

Cedar Mountain Advisory Council (CMAC)

Proposed

Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held: Saturday, 18 April 2009, 10:00 a.m.

Website: www.cedarmountainadvisorycouncil.com

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Council Members Present: Sharon Adams, Irene Briggs, Pamela Ence, Lynn Ginocchio, Ken Klatt, Charlie Miller, Kendra Risdon, JJ Smith

Council Members Excused: Dianne Beatty, Lynn Dreitzler, Wade Heaton

Public/Guest Attendees: Bill Rodreick (Swains Creek), Jim Brackin (Strawberry Valley), Teresa Zellhoefer (Swains Creek), Alan Zellhoefer (Swains Creek), Karl Briggs (Swans Creek), William Moser (Swains Creek), Gerald Triebold (Strawberry), Doug Heaton (Alton/Commissioner), Betty Klatt (Timber Trails), Marty Shurtleff (South Central Communications)

This meeting was a Special Meeting with Cedar Mountain Home Owner Association Presidents and members specifically invited to attend. The following is a summary of discussions held for each agenda item:

1. Call to Order and Welcome
 - a. JJ Smith, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
 - b. CMAC members introduced themselves.
 - c. JJ Smith provided an overview of CMAC, its goals, and some actions taken since its inception in 2006.
2. Approve March 2009 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes were respectfully submitted to Council by Secretary, Kendra Risdon. A motion was made by Ken Klatt and seconded by Lynn Ginocchio to approve the March 2009 minutes.
3. Chairperson's Report
 - a. No new status.
4. Vice Chairperson's Report
 - a. Charlie Miller discussed the following:
 - i. Legislation # 17D-1-304 Qualifications of administrative control board members-Term of Office, in effect May 12th. Legislation allows Property Owners within a Special Service District to run for a position on a Board; however, only registered voters are eligible to vote.
 - ii. Registered voters need to check to be sure they are still registered due to road name assignments on Cedar Mountain.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Irene Briggs reported that the current bank balance is \$1215.83
6. Secretary's Report
 - a. Kendra Risdon reported that the CMAC agendas and minutes are available through the CMAC website or property owners may be put on CMAC's email distribution list.
7. Committee/Assignment Reports:

- a. Kane County Commission: Commissioner Doug Heaton attended this session. He was very informative and presented a positive attitude toward CMAC's efforts and long range plan.
- b. CMFPD:
 - i. Pam Ence reported the following:
 - 1. Board meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Fire Station.
 - 2. The seats opening on the CMFPD Board may be filled through elections in lieu of County Commission appointments.
 - 3. The CMFPD Board is currently having discussions regarding rate increases.
 - ii. Lynn Ginocchio shared the finding that snow plowing would be much faster and more efficient if there were more delineators. Discussion held regarding lack of funds. Possible methods to raise funds include a fund raiser and/or asking HOAs for money. Commissioner Heaton will research availability of County funds further.
- c. WKCSSD #1: JJ Smith shared with visitors the trial winter trash pickup this season. Dumpsters were placed at Duck Creek Village and Strawberry. This trial effort is going well. WKCSSD #1 will assess impact to cost if any. A reminder to Cedar Mountain property owners that we pay substantially less than other Kane County property owners for trash pick up.
- d. KC School District: No new status.
- e. KCWCD: Charlie Miller reported that Long Valley Estates will be a new project and that an agreement has been reached to provide water service for Duck Creek Pines. A second well was completed in Swains Creek.
- f. Forestry Department/Safety: Ken Klatt provided the following:
 - i. Safety is the primary issue with the Forestry Department.
 - ii. Forestry Department reviewing trails to open and close. Some trails near Elk Ridge may be reopened.
 - iii. Side-by-Sides are now allowed on the trails.
 - iv. More trail signs will be installed this summer.
 - v. The Forestry Department has received grants to improve trails.
- g. Parks and Recreation: No new status.
- h. Garkane: Pam Ence reported that the new power station is fully operational. Noted that there are fewer power failures in the area.
- i. SC Comm: Marty Shurtleff, District 4, Board of Directors, South Central Communications, attended the session. CMAC and those attending greatly appreciated Mr. Shurtleff's attendance and information he provided. Mr. Shurtleff reported the following:
 - i. Customers need to secure wireless access to their DSL service if they are using a local wireless network. Non-secured wireless access can allow others to use your connection and reduce your bandwidth and your speed. Also if someone performs fraudulent activity via your modem and is found they will be looking to your account as the link to the illegal activity. Contact internet support at 611 to find out how to confirm a secured wireless network.
 - ii. Customers need to contact 611 for tech support to resolve problems. The DSL service is a "best effort" service vs a commercial service (such as a T1 line).
 - iii. To check the speed of your DSL service, go to the website: www.Speedtest.net. The speeds for file transfers should be: 256K

service = score of 200 or greater; 512K service = score of 425 or greater.

- iv. SCC upgrading service from 256K to 1 mg service. 1, 3, 6, 10 mg will be available. Anticipate availability this summer. No fee increase anticipated.
- v. Have had drop off problems due to interference or cut of communication lines when water lines have been installed.
- vi. Main cell phone substation located on Redwood Road.
- vii. Contact information: Marty Shurtleff 435-826-4211. Website: www.SouthCentralCommunications.com. Hours: Monday~Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- viii. If residents call in problems on a Friday, service may be available the next day.
- ix. No plans to add more cell towers on Cedar Mountain
- x. Loaner cell phones are available for people to determine how service will work on the mountain.
- xi. No bundling of services currently available; however, this may be considered in the future.
- j. Sheriff's Dept: Pam Ence reported that CMAC continues to communicate with the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department now has 11 ½ officers. Tracy Glover is the Communication Officer. Residents are encouraged to call the Sheriff's Department with problems in their area.

8. Other Areas

- a. Clinic: Reminded people to use the clinic to ensure it can remain on the mountain. The Clinic provides xrays, first aid, triage, some medications, and handles most insurance coverage.
- b. Duck Creek Days: July 17-18. CMAC has a booth – visit us!

9. Public Input

- a. Jim Triebold reported that road repair after upgrading utilities has not been done well. Commissioner Heaton responded that there are ongoing discussions with the utility providers which may reach litigation if not resolved. Commissioner Heaton also responded that the County policy will be changing where any service provider or contractor will be required to contact Blue Stakes and obtain a permit. If this is abused, then the penalty may be retraction of their bond.
- b. Insurance (ISO) ratings for the mountain are between 6-7. Property owners are encouraged to contact the Fire Department to determine their area's rating, then contact their insurance company to determine if their rates are eligible to be lowered.
- c. Dust control Commissioner Heaton will bring up this issue with the County. Each HOA can contact the Roads Supervisor, Bert Harris 435-644-5312, and request an evaluation of their area.
- d. A question was raised regarding ensuring that culverts are cleared. It is the Homeowners responsibility to keep any culverts they installed cleared.
- e. Three issues were brought up at CMFPB: (1) defibulator locations need to be accessible during the winter which requires snow removal or relocating the defibulator; (2) transformers moved off pedestals this year during plowing; (3) updates to the 911 emergency mapping with the new road name reassignments.

10. Council Comments

11. Executive Session:

a. Kathy Martin was on Leave of Absence. She will remain on the CMAC while on Leave of Absence.

12. Adjourn: Motion made by Irene Briggs and seconded by Lynn Ginocchio to adjourn Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Next CMAC Meeting to be held Saturday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. at the Fire Station