

MINUTES OF THE RIDGEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION (RNA) BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2025

Board of Directors (BOD) Present: Dave Ballard, President; Chrystal Aceves, Vice-President/Secretary; Ralph Legg, Member-at-Large/ Propane Co-op Program Coordinator; Karen Hebert, Membership Specialist/Block Captains' Coordinator/Co-webmaster

Committee Chairs/Block Captains Present: Randy Aceves, Ridgewood 108 Firewise Lead; Chris Amend, Architectural Chair/Block 2 Captain; Tom Crosby, Propane Co-op Program Co-Coordinator/Block 1 Captain; Don Nester, Co-webmaster

Member(s)/Guest(s) Present: Charles Luke

The meeting of the RNA Board of Directors was held at the resident of Chris Amend and called to order at 3:04pm by President Dave Ballard. Dave confirmed a quorum of the Board was present and proceeded with the meeting.

Board Meeting Minutes - Chrystal Aceves

Ralph motioned to approve the January 12, 2025 draft #2 minutes as written, Karen second the motion. All present were in favor of approving the minutes and posting to the website.

Secretary Action Item:

- Draft February 10, 2025 minutes and distribute to those present at meeting for review prior to February 24th event planning meeting.

Newsletter – Chrystal Aceves

2025 Issue 1 Newsletter finalized and distributed. Highlights:

- Firewise news included a link to the website for an “Emergency Evacuation Items to Gather” reference list. Randy will send Karen the list to post on website. An announcement of the May 3, 2025 National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day event that Firewise would like to organize for the Ridgewood community. March 9th social to help residents connect with services for May 3rd participation.
- Announcement that J.S. West has again committed to serve the residents of Ridgewood at a discounted rate for 2025.
- A survey link for residents to let us know how to better serve them. Questions included preferred day/times for events and socials.

Treasurer Report – Kristin Ballard

Due to a family emergency, the treasurer report was not presented.

Pending Treasurer Action Items:

- Investigate Venmo payment options functionality for dues collection and the ability to add address/lot information.
- Clarification on whether replies are possible with a business Venmo account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Firewise – Randy Aceves

Firewise was the primary focus at the February 10th Board meeting to discuss how to get community participation for the May 3rd National Wildfire Community event to show Ridgewood involvement for the 2026 Ridgewood 108 Firewise renewal certificate.

Randy and Chrystal attended a Firewise Residential Leadership meeting on February 7th. Learned of a pilot program being offered by Debbie Reagan, Solid Waste Director with the Department of Public Works.

Randy couldn't connect to the internet and show a video from the Groveland's Firewise Community where David Tangipa gave a presentation regarding fire insurance. For those that would like to see it, here is the link: <https://media.accesstolumne.org/CablecastPublicSite/show/6438?site=1>

Pending Firewise Action Items:

- Check with Knight Solutions for participation on March 9th and May 3rd.
- Check with Sindelar for possible chipper and removal of chips and cost.
- Reach out to Debbie Reagan to possibly schedule resources for May 3rd event. And invite her to give the same presentation to Ridgewood on March 9th that she gave on February 7th.

Architectural Committee – Chris Amend

Nothing new on the horizon. Continuing efforts of monitoring and advising homeowners on project needs and recommendations when notified.

Co-Webmaster – Karen Hebert/Don Nester

Website Action Items:

- Post final 2025 Issue 1 of Newsletter on website and send email
- Create fillable survey for residents to access and submit through website

Discussions Tabled Until After Firewise Event - ALL

- Research weed abatement service costs
- Quote from Anchor Pest and Rodger Pest for Pre-emergent/weed abatement
- Investigate additional member services for paid residents to give more value to being an RNA member
- Strategies to improve participation/attendance at social events
- Importance of community engagement, especially regarding fire mitigation and personal property maintenance and fire safety standards
- Timing of social events with regards to holidays and due collections
- Block Captain positions

Open Positions

- Secretary
- Block Captains 5 & 8
- Ridgettes Chair

Other Action Items

Tom Crosby volunteered to check schedules and get on calendars for March 9th event with:

- Ryan Campbell, District Supervisor
- Sheriff David Vasquez
- David Tangipa, Assemblymember to talk about fire insurance

Next Steps

- February 24, 2025 3:00pm
Firewise Event Planning Meeting
- March 9, 2025, 2:00-4:00pm, Moose Lodge
Resident Preparedness Social — Bring a dish to share.
- April 12, 2025, 12-2pm Moose Lodge
Yard waste bag distribution and payment.
- May 3, 2025
Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Meeting adjourned by Dave Ballard at 4:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chrystal Aceves, RNA Secretary