

Alpine Peaks Residents' Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
29 August 2020

The meeting was held by Zoom video conference because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The full video conference was recorded and is available on the APRA website.

Minutes of the Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Anderson at 9:05. The Board members introduced themselves first, followed by the association members in attendance.
2. FireWise: Bob Zimmerman and Greg Briggs are the co-leaders of the FireWise team that is leading the effort to obtain FireWise Community Certification for Alpine Peaks. Bob Z explained that it is a 3-year effort, with 2020 being the first year. Our focus this year is on defensible space preparation. The formal FireWise Assessment was conducted by Eric Horntvedt and Ramon Manzano of the NTFPD on 6 August. They are looking for full compliance with 5 ft non-combustible zone around homes, and near full compliance re: the remaining goals of defensible space. The members have been doing a good job so far this year working on their properties. We have made a lot of progress as a neighborhood, however work remains to be done. Bob and Greg will be completing follow-up street level defensible space inspections over the next several weeks and the FireWise team members will be contacting those owners with work that remains to be completed. The ARPA website has a Fire Adapted Community/FireWise Community page that has a number of important documents re: making your home and property safer from wildfires, important links for wildfire preparation information, and the FireWise Assessment. With many members having lost their home insurance over the past several years, it is vitally important to do what we can to make our community safe from wildfire. FireWise certification is recognized by the California FAIR insurance plan with a 10% premium discount.
3. Treatment of HOA-owned land and USFS land: Greg has been in frequent discussions with CTL, the contractor who is treating the 300 acres for USFS land to the south of Alpine Peaks. It appears they could finish that work this year barring a large numbers of red flag days because they can't work after 1 pm on those days if at all. Our goal is to also use CTL to treat the APRA-owned land below the tennis courts and grader shed that was marked last year by the TRPA. If there is sufficient time this fall that project could also be completed. There is also a 9 acre Placer County-owned lot south of Courchevel between Innsbruck and Kitzbuhel that needs to be treated that Greg is working on.
4. Tennis courts: Brenda reported that there were no major issues with the courts this year and that she been in discussions with Colorcrafters and other contractors re: future repairs.
5. Internet service/APRA website: Doug reported that while internet service has generally improved, there are times when the bandwidth is overloaded with users and speeds slow. This year has seen a large demand increase with more people working at home and a number of visitors. It was agreed to continue to be aware of alternatives that may become available. All APRA members are encouraged to register with the website; this site contains important information for the community on a number of topics including FireWise, Board meeting minutes, and emergency notifications.
6. Other Communication Tools: The Board asked what types of communication tools work best for the APRA in order to provide general information as well as emergency communications. The consensus was that email is probably the best method. All members are strongly encouraged to

sign up for Placer Alerts, which is a tool that sends emergency information such as evacuation orders, red flag days, and other critical information.

7. Finances: Bob A reported that the APRA finished the year in good financial shape and that we expect to transfer \$30,000 into the reserve funds.
8. Snow removal/parking: Greg reported that the drivers like the new loader and that it is much easier to handle in significant snowfalls with less damage to the roads. The issue with backcountry skiers parking throughout the neighborhood became a problem with the closure of Alpine Meadows in March, however Greg, Brenda and Bob Z coordinated with the CHP to enforce no parking on the roadways, which worked pretty well. The roads were at least open enough for emergency vehicles to pass. Greg is continuing to discuss with the county re: installation of more signs with no parking between 1 Nov and 1 May among other options.
9. Electrical service: Liberty Utilities recently completed upgrades to our service, including power switching in the new boxes they installed that allows for the power source to be switched from a source near route 89 to one from Alpine Meadows.
10. Other topics: Doug and Bob A noted that the APRA Board strongly encourages residents to be aware of the "Dark Sky" initiative, which means turning off outside lights when retiring for the evening. There is no benefit re: outdoor lights and reduced bear activity. We have the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful night sky with very little light pollution when outdoor lights are turned off.