

CACHE PEAK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES

February 5, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Almo, Idaho

Cache Peak Emergency Services Building

(Recording Secretary's Note: This document updates the original minutes with 2 updates as per comments made at the March 5, 2009 meeting.)

The attendance sheet is attached.

Dee Jay Stanger called the meeting to order. The December 2008 (no meeting in January 2009) minutes were read and approved. Sadie Udy read the treasury report. CPCA moneys are:

Account	Amount
501C3	\$3980.00
501C4	\$812.65
Playground Fund	\$2189.24
Total	\$6981.89

Our New County Sheriff. Sheriff Randy Kidd and his Undersheriff, George Warrell, were given the floor to introduce themselves, talk about their goals, and discuss any concerns or comments our community has. Sheriff Kidd's underlying goals are to improve services for the public and increase staff working efficiency. He feels his job is to serve the public. Some of his tasks towards this goal are:

- Provide front office help to public by having 2 people available to answer questions.
- Keep Drivers' License office open as close to 5:30 p.m. as possible. State computers shut down at 5:30 p.m. so they can't extend the hours any further.
- Rebuild resident deputy program so each town has a deputy.
- Increase the knowledge about the county among staff with a Roving Resident Deputy program and Dispatch training. Resident deputies will spend some time each month patrolling different parts of county to increase their familiarity with its entirety. Dispatchers will get county tours to give them a better sense of the area to increase their ability to get clear information from call-ins.
- Improve court house security.
- Increase drug dog count from 1 to 5. His mid-year goal is 3. Current dog is a patrol dog and a drug dog. Patrol dogs are quite expensive, but drug dogs are not as expensive. Drugs are the major crime problem for Cassia County.
- Incorporate new dispatch software that shows location of caller on map if they are on a land line. Cell phone location will be available after phase II implementation.

George Warrell introduced himself. He lives in Oakley and reiterated that they were in office to serve the public. His door is always open. Undersheriff Warrell is a dog trainer capable of training the drug dogs, which will significantly reduce the costs of the expanding dog program.

After introductions and initial overviews, the floor was open for questions.

Stan Lloyd asked Sheriff Kidd if the highway project was still a go. Answer: As far as he has heard, it is still on.

Dee Ann Spencer asked what the top 3 problems were. Answer: Drugs, drugs, and drugs. Drugs drive all the other criminal activity. Progress is being made, but the dogs will really help.

Stan Spencer asked about the county's relationship with Box Elder County. Answer: We have a good relationship and are going to work out a formal Memorandum of Understanding. If needed, an officer can currently pursue across state line.

Dee Ann Spencer commented that the dispatchers need to come out to Yost as part of their tour because a problem occurred with Dispatch a while ago. Answer: Okay. We will also be implementing some new software that brings up the caller's location on a map. (See previous bullet points)

Sherry Spencer asked about any budget cut possibilities. Answer: Not yet. We have a moderate shortfall, but it is not a desperate concern. The department is fully funded by federal Payment in Lou of Taxes (PILT) money.

Mike Santini asked if there is any Homeland Security money for the fire department. Answer: The Homeland Security 2009 money has not come down yet. Start a wish list and we will see what we can do.

Once the questions were done, Stan Lloyd and Mike Santini gave Randy Kidd and George Warrell a tour of the firehouse.

Bookmobile Report. Janice Durfee provided an update on the bookmobile project. We need \$10,000, and are currently at \$8,800. Donations are regularly coming in. Presently it looks like we will get 2 days of service with stops in Yost, Elba, Malta. There will be a stop on the Sublett road at Harris's.

Zoning Meeting Update. Kent Durfee reported about the zoning meeting held December 18, 2008. The meeting was poorly attended, but the commission was sympathetic to the problems, and discussed options for changing the current definitions. They are considering requiring a conditional use permit for subdivisions proposing to build in Multiple Use zones. A conditional use permit would allow public input to be considered. The commission could not do anything about the water problems K. Wells discussed in the November 6, 2008 CPCA meeting. They felt it was out of their jurisdiction. There was also a worry about getting too specific about zoning laws. They want to strike a balance between protecting communities and respecting people's lives.

George Darrington asked if the county has the power to make zoning definition changes. Answer: Yes, but there is a process.

Stan Lloyd pointed out that the water rights with respect to developers get fuzzy. If the water rights are sold, the water can go anywhere in the subdivision.

George Darrington asked if it is feasible to require developers to provide certain features. Answer: McMurry is looking into this.

George Darrington suggested that we invite the county up again to talk about zoning process

California Trail News. Stan Lloyd gave an update on the overlook near the Almo transfer station. A forensic dog will be out to check out the potential gravesite. The experts are confident it is a gravesite. 20 steps away from the gravesite is the best example of the California Trail that we have. The plan is to let people walk the section, but fence off the grave. Completion of the site work would be a great Eagle Scout project.

Janice Durfee commented that we need to get the California Trail information on the website. She also pointed out that we need to make our website payment. (***Update: The money owed was \$100.00 for the domain payment and \$130.00 for programming changes.***)

Stan Lloyd reported that there is a new sign out by the Twin Sisters explaining that an 1849 wagon train going through the area would have been in the Oregon territory looking south into Mexico.

Juanita Jones reported that more park signs are in the works and are scheduled to be in place this June.

Closing Comments and Ideas. Kent Durfee suggested that we see if we can hang signs in local businesses reminding folks to renew their CPCA memberships.

George Darrington suggested that we email out a bullet point recap of meetings, create a calendar of area events.

Janice Durfee suggested that it a CPCA cookout and tour this summer might be an enjoyable association activity. George Darrington proposed that we should talk about this next meeting.

Stan Lloyd reported that the Twin Falls paper had a City of Rocks National Reserve write up.

George Darrington moved to end the meeting. Stan Spencer seconded the motion. (***Update: This is backwards. Stan Spencer moved to close the meeting and George Darrington seconded the motion.***)