



Lake Francis Estates

ACC MEETING MINUTES

8/19/21

19 August 2021 / 7:02 pm / VIA ZOOM

Minutes recorded by Rooja Mohassessy

ATTENDEES

Present: Susan Rainer, Jonathan Beth, Hugo Sibrian, Anna Romano

Absent: Lisa Thompson (due to illness)

Ethel See-Winchell - Guest for Firewise

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Firewise Report presented by LFMWC VP

- Collaboration between Yuba Firesafe Council and Firewise Community
- The LFMWC Board has signed up in order to mitigate possible adverse effects on our water lines, in the eventuality of a wildfire.
- Residents' participation would include continuing the initiative started by the previous administration to clear the undeveloped lots in the Estate to lower our fire risk hazard.
- The Water Board has initiated the process. It will then hand program over to ACC for implementation.

Step 1—Application. Completed by the Water Board.

Step 2—The Water Board is arranging a Zoom meeting with a Wildfire Mitigator Advisor from the Yuba Firesafe Council to present solutions and suggestions to the community.

Members may ask questions.

Step 3—A Wildfire Assessor will inspect each home and offer a list of recommendations. A list for scheduling will be posted and homeowners can choose inspection dates. It is recommended that they are present during this assessment.

Step 4—Our participation will be reported and rated by the Firewise Certification Board in order to receive the designation of a FIREWISE COMMUNITY. More details and benefits of this designation will follow in monthly newsletter.

Step 5—A FIREWISE COMMUNITY designation

- will enable us to tap into certain grants for fire mitigation, equipment, etc.
- it may lower home insurance rates in the community
- We will be the first in Yuba County!
- Of course, hopefully, it will save our lives and properties.

Agenda Item 1: Complaint of Noise nuisance

- Member X plays metal/rock/country music out of his open garage on a daily basis for three hours between 5-8 pm.
- Members Y consider the daily noise just as they arrive home after work a major source of stress in their lives. They have asked neighbor X several times to lower the volume. Member X has refused, claiming he is not doing anything which would be considered “illegal”, claiming he uses an app to measure the volume and stays within the county’s 60 decibel guidelines.
- Members Y have resorted to wearing noise reducing headphones even inside the house.
- Members Y apologize to the community for sounding car siren in response.
- Members Y have begun to keep a log to show repeated nuisance.
- Members Y asked the sheriff to intervene.
- Other members of the community claim that they can hear the music from their homes, which makes it likely that the noise level is above 60 decibels from speaker source. Some members have begun to measure the decibels from their home.
- ACC Members present agree that occasional celebrations and parties are not considered a nuisance.

Course of actions discussed:

1. Verbally communicate with member X and ask if out of neighborliness, he would be willing to lower the volume below 60 decibels or close his garage door while playing music as homes are very near in the subdivision. **ACTION NEEDED**
2. Offer arbitration/mediation between neighbors X and Y. **ACTION NEEDED**
3. Neighbor Y should continue to keep a daily log, and use the same app to measure the decibel count to build a case for nuisance.
4. Publish county ordinances on noise on website and draft guidelines for noise in the neighborhood. **ACTION NEEDED**
5. Draft grievance resolution guidelines to post on website. Filing a complaint with the sheriff/county should be the final recourse. **ACTION NEEDED**
6. Neighbor Y can file a legal case for repeated nuisance as stated in CC&Rs.

Agenda Item 2: Complaint filed by member on Monday 8/16/21 regarding a traffic accident on Ingersoll

Two reports read at meeting.

Suggested course of actions:

1. Post driving etiquette guidelines (Rules of the Road and Road Safety) on website and include in newsletter, reminding members that the roads are private and public traffic rules cannot be enforced, therefore following guidelines is a courtesy and a matter of community safety. **ACTION NEEDED** —draft and publish guidelines.
 - i) Observe speed limit 20 mph
 - ii) Roads in the Estate are narrow. Certain spots have visual obstructions, such as hills obstructing the view of the incoming traffic. Keep to designated lane when driving.
 - iii) Refrain from parking in the middle of the road, use the curb/shoulders, turn on hazards, do not leave vehicle unattended.
 - iv) Keep pets on leash. Owners are responsible for the safety of their pets.

1. Consider adding signage around the subdivision re speed limit.

2. Make maximum effort to resolve grievances and altercations before they escalate and avoid calling law enforcement/sheriff/county as we need to be a community in good standing.

Though not included in either report, it came to light that someone called the sheriff against the member involved in the traffic accident, resulting in temporary suspension of his volunteer duties as a member of the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team. ACC members agreed that they cannot judge whether such extreme action was warranted or not, however, they agreed that the suspension of a member from such important service to the community was highly regrettable and a great loss to the community, especially in the midst of a high fire hazard season.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20