

Cottonwood Park West Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting Minutes
Central Park 19 July 2009 – 10:00 A.M.

In attendance: all board members but Taz and Joe, 35 people from 20 households, 1 cat, 1 dog

Dean opened the meeting by introducing management and members of the board who were pleased to hear applause approval! He then noted the names of board members leaving at the end of their 3-year term: Marva, Fred, Joe, and possibly Jane (thankfully, no applause here)

1. Wonderful volunteers were then acknowledged: Lisa for the road petition and the great aerial poster of the neighborhood, Jim for welding skills, Chester for website expertise, all newsletter deliverers, and a special thanks to Bert from the Market for putting together an array of breakfast snacks, fruit and great coffee for the meeting at moderate expense to the HOA
2. From the information packet that Sharon handed out to all attending:
 - The 2008 Annual Meeting minutes were read and approved
 - Financial information was discussed at length and several questions were answered and explained: yes, we love CoCal for our grounds maintenance; we will try to use organic chemicals when possible though they are 3x more expensive; miscellaneous expenditure includes removal of overgrown bushes, sidewalk repair and ramps; the Reserve Fund is a state requirement; at this time, the newsletter will remain on paper since many homeowners do not yet have internet
 - The 09/10 fiscal year budget was discussed and questions answered: yes, Totara/Miro will be plowed when the snow is very deep
3. The budget was accepted
4. Dean gave a brief history of the previous manager and then focused on the present board and management and their groundwork for future projects such as sealing the HOA -owned roadways of Totara/Miro; the placing of mailbox pads for future boxes; fixing the playground base and surround for improved safety; replacement of the Niwot Rd. fence as a 50/50 share with the six homeowners
5. The unused maintenance items in the shed will be sold on Craig's List
6. Jeff explained the LID tax group and showed the inspired CoCal plan for the tree-carving area along Niwot Rd. - loud applause of approval
7. The unusual three neighborhood water sharing scheme was explained to clarify why water is spraying at high noon
8. General questions and comments from those attending:
 - How to get street light shielding? - call Xcel directly
 - Second story pop-ups? Pros and cons – mostly cons
 - Junk autos? Sharon's diplomacy usually works
 - Let's keep the sidewalks clean and trimmed
 - Trash cans are ugly – put them out of sight
9. New Board members elected: Mat Taylor, Margaret Hess, Randy Blondeau, Paul Gibb
10. Kathleen Kroeger will look into forming an emergency preparedness system and will contact Sharon about putting something in the newsletter – let's all be neighborly, watch out for friends, and not be afraid to take action
11. Adjourned..... (and farewell)

Jane