

Cornville Community Association

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

The Annual General meeting of the Cornville Community Association (CCA) was held at 7:00pm, Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at the Oak Creek Elementary School Gymnasium, 11490 E. Purple Sage Rd., Cornville, Arizona 86325.

Deanna King called the meeting to order. Everyone was welcomed and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasury: Ted Luke reported the beginning balance was \$1801.41 with \$543.00 in deposits and \$621.19 in withdrawals. Ending balance is \$1723.22. The 2009 Budget was detailed and approved. Please see below for the 2009 CCA Budget.

Membership: Russ Bottjer reported there are 166 eligible voting members representing approximately 100 Cornville families.

7th Annual Cornville Easter Egg Hunt: Lois Hook reported the Hunt is this Saturday! Volunteers may arrive at 8-8:30am to help hide eggs. The gates open at 10:00am, and the official Hunt begins at 10:30am. See you all there!

Cornville Park at Aspas and Cornville Rd.: Chip Davis, County Supervisor, has met with the Forest Service, and they are acquiring the land behind Mingus Avenue for the swap with our proposed Windmill Park Extension land. A letter was sent March 24, 2009. This means the park extension is about two years away.

Cornville Road at Verde Santa Fe: Apparently residents of Verde Santa Fe are unhappy with Cornville Road. They complain they cannot pull out into such severe traffic. They have asked for a lower speed limit in addition to the widening of the road. Some speculated that both a speed limit reduction and the widening are not necessary together, and that either one will allow Verde Santa Fe residents ample opportunity to merge with existing traffic. The County has responded that the numbers of the road must be studied to determine if the current speed limit is excessive.

Cottonwood Annexation: There will be an informative meeting at the Cottonwood County Building on Sixth St. at 10:00am on April 28, 2009.

CCA Board of Directors: There are six positions open. The candidates include new nominees Debbi Segall, Nikki Lewis, Gary Chamberlain, Geoffrey King, and those running for re-election: Deanna King, George Dana, Lois Hook, and Ted Luke. Votes were cast and tallied: Board Members with new two-year terms: Deanna King, Ted Luke, Geoffrey King, and Debbi Segall. One year terms: George Dana and Lois Hook, Congratulations!

Cornville Farmer's Market: The Cornville Farmer's Market will begin it's 2009 season on June 1, 2009 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, and will meet every Monday thereafter during the summer. No plastic bags please, but feel free to bring produce to sell. No fees, but bring your own table, shade, water, and any other supplies you may need.

Tom O'Halleron: The former State Senator described the current crisis in morality facing our elected officials, and said we need leaders who are capable of looking us in the eye and giving us the truth. There were several interesting points to his presentation:

1. How much money have Congressmen received in contributions over the past ten years from businesses that have received bailout money or otherwise violated the public trust?
2. US banks were allowed to approach leverage ratios of 40:1. In comparison, Canada's banking system has not been allowed to exceed 13:1.
3. Our elected officials, especially those involved at the federal level are asleep at the wheel. How much can we expect them to get done when we give them a \$170,000 salary for a 3.5 day work-week?
4. All our tax cuts have been borrowed money.
5. All our stimulus is from borrowed money.
6. Lobbyists are embedded too deeply into the system.
7. Many of our elected officials are lying to us to stay in office, and we are believing them.
8. Arizona is 47th in classroom spending, and 27th in test scores in the country. The US is 22nd in the world in education.
9. State Congressmen face term limits of 8 years, but most often, they just perpetually go back and forth from the Senate to the House of Representatives to get around that.
10. Federal Congressmen have no term limits.
11. Growth is NOT paying for itself no matter where you look. It's just a matter of time until this is extremely obvious to all.
12. Annexation: Most towns are unable to pay debts resulting from past growth, so they rely on the simplest solutions they can find immediately: More growth. This is a dead-end cycle we are asking our children and grandchildren to pay for. Let us see 5, 10, and 20 year budget forecasts that are sustainable without relying on any growth. There are plenty of examples across the country and world.
13. Our financial regulatory system is crippled. If we allow people to make easy money by cheating, it is guaranteed to happen sooner rather than later.
14. All contributions must be fully transparent. All donations must be collected, categorized, and listed publicly.
15. Arizona water policy is like trying to take a bad joke and make serious arguments out of it.
16. Send letters to your elected officials: Always provide your name, address, phone#, email, and cel#.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Dave Belkiewitz, Secretary

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