

CACHE PEAK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES
November 5, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Almo, Idaho
Cache Peak Emergency Services Building

The attendance sheet is attached.

DJ Stanger called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report. Sadie Udy gave the treasurer's report. CPCA moneys are:

Account	Amount	Comments
501C3	3750.00	
501C4	957.65	
Playground Fund	311.24	Final total of 4110.24 - 3799.00 for equipment leaves this balance. Suggestion is to use it for pea gravel.
Total	5018.89	

Playground Equipment. Sadie stated that the airplane ride is not set up, but will be next spring. We also need sand for the sandbox.

Nancy Ward of the Almo Recreation group sent a card thanking the association for the playground equipment.

Mike Spencer reported that he took the big slide out. George Darrington proposed that CPCA take on the task of getting replacement slide that the bigger kids would enjoy.

Mike Spencer said that the bleachers may need replacement as well. There are liability issues that should be considered. Lewis Roberts suggested that a "Use at your own risk" sign be placed at the entrances.

Minutes from Last Meeting. The October minutes were read and approved.

Road Board Discussion. Commissioner Dennis Crane indicated that the dissolution of the road board was not because of anything negative. He said the board has done a good job, but that with changes in the state thinking trying to decrease the number of entities that are involved with road decisions, the commissioners decided that they would try to take on the work themselves. Commissioner Crane is our main contact for reporting road problems. He said that he can be reached by telephone any time. His cell number is 312-2334, and the other contact number is 678-3076. If possible, please use the cell phone number.

Kent Durfee pointed out that the creation of the road board occurred to offload work from the commissioners' office and felt that the decision was creating the same problem the road board alleviated. Commissioner Crane answered that perhaps this is not the right decision, and if it does not work, we could recreate another road board.

Current Highway Project. Commissioner Crane said that the road work was almost completed. He said that he formed the original committee to get the road work started. Stan Lloyd pointed out that the work actually started before the committee was formed and that it has been a 9 year battle to get to this point.

Commissioner Crane says that the state will most likely take over the road now that the work is completed. Current talks sound very good for takeover to occur. This will make more money available for maintenance and snow removal. The state would probably subcontract out to the county for road care.

Mike Spencer asked if sand and salt would be used for snow. Dennis replied that if the state hires them, they will.

Janice Durfee asked if we would be losing road money out here. Dennis replied that we will not lose money.

Trenton Durfee asked if the county roads would take a lower priority. Answer was no.

Ted Tracy asked about problems if Raft River district took us over. Answer was that nothing would be wrong with that, except that Raft River is worried there might not be enough money. In order for this to happen, there would have to be a membership change. Raft River would have to have an election to do this.

Rulon Koyle said that Raft River is rumored to have sand for us. This use would be covered under a memorandum of understanding.

Stan Lloyd said that there is no plan for guard rails on the big fill area and invited the road folks to come up during a January snow storm to see if they are needed. Crane wrote this down and said that he would bring it up on the following Monday.

Crane said that the road would not be accepted until it passed a smoothness test. Since winter is coming and it is so black, it may get striped before grinding occurs.

CIRO Takeover of County Road Through Park. Jay Black asked about the possibility of transferring management of the county road to the park. The answer was that this is still under discussion. There are some management differences between the park and the county. The county tries to close the road sooner than the park would.

Doug Ward asked if we would lose road money if the park took over the maintenance of the road. Commissioner Crane replied that the money would stay in the area.

Dee Ann Spencer asked if the park would provide money for maintenance. Wallace Keck replied that the Feds would provide money, but the road would stay a county road. There would also be a chance of more money from the state. The road would be brought to a higher standard than the current level. The road would remain a county road. The park is not seeking ownership, just maintenance.

Stan Lloyd stated that the bottom line is that the south end of the county has been the poor country cousin of the Burley area since 1919. The commissioners are doing well with the road efforts, but they should continue to work on it. If it is kept up to acceptable standards, this part of the county will be more willing to help with future bond issues that help the Burley area.

Commissioner Crane likes the CIRO proposal for maintenance responsibility.

Federal Prison Construction. Commissioner Crane said that we are in an early phase in this project, so not much is known. Currently looking into feasibility of getting this to happen. There are other areas in the U.S. also hoping to get this new prison. The county hired Larry Craig's firm after Craig approached them. The hope is that the geothermal power is enough of a green incentive to make us a candidate for construction. The hope is that a prison would create jobs in the area.

Jackie Henson questioned the job creation potential. She heard that locals don't necessarily meet requirements for hiring. Crane said that an Associate or Bachelor's degree is needed, but we still don't have all the facts to analyze this yet.

Jackie Henson and Garrett Dewsnup both stated that they did not want a prison here. Crane answered that this is a common reaction, but that folks like the idea after they see jobs and the impact. Crane also said that more information is needed to be able to predict the impact.

Jay Black and Johnnie Erickson both stated support for the prison. Jay liked the idea of jobs and Johnny said that his parents live near one and they don't really notice it or any effects of having it there.

Nicole Erickson wanted to know if prisoners count for this area in census statistics. Crane did not know.

The Gateway Power Project. Crane reported on the power project. The project starts with a Wyoming Power coal fire power plant, travels through Idaho and supplies power to Los Vega and parts of California. Gateway West and Idaho Power are involved with construction.

The line location involves lots of input from BLM, local governments. The location got moved around from various proposed routes due to competing requirements, eventually ending up here. Plan is to run it along Utah, Idaho border. Trying to keep it on public ground as much as possible. This route adds 55 miles to the route. Stan Spencer said that the 55 miles represents about 2% of their budget.

Crane urged people to attend the upcoming meetings regarding the line.

Cache Peak Civic Association Elections. The floor was open for nominations, but a motion that was carried with no opposition re-elected the same officers with the exception of President and Vice President.

George Darrington was elected President and Kent Durfee was elected Vice President. So the CPCA 2010 officers are:

President:	George Darrington
Vice President:	Kent Durfee
Secretary:	Janice Durfee
Treasurer:	Sadie Udy
Recording Secretary:	Tom Harper

Bookmobile. Mike Spencer brought up the need for bookmobile money. CPCA should discuss this topic in an upcoming meeting. It is a great area resource and is in danger of losing significant funding.

Bud Ward motioned to adjourn and Lewis Roberts seconded the motion.