

MINUTES OF THE RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION (RNA) BOARD MEETING  
April 13, 2024

**Board of Directors Present:** Charles Luke, President; Dave Ballard, Vice President; Kristin Ballard, Treasurer; Chrystal Aceves, Secretary; Tom Crosby, RNA Propane Co-op Program; Karen Hebert, Block Captains' Coordinator/Co-webmaster/Membership

**Committee Members Present:** Randy Aceves, Ridgewood 108 Firewise Lead; Chris Amend, Architectural Chair/Block 2 Captain

**General Business**

The focus of this meeting is to discuss the details for the Spring Social on May 5, 2024 and is being held prior to the Firewise Outreach and Educational event happening at 1:00pm on this same day.

The meeting of the RNA Board of Directors was held at the Moose Lodge and called to order at 11:18 am by President Charles Luke.

President Luke confirmed there was a quorum present to proceed with the meeting.

**Board Minutes and Newsletter — Chrystal Aceves**

- February 19, 2024 Board meeting minutes motion to approve by Charles and second by Karen Hebert with year correction to 2023 for October General meeting and get-together.
- 2024 Issue 1 of the RNA Newsletter has been distributed. 2024 Issue 2 & 3 Firewise Bulletins have also been distributed. Issues 1, 2, & 3 were emailed and posted to the website and 39 were snail-mailed.
- Action Item: information from this meeting and follow-up information from Charles and with Karen's help; prepare, coordinate feedback, print, post and distribute flyer for Spring Social.

**Treasurer Report – Kristin Ballard**

Currently have 57 paid 2024 dues. 2023 Non-Profit Taxes have been filed. Motion to approve Treasurer report by Karen and second by Dave Ballard.

**Social Event Flyer Content – Charles Luke**

Charles will send thoughts for flyer content to Chrystal and Karen. Information should include that Todd and Cyndi will be providing chips and salsa for everyone, RNA provided food items and paper products, bring your own chairs, Ryan Campbell will attend, bring a dish and beverage to share, etc.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Firewise – Randy Aceves, Lead**

Today (April 13, 2024) is the Ridgewood 108 Firewise Outreach and Educational Event.

Randy announced that he attended a 2-day defensible space and home hardening training course hosted by Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services (OES). This training is not currently open to the public and he was identified as a qualified entity to be invited to this training opportunity. Other qualified participants; Fire

Safe Councils, local Conservation Districts, and Registered Professional Foresters. His certificate of completion certifies him as a Home Hardening/Defensible Space Assessor (DSA). When this program is rolled out, he is certified to work with CalFire to conduct defensible space and home hardening assessments within the Ridgewood 108 Firewise responsibility area.

### **Co-Webmaster – Karen Hebert**

Karen is posting meeting minutes, firewise bulletins, RNA newsletters and event flyers as she receives them. She is also sending out the email blasts as needed. Don's daughter, Katharine, has not had the time (due to her busy schedule and workload) to sit down and provide any additional training on the new platform. Therefore, Don and/or Karen have not been able to extend their knowledge to others to share the workload of the website.

### **Old Business – Spring Social Plans and Logistics, Charles Luke**

- Volunteers – all present confirmed available to help set-up.
- Set-up – Tom Crosby confirmed real-time via text with Todd/Cyndi that we can start setting up beginning at noon and a margarita bar for the adults is welcomed.
- Supplies – Charles will check with Sandy Fisher that we have enough paper plates and napkins for the event. Kristin and Dave volunteered to bring red cups for margaritas and garbage bags.
- Food, Beverages, Ice – Todd and Cyndi will furnish chips and salsa for everyone. Randy and Chrystal will coordinate the nacho bar; they have a nacho machine and will make the Costco run for cheese, ingredients for nachos, bowls, and margarita mix (with alcohol) and limes. Kristine and Dave will take care of ice.
- Chairs, Tents – bring your own chairs. Randy has 2 pop up tents if needed, Charles will confirm with Todd if necessary.
- Clean-Up – all present confirmed available for clean-up.

Some Board members were confused and thought Spring Social was Saturday, May 4th. Clarification was made Spring Social is Sunday, May 5th.

### **New Business**

Kristin announced she (and her family) are open to hosting the Ridgettes. Chrystal reported she, too, had an idea for a Ridgette get-together. Kristin and Chrystal will work together to organize a bingo potluck Ridgette's social at Kristin's home for possibly June 28th. Bingo will be coordinated with the WHOW (Women Helping Other Women) organization, Michelle Dean.

Chrystal was contacted by resident Mary Stevens regarding the roadway sign "Pineridge Ct" which needs replacing. Chris Amend said Pineridge Ct was not a County owned road and CSA funds will not cover replacing that sign. The homeowners (4 residents) will need to pull their funds and go to the Sheriff's office and have one made. Chrystal said "that's likely why the one needing to be replaced looks homemade". ☺

Charles reported he had a resident inquire about Airbnb's in Ridgewood. He could not find anything regarding this subject in the CC&Rs. Kristin said the CC&Rs were written before Airbnbs were a thing, Chris Amend confirmed. Concern expressed is our CC&Rs are becoming more and more outdated and we can't afford to update them.

Due to a number of homes around here that are not lived in full time, there was discussion regarding squatters. The media is showing the rights of homeowners being taken away when squatters take over a home for 30-days. Tom Crosby indicated that “at this time our area is not experiencing this problem.” He revealed he has had conversation regarding squatters with the new Sheriff, David Vasquez, (Bill Pooley’s replacement). Tom also indicated that action will be taken should this type of thing happen. Tom asked that issues and concerns regarding this subject be channeled through him, as this matter is on the minds of Sheriff Vasquez and Supervisors.

Consensus of those present was NOT in favor of homeowners using their residents as a rental!

Next Board Meeting: Late July/early August

Meeting adjourned by Charles at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chrystal Aceves, RNA Secretary

Approved by the RNA Board to publish \_\_\_\_\_