

# Cache Peak Civic Association Minutes

February 25, 2025 - 7:00pm

Almo, Idaho

Biannual Community Meeting

Start Time: 7:03 pm      Adjournment: 8:08 pm

The minutes from the 2/4/2025 special organizational meeting was read and approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Stephanie Christensen reported that currently the CPCA has \$8382.11 in account. The Almo Recreation District (ARD) was granted \$1456.00 for the schoolhouse utilities from November to February. DL Evans donated \$500 for development of the Heritage Hub website. Break Point Media is doing the development.

## CPCA Organization Updates

### Community Cleanup

The community cleanup is currently scheduled for the May 3 which is the first Saturday in May. Starting time is 9:00 am. The park was chosen for the initial meeting place.

Several project suggestions were made. Phil Christensen pointed out the that cemetery needs some general cleaning, especially around the border.

Clean up the highway from town to the Koyle residence which is 6 miles, divided into six 1-mile sections.

The ARD provided a list of projects and thinks that 5 or 6 people would suffice for the work:

- Clean around the park fence
- Clean out the pavilion
- Clean kitchen and bathrooms
- If a grant comes through (Deana Cole is working on it) paint the kitchen, bathrooms, and maybe the pavilion

It was suggested that we get some of the state garbage bags and have a hot dog roast in the park afterwards.

### Ace Fire Update – Phil Christensen and Sara Jane Ward

Ace Fire got a new truck this past fall. It is set up for brush fires and should really help out with wildfires. A new foldable tank was also obtained that will be mounted on top of the water truck. It provides constant flow.

There will be a training for new volunteers in the near future. Time to be announced.

Phil listed several maintenance tasks that need some volunteers:

- The emergency generator needs to be fixed. Ace has money for this task (qualified individuals only)
- Weed spraying around the yard.
- Clean the firehouse chairs (needs an upholstery cleaner)
- Re-screw the roof

Be sure to clean up after yourselves after using the firehouse!

## Community Emergency Preparedness – Sadie Udy

Some residents of Albion have formed a group called Albion Preparedness (<https://preparealbion.com/>) that is providing a series of community emergency preparedness meetings and is inviting Malta, Almo, and Elba residents to attend. These meetings provide presentations about various subjects that enhance our abilities to meet various emergency situations. Sadie attended their first meeting and relayed the following information.

Sandra Miller, superintendent of Cassia Schools talked about a **School Reunification Team**. The goal of a school reunification team is to bus kids elsewhere in the case of a school attack and then reunite them with their parents once it is safe. A bus has necessary supplies for such a situation and needs adults to be on the team that can be with the kids. The school district is looking for volunteers.

The REA talked about the **vulnerability of the grid system**. Substations are vulnerable. A natural disaster can destroy one and some could be taken out with 1 bullet. It takes 6-12 months to replace one, so it is a good idea to have a generator for your home.

If you have a generator that ties into the household mains, you need a transfer switch to avoid killing someone working on the line somewhere. Raft River will install a switch for you.

Dave Hedges pointed out that you need to figure out how much gas you need to have on hand.

**Ham radios** are also useful in the case of an extended power outage. ATC says that phones (including cell phones) will last for 3 days and then the towers will not have power. Rich Gobles runs a Ham radio certification class every 4 months. It is 1-1.5 hours long, cost \$30, and provides the information necessary to get certified.

Sadie has been looking into **hand pumps** that can be added to an existing well. She has looked at two companies, Idaho Hand Pump in Menan, Idaho (<https://idahohandpump.com>) and Pump Control, run by Brodee Boden in Elba Idaho (no website found). The systems are a little different and the Pump Control version looks more robust. Both systems can be removed (Secretary's Note: Sadie only said that the Pump Control could be removed. I checked the Idaho Hand Pump and learned that their version can also be removed, but requires 2 people to pull one out.) Prices vary.

A discussion ensued regarding the amount of water a household should have if no water source is available. The consensus was 1 gallon per day per person for a period of 3 weeks.

## Almo Flood District Contact Info

The Almo Flood District can provide help for flood damage. Cordell Sheridan is the person to contact in case of flood damage.

## Almo Recreation District Update

The **Almo Recreation District** reported that the decision for the school house will be made March 1. They have gone over grant possibilities with Deana Cole and have a list of upcoming improvement projects which will be prioritized depending on the success of the grant.

The ARD wants to improve park access by adding more gates and creating better ADA access and general maintenance of park facilities.

## City of Rocks Park Report

Trenton Durfee outlined a number of events that the City of Rocks has planned for the upcoming season. There will be an open house and archery tournament on May 3. The Idaho Mountain Festival will be held the first week of June. A series of Fishing Fridays will be held June through July. Fishing gear will be supplied by the park and there is usually a ranger on hand to help out with whatever is needed. The season schedule for all events is posted on the online NPS calendar at <https://www.nps.gov/ciro/planyourvisit/calendar.htm> or the NPS phone app.

CIRO will have an Artist in Residence this year that is a musician. She will provide music programs and her own concert.

The park will put on a craft fair during the Race the Rocks event, a running race being put on by Bryce Thatcher September 19-20<sup>th</sup>.

## Declaration of Independence 250<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration

A multi-month celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> year since the signing of the Declaration of Independence will begin with a kick-off celebration this August at the Cassia County Fair, culminating on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. A magnetic sign celebrating this historical event is available for sale. Contact Sara Jane Ward for purchase information.

Deana Cole reported on the **AARP Grant** she has been working on. The CPCA will sponsor the grant since it has a 501(c)4 status and a web presence, 2 requirements for the grant. The money is to be used for permanent community improvement projects that make the community more livable. They want photos and videos of work progress and need waivers from people appearing in the media. Dave Hedges and Tanya Ward have volunteered to be AARP contacts for the grant project.

## City of Rocks Institute

Sophia Bates provided an update about the **City of Rocks Institute**. They are looking for 2 new board members. They have a website at <https://cityofrocksinstitute.org/> and a facebook page that can be found by searching for "City of Rocks Institute".

CPCA Attendance List Feb. 25, 2025

Stephanie Christensen

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JARA JANE WARD

Trenton E. Durfee

Wynn Dewsnop

DAVID & JULIE HEDGES

Nichole Erickson

Tony Ward

Adrienne Smalley

Sophia Bates

Recording Secretary's Note: Sadie Udy and Deanna Cole  
also attended the meeting, but missed signing  
this list.