

## **Minutes of the Ridgewood Neighborhood**

### **Association ( RNA ) Board meeting**

**January 26th 2026**

#### **Moose Lodge**

**Board of Directors (BOD) Present** David Ballard, President, Chrystal Aceves Vice president, Karen Hebert membership specialist / block captains coordinator/co webmaster, Patty Sooter Secretary, Charles Luke Member-at-large

#### **Committee Chairs/Block Captain Present:**

Sandy Fisher, Architectural support/block 4 captain

Chris Amend, Architectural chair/block 2 Captain

Randy Aceves, Firewise Committee Lead

Don Nester, RNA Webmaster

Kathie Luke, Block 6 Captain

#### **Member(s)/Guest(s) Present:**

None

#### **General Business**

The meeting of the RNA Board of directors was held at the Moose Lodge and was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President David Ballard. Dave confirmed a quorum of the Board was present and proceeded with the meeting.

Dave opened the discussion with the question of storage of association documentation (Google, Cloud etc...) for ease of access for current and future committee members. Dave said he would create a google doc receptacle for storage. Patty made a motion to accept this proposal, Karen seconded the motion. All parties appeared to be in agreement.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS Co-Webmaster – Karen Hebert/Don Nester**

Karen discussed membership dues and sending out reminders. She also talked about creating and sending out an RNA New Welcome Letter to promote the RNA and provide new residents a summary of RNA member benefits as well as providing an easier payment option (Venmo). Chrystal also spoke about new ideas for the newsletter and how to make cuts to the newsletter to make it more appealing.

#### **Firewise – Randy Aceves**

Randy discussed the firewise event to be held in March. Dave recommended March 22, 2026.

Charles confirmed that the Moose Lodge would be available from 1-3 on that date and could be available until 4 if necessary. Randy suggested having two specific speakers if their schedules allowed. Chrystal discussed grants that are available to help with fire prevention. Randy spoke of the changes in the certificate process through CAL FIRE and suggested our meeting be specific to our community needs for fire mitigation.

Chris, Dave and Randy discussed the inmate crew doing vegetation removal on select dates in February. After the vegetation removal, sometime in March, Nates tree service will be spraying along properties which are not marked "no Spraying".

### **Charles Luke**

Charles gave an update on the efforts to save fire station 56. The petition he created had close to 1,000 signatures at the time of meeting. He suggested presenting the petition at the Board of Supervisors meeting to be held on Feb 3rd, 2026. Dave suggested trying to find other methods to help save Station 56.

Before closing the meeting, Dave suggested that at the spring event to hold a raffle, similar to the fall event. Karen thought that it was too soon to have another raffle. Karen asked about having enough funds to hold a spring event. Dave assured everyone that there were enough funds to cover the event.

**Footnote:** The RNA board had been alerted by Supervisor Cambell that at the January 6th Board of Supervisors meeting a vote was going to be held regarding the potential closure of fire station 56 in Mono Vista. Charles drafted a petition, with RNA board approval, which is referenced above.

### **Other Action Items**

- Prospect of Station 56 closing
- Spring event coordination
- Specific guest speakers for spring event
- Firewise information

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next scheduled board meeting of the RNA will be held on March 2nd at 3 p.m. at Chris Amends house.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 by Dave Ballard

Respectfully submitted by, Patricia Sooter, RNA Secretary