

Cache Peak Civic Association Meeting  
September 2008

Dee Jay Stanger called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

In attendance: DeeJay Stanger, George Darrington, Sadie Udy, Hannah North, Denise Darrington, Wynn Dewsnup, Janis Durfee, Stan Spencer, DeeAnn Spencer, and guest Kimberly Ottley.

Sadie reported that she had received a \$50 and a \$30 donation for playground equipment. CPCA has a total of \$6850.87 balance in the 501C3 and 501C4 accounts.

Minutes were read by George Darrington and accepted.

It was reported again that CPCA made \$365 from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July dinner. About 150 adults and 50 children were served.

George asked if Hannah knew how the “Welcome to Almo” sign was coming. She said that it was in the painting stage and should be ready to install soon.

Dee Jay thanked Kimberly Ottley for coming to talk to us about the playground equipment. Kimberly said that her purpose in coming was to report how Elba raised the money for their playground equipment and to warn of us pitfalls that they ran into.

She proposed the project to Elba Inc. in 2006. Kimberly had talked with Gwen Montgomery about the playground equipment in Albion. The best tip Gwen gave her was information about the company “Game Time”. The company has a matching grant program for half the necessary money as well as having a reputation for quality and service. The original goal was for Elba Inc. to raise \$10,000 and then receive a matching grant from Game Time.

Louis Painter is the representative for Game Time for this area.

Kimberly said that putting together a good committee with committed members was really important.

They worked through the Funding Factory, collecting ink cartridges and used cell phones and she says it brought in “a continuous little income”. Ed’s office and supply and South Idaho Press were very good to help with used cartridges and to put a box in their offices.

They received a lot of donations from businesses and local donors

The Idaho Community Foundation gave them

a good donation. She suggested that keywords to success are “remote rural area” and “playground equipment for kids”. The most that be requested is \$5000 and they received \$2500 which really helped. The catch is that the money from ICF has to be spent within the year. ICF has deadlines for two reports on the implementation of the grants. If the deadlines are missed, you will not be eligible for future grants. Idaho Community Foundation asked to them to come and talk about the project and what the money going for. Lex Kunau was in the audience and asked Kimberly if they had all the money they needed. He donated \$1000 for the program and helped them brainstorm ideas for other fundraising. He suggested that they ask other businesses in Burley for help with the fundraising.

Selling the Elba Valley Cookbooks was a great project. They cost \$2.50 and were sold for \$8.00. The company sends the books with a certain window of time before the money had to be paid. They made between \$600-800 profit on the cookbooks and are still collecting.

Auctions were huge fundraisers. They capitalized on having the auction at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Community people and businesses helped with things to auction as well as buying items. It was a HUGE success and brought in about \$5000.

Cache Peak Civic Association also gave \$1000.

They applied for the matching grant from Game Time. The application can be made only in the fall. They received \$10,000. They had not anticipated an extra charge for shipping and handling so were about \$2000 short. They discovered that the ground covering was not included and cost about \$1800. Insurance required that certain types of covering be used. Engineered wood fiber was about half the cost of rubber mulch. The engineered wood fiber will keep the equipment from being scratched and looking rough. They have had to keep fund raising because all kinds of unexpected expenses keep coming up. Kimberly suggested that a written agreement with the company be made so that we are aware of what the actual expenses will be.

The committee wrote a letter to people in the community and asked if could please donate more. Chelsey emailed to extend family members. People who had grown up in Elba were happy to help. Getting the word out to people is important, especially those with ties to the community.

Other comments included asking businesses for money early in the year before their money is already pledged. U.S. Bank was a generous donor. Elba Inc. is a 501C4 organization so that they can't offer their donors a tax deduction and that was a problem. Each component (got the most bang for our buck by getting a “system”). Kimberly said that the best buys were for components, and that we should shop for the best buys, even if it means changing some of the equipment.

Kimberly stated: Where we are at right now? We had all of the equipment all winter. We just found an Eagle Scout to help put together for his project. It wasn't easy to put together

following the schematics. Elba resident Leon Peterson is an engineer so he helped us map out the drawings. Next Wednesday, we are going to start putting the equipment together.

You have to have a dig hole, fill them with cement and then set up the poles. Clay Handy donated all the cement for the project and Bill Loughmiller donated the use of his cement mixer.

Their play system has tubes to crawl through, things to spin on (like car steering wheels), bars to climb on and to slide down on. Looks a lot like Albion but they don't have a climbing wall. They couldn't afford swings so will be keeping their old swings for now.

George asked if there was a government agency that has to approve or inspect the equipment after it is installed. Kimberly said that the company itself had specifications that had to be met for safety. One example was that a certain amount of fill material was required by the company in order to guarantee that a child would not be hurt if he fell from the play equipment.

If it is a private park, then you can post a sign indicating that you play at your own risk so you won't need liability insurance.

Dee Jay thanked Kimberly for her report and opened the meeting up for other business.

Janis Durfee reported that a Bookmobile newsletter will be sent to businesses and potential donors.

Sadie suggested that we need to involve the mothers in the community in raising money for the playground equipment.

George said that he has talked to Almo people on the REA board about they what would like to see in the playground. He suggested that we need to talk to neighbors about the project. Kimberly said that the committee chose three or four possible models, components and colors and then invited the community to a meeting to vote on them. showed at a meeting three or four models and let them choose from them.

Wynn said that they sent out about 18 junk cars with balance of about \$2500. If they know where to go, they will go pick up the cars.

George asked Wynn about how he thought Almo Days had gone. Wynn said they were really pleased with it. They will probably hold it a weekend earlier so they don't compete with the Regatta. People seemed to really enjoy the bands. They underestimated the number of people to feed so will probably do a big barbecue next year. They are looking at a mountain man rendezvous, an antique tractor display, etc. They will need to do more on the marketing side next year. The first year was anticipated to be a money loser, but Wynn felt that the impact was positive and that as it becomes established it will be a positive event.

Wynn wants to have one activity a month to focus on Almo as a destination. George volunteered to have CPCA help with whatever Wynn needs.

Janis has been thinking about the need to save the old buildings in the community. She had seen a grant application that might help with some funding to at least take some good pictures and do GPS locating of the sites. Wynn said that he has identified 15 old buildings on his property and is planning to have a photographer come out to take pictures of the buildings. He would be glad to have the photographer take pictures of other buildings if someone would locate the buildings and get permission from the owners to photograph them. DeeAnn volunteered to do this.

Appreciation was expressed for Brenda who has sent out reminder emails early with a reminder just before the meeting. It was suggested that the emails include two or three topics of the previous meeting so that the community will realize that we are accomplishing important things for our community.

George said he had noticed at the 4<sup>th</sup> celebration that it was hard for elderly people to get in and out of the park. He wondered if a ramp, an enlarged gate, or something else could be done to make the access easier. It was suggested that George talk to Larry about it and then try to find someone who might work on it for an Eagle Scout Project.

Wynn would like a sign to mark the turn for the LDS Church. It would have the LDS logo, welcome visitors and give the times for meetings. He had talked with Carole Taylor and she was willing to have the sign put on their property. Wynn wanted to know if the community would have a problem with such a sign.

Hannah suggested that making it a “talking point” for next month’s agenda and advertise it. Then the community can have input on the decision and everyone have their say.

George asked who has the responsibility for the road down to the church. The weeds, etc. makes it look pretty rough. People have to walk through the weeds to get to the church when there is a funeral and people have to park along the edge of the road. He would help mow the weeds if he knew who to get permission from. Stan said he would be willing to bring in his grader and knock down the rough spots. Janis said that Kent was on the road board and could tell us where to go for permission.

Several questioned about the Syringa cell phone tower. It apparently is powered up. Residents are wondering what has to happen for other cell phone companies to tie into it so that we can utilize it.

Kimberly said that she is hosting a workshop on dyslexia at the Declo High School Auditorium: The presenter is Susan Barton who developed one of the main programs for dyslexia. She is a

national expert speaking for free on Dyslexia and ADD. It will be a once in a lifetime opportunity. September 29 6-9 PM [www.decloevenbrite.com](http://www.decloevenbrite.com) People have to register. There need to be at least 150 people in attendance.

Stan motioned to adjourn. Sadie seconded it.