

DCNA Area Representatives Meeting

March 4, 2019

Present: Marilyn H., Amy F., Dianne B., Andy F., Noni Z., Steve P., Jan B. , Jim P.

Not present: Michelle F.

Agenda:

Fire Prevention Presentation (Noni)

Neighborhood map

DCNA communications

Block Party 2019

Next meeting date

1. **Fire Presentation**

- a. Noni will report on this at our next meeting.

2. **Neighborhood Map**

- a. Andy will get map updates from Chet and will send the updated map to area representatives for their review and feedback.
- b. Andy will also make sure that the map includes the two subdivided lots on the former Shadi property, with house numbers.

3. **DCNA Communications**

- a. We agreed we should limit the number of emails that DCNA sends to the entire neighborhood to no more than 4 per year (1x/quarter). The Annual Block Party and the National Night Out account for two issues, leaving two others available for other announcements.
- b. Andy suggested we consider building a digital community for the neighborhood, using a managed list service with perhaps one list comprising the area representatives and one list including all households in the neighborhood. Members of each list would be able to send email to everyone else on the list, but they would not be able to see anyone else's email addresses. It was suggested that this type of list might be subject to over-use, so that DCNA-related business announcements might be lost in the noise.
- c. Andy will do a test mailing just to the area representatives.

- d. Our current communications, through WIX, are one-way, out only, with no mechanism for people to respond, though Andy can monitor statistics like how many recipients actually open each email, etc.
- e. We still need a representative for Area C.

4. Block Party 2019

- a. We set the date for April 27, and Amy agreed to coordinate once again. She will send the list from last year to remind us of who brought what last time. Dianne asked to be added to the list, as she was not here for the party last year.
- b. After some discussion, we agreed the Block Party will be held on the upper section of Don Carol Drive the flat area.
- c. For the Disaster Preparedness aspect of the party, Amy will contact Phil and ask him about contact information for the Fire Dept. fire extinguishers, gas meters, etc. She will also ask Phil if he would like to offer a disaster preparedness briefing/training.
- d. A neighbor, Jim Dolgona, is active in the Neighborhood Watch organization. Amy will ask him if he would be willing to come to the Block Party and provide a report of that organization's activities. Apparently, there is some street crime in the hills (car break-ins) but not in our specific neighborhood.

5. Next Meeting

- a. We scheduled the next meeting for Monday, April 8 at the Flint's house. This meeting will include planning for the Block Party.

6. CPUC Rule 20A (discussion prior to start of the meeting's agenda)

- a. This is the CPUC Rule whereby PG&E collects funds from ratepayers to be used to pay for the undergrounding of utilities along roads that meet specific criteria. A request for undergrounding using this program must be initiated by the City. Dianne reported she has contacted both El Cerrito city staff (September) and one City Council member (January) to ask them to initiate a request to PG&E for the undergrounding of utilities along Arlington in El Cerrito using this program. So far, there has been no response other than a promise to "look into it." Of the 150 projects on the pending list for this program, El Cerrito has none. Dianne's next step will probably be to email the entire City Council about this.