



Roseville Coalition Of Neighborhood Associations

Maidu Neighborhood Association

Roseville, California

Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 26, 2013

1. Meeting called to order at: 7:01 PM

Present: David Allen, President
Scott Reid, Vice President
Geoff Kragen, Secretary
Mary Steele, Treasurer

Shirley Brown
Lance Hibben
Vicki Miller

Absent: Mike Bardini
Jim Kidd

Dave Steele

Neighbor(s): Larry Arkus
Lindsey Bataina
Penny Beingessner
Robert Beingessner
Don Eby
Marilyn Eby
Don Goldman

Nicolle Goldman
Kathleen Hibben
Kyoungah Lee
Emma McIntyre
Russ Ream
Dave Webb
Fran Webb

Guest(s): Cal Walstad, Lieutenant
Aaron Splawn, Police Office
Jason Rizzi, Division Chief/Fire Marshall
Jeff Carman, Assistant Chief
Dominic Casey, Director
Brian Castelussio, Open Space Manager
Melinda Shrader, Realtor

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2. Sign in/Welcome

3. Special Presentation: Maidu Fire Update – Chief Carman presented a synopsis of the events of the first 30 minutes of the fire. He spoke specifically about the steps taken in fighting the fire. The first call came in at 2:15 PM. Initial calls reported it as small. Weather conditions included light but changeable winds and low humidity leading to a volatile situation. The moisture in the “fuel” is at a hundred year low. This may be the worst fire season since 2008.

Two engines and one truck were initially sent. Next three more engines went out. The different companies found two fires, one on each side of Strap Ravine. One was immediately put out. But the other was identified as a big fire. 9 minutes later a fourth engine was ordered. More engines were called including structure engines within a matter of minutes. Within a half hour 23 units were on site including those provided by surrounding cities and the county at no cost to Roseville. This included Rocklin, Lincoln, Cal Fire, and Nevada County which covered for those who were moved from the other jurisdictions into Maidu.

Structure engines were added as property fires were identified.

Questions/Comments: Perception was, because the engines weren't heard even though they were present, that the neighbors didn't realize for 20 minutes there had been a response. This is because the brush trucks don't use sirens.

There is concern that Comcast phone-tree didn't let people know to evacuate. The city is working with Surewest and Comcast to improve the effectiveness of the system. There is also the possibility of a system of registration for those using cell phones rather than landlines. This is another problem that is being addressed.

There is some question as to the presence of a chopper heard at least an hour prior to people being aware of the problem. It was probably H20 (CHP) monitoring the freeway. It also helped with monitoring the fire."

Do the firefighters get ahead of the fire? The answer was no. This approach isn't used any longer because of the potential danger to firefighters. The current method is flanking the fire. The first attack is on the main portion. In this case the front end of the fire was so intense that it couldn't be stopped.

Those in the audience expressed their appreciation for the work the firefighters did.

Chief Rizzi spoke regarding the ongoing investigation. The investigation is being carried out jointly with the Roseville Police Department. Since the process has just begun there is nothing to report at this time. The department will provide case numbers, etc. for those needing them for insurance purposes.

What is known is, the fire was intentionally set and has been designated arson. One of the top wild land fire investigators in the state has been brought in. Lieut. Walstad spoke for the Police Department and asked for any information neighbors have. He also noted that reports of children running away doesn't mean anything beyond that fact. Both men noted the investigation will take a significant amount of time.

One of the most important way of protecting a home in the case of a wild-land fire is replacing shake roofs. There are four ratings for homes, A, B, C, and not rated. Shakes can be treated and need to continue to be treated but still aren't comparable to an A rating. Structures have to be at least 30 feet from a wild area. Vegetation should be at least 10 feet from home. Wood fences should be replaced. Vents should have mesh on them.

The weed abatement program is in progress.

Dominic Casey emphasized the need to report anything we see, related of open lands, that seems to be dangerous to Parks, Recreation & Libraries or the Police Department.

Lieut. Walstad asked that neighbors keep their eyes open for anyone dumping in the park and to call him to report it.

Questions/Comments: There was a question regarding the evacuation notice. The evacuation wasn't ordered therefore no relocation site was established. It was noted that people were kept from driving into certain areas because of the fire trucks and hoses spread out through out the area.

Concerns over "looky-lous" were discussed but there isn't much that can be done. A neighbor suggested using a bullhorn to move these individuals out of the area.

The question was raised regarding the distinction between mountain and park environments requirements for either a 100 or 30 foot zones between the natural environment and existing structures. The 100 foot zone in wild land areas is a Cal-fire requirement because of the high risk of fires in these areas versus fires in urban areas.

A neighbor asked if there would be victim compensation for fire related loss since the source of fire has been designated arson? It is too early to have an answer to this question. At the appropriate time this issue would be handled by the District Attorney's office. Insurance companies will directly be involved as well.

Brian Castelussio spoke to the weeding that is done around trails, etc. But the responsibility of Open Space Management is protect the natural condition of the environment/habitat. He noted that there is water coming into the park and this leads to increase the growth, etc. He also mentioned the "Adopt a Tree" program. (We will explore opportunities for our involvement.)

Questions/Comments: What is being done about burned trees, those that are of risk? The whole area is being assessed for removal, etc. Those that are clearly dead will be cut, chipped, and mulched. Any restoration work of the area wouldn't be considered until Spring to see what comes back. At that point replanting will occur as needed.

A question was asked about oak trees, that if they had gone up would have been quite problematical. The specific concern related to oak trees growing right next to the trail along McClaren representing a fire danger for homes across the street. Mr. Castelussion noted that the question of the oak trees is being reviewed. In the future trees will be spaced further apart because the planting was too successful. The area will have to be continually monitored because if most trees survive they may have to be thinned. This is a learning process/science project.

The fire also thinned out the invasive plants rather than native vegetation which is probably the only "good" news.

It was noted where there had been a second access road into the area, but it has been planted over and no longer exists. There had been fire breaks as well but apparently they have not been maintained over recent years. Mr. Castelussio was unaware of either and his department hadn't been given any direction to maintain them.

The creeks are no longer being cleared out. Open Area (OA) management can't even go into the area until August because of nesting birds. They are now working with Fish and Wildlife on timing. The drainage is managed by Public Works and OA is working with them as well. Many areas are now overgrown. Herbicides are being used. All this is work in progress and is complicated by the involvement of the different agencies.

4. Police Report:

- a. There was one report of a possible break in during the fire.
- b. A neighbor expressed concern over explosive rocket being fired in the area. This may or may not be legal depending on location and type of rocket involved.
- c. The door "kick-ins" dies down during the summer. They have definitely decreased in the Maidu area. The Leut. recommended answering any door knocks, (not necessarily opening the door though) because if someone believes the house to be empty they are much more likely to try to break in.
- d. There has been an increase in thefts at Wal-mart during early morning hours.

5. Minutes of previous meeting: Approved

6. Treasurer's report: The beginning June balance is \$2,264.10. The ending June balance is \$2,263.50 (Mary wasn't sure why the small difference so she is going to check the books.)

7. RCONA report: (Presented by Lance)

- a. The Blue Oaks Neighborhood association is intending to provide an opportunity to donate to the Food Bank at their Neighborhood Night out.
- b. The food bank, along with the city, is also looking into a community garden.
- c. A report was given on copper and metal theft.
- d. Highland North Neighborhood association had some interesting thoughts regarding a yard sale.
- e. The city discussed the water supply which, according to the Bureau of Reclamation, is of a satisfactory level for the balance of this season. The city will ask for voluntary efforts on decreased usage.

8. Library Report: (see attached)

9. Old Business:

- a. Movie in the Park at Maidu Recap: Shirley reported that she arrived at 6:30 to help with the screen. Nobody seemed to know what they were doing. And it took a number of efforts to put up the screen and for it to finally remain upright. Second, the baseball field lights were left on which created a significant amount of light on the screen until they went out at 10:00 PM. (She thought there also may have been a problem related to the “super moon.”) The turnout was reported to be good.
- b. National Night Out update: Lance asked if we want to do a potluck versus catering. Mary asked if should talk to the owners of the Folsom Dickey’s because they live in our area. We discussed a bit about publicizing. No final decisions were made.

10. New Business: None

11. Announcements and Remarks: Melinda will be putting out flags again this year and she asked for help. Anyone wanting to help should contact her directly.

12. Adjourned: 8:52 PM



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Newsletter Meeting

- 1.** Newsletter meeting called to order: 8:55
- 2.** Due date: July 2nd
- 3.** Topics/Assignments:
 - a. Maidu Fire Recap ~ Scott
 - b. Neighbor's Need to Report ~ Geoff
 - c. Maidu Library News ~ Fran
 - d. Reminder - July meetings at Alta Manor ~ Shirley has
 - e. National Night Out ~ Lance
 - f. Block Captain ~ Shirley
- 4.** Adjourn: 8:58 PM

Library Report for the Board--June 25, 2013

Library updates:

We have librarian, Gail McGrath, assigned to Community outreach. Unfortunately, two key people assigned to Maidu Library, are out on temporary personal leaves so staff in general are scrambling to cover those vacancies.

Two of the three adult groups that meet at Maidu are book groups:

Club Maidu has been in place for about 12-13 years. Two years ago we lost our librarian facilitator, in part because of downsizing, and became a self lead group. During those two years we have doubled our membership and are at the point of splitting into two groups; the idea behind that is to allow both groups to grow and have three book club groups at Maidu. Over the years we did have the support of FOL's funding for some of the book club kits. However, a library decision was made this year to no longer support those acquisitions. We have over the last twelve years borrowed book club kits from Folsom Library, as they have a robust book club and FOL support that maintain those connections with the community. This decision was very disappointing to some FOL members, and many of the members of Club Maidu who have supported FOL, the library, and volunteered in many capacities for the City of Roseville.

Another book group that meets at Maidu is a Mystery/Crime Book Club. They choose, then buy or borrow books from Roseville or surrounding libraries. I have not attended their evening meetings but hear it is a great group.

The last group is Bobbins, Hooks, and Needles which is a 'needle arts' group. There are about 20 people in that group with about 8-12 attending most meetings. Apparently teens have been asking to join in. A vote was taken among the active members and teens will be welcome to join. The new picture and wording that advertises our group should be rolling out soon, thanks to Gail and Cambria's efforts on the library side we will soon be eliminating our headless knitter image and updating our wording. The group will be celebrating its 2nd anniversary in September. This group supports the library, and expands social connections, while making many items that are donated to charities, hospitals, fund raisers for a variety of non-profits that support Roseville and surrounding communities in many ways.

I do have a few meetings planned in July, to expand possibilities either at the library or the Community Center; as well as working with individuals and groups who would like to offer, classes, or start groups at either of the buildings. Please forward any ideas you may have to meet the playful, civic, and informational needs of our neighborhood and the surrounding area.

As always thank you for your continued support and vehicle to spread the word.

Fran Webb

Library & Museum Monthly Snapshot

May 2013

ATTENDANCE	05/2013	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE	05/2012
Downtown	11,895	152,786	14,499
Maidu	13,404	149,197	13,810
Riley	14,721	200,424	17,752
Maidu Museum	2,542	23,517	2,768
Carnegie Museum	392	1,976	267
TOTAL	42,945	527,900	46,061

CIRCULATION	05/2013	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE	05/2012
Downtown	30,555	281,125	19,328
Maidu	16,629	224,710	21,521
Riley	28,006	434,763	41,795
OPAC Renewals	24,548	119,077	N/A
eBooks	1,672	14,636	777
TOTAL	101,410	1,074,311	83,421

REFERENCE QUESTIONS	05/2013	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE	05/2012
Downtown	1,596	17,786	1,460
Maidu	1,904	16,108	966
Riley	1,368	24,763	1,886
TOTAL	4,868	58,657	4,312

PUBLIC PC USERS	05/2013	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE	05/2012
Downtown	2,150	26,410	2,420
Maidu	1,964	18,191	1,690
Riley	*N/A	19,272	512*
Total	4,114	63,873	4,622

*Riley Management console crashed in May losing all data and is currently not working or collecting stats.

PROGRAMMING	05/2013	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE	05/2012
Downtown	18/458	251/5,378	17/290
Maidu	26/402	333/7,557	25/599
Riley	35/952	474/20,948	32/1,913
Maidu Museum	107/1,822	658/15,523	133/1,949
Library Outreach	22/5,023	127/6,247	5/2,350
TOTAL	208/8,657	1,843/55,653	212/7,101

REGISTERED LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS 62,269

