector today.
- Kim showed the example of a community wide effort to put highly reflective street address signs up.
 - These signs are \$25 each. The residents didn't want green, so she found brown. The brown base and white of the numbers are all reflective.
 - These are crucial to the emergency personal trying to find your home.
 - A couple of residents had a 15-20 minute delay, because the ambulance couldn't find their home address.
 - These signs also help firefighters see your address in the smoke.
 - They are fire resistance, and will be need to be put on metal posts, so the don't burn.
 - Orders are being taken now. If we get a large order, the price will go down, and we can include the posts and brackets in that \$25 price.

Meeting called to conclusion 3:15.

Vicky Yorty will be talking about what the Fire Safe Council can offer our community.