

MINUTES: INVERNESS RIDGE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 13, 2011, 9:30 am, Katherine Williams' home

Board Members Present: Richard Blair, Sydne Bortel, Bill Carlin, Helen Chapman, Alicia Jackson, Bob Lundstrom, Michael Ongerth, Russell Ridge, Laurie Stetson, Eleanor Stern, Katherine Williams, David Wilson

Others present: Tamia Anderson, Sandy Harcourt

(Note: David Beatty has moved from Inverness Ridge, and is no longer on the Board)

MINUTES: Minutes of June 18, 2011 meeting approved without corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Laurie Stetson reported \$2,451.24(Luther Burbank), \$8,506.50 (Wells Fargo)

Total: \$10,957.74. 92 households have paid dues

We are continuing to have difficulty convincing Wells Fargo to discontinue account charges. They are currently charging two separate charges on our account.

OLD BUSINESS

Eleanor Stern reported on Inverness Association meeting discussion of potential closing state parks. (Note: local state parks are scheduled to close Sept 5, 2011 including Samuel P. Taylor and Tomales Bay. The Board expressed considerable concern about risks in unpatrolled areas. Efforts are under way to keep parks open without turning them over to commercial enterprises. While legitimate community organizations can partner to volunteer to patrol parks, this is a very complicated and potential risky role requiring structure and supervision. Hopefully a balanced plan will be developed.

LEGAL STATUS: Laurie Stetson reported that her phone calls in reponse to IRS's revoking IRA's tax exempt status (See June 18, 2011 minutes) have received no response. She was referred to a taxpayer advocate agency, and told it will take 3-4 months to rectify the problem. The State has instructed that we have no ability to change our articles of incorporation, but IRA has also been told (again by the State) that we have been directed to update the document. Hopefully we will have more clarity in 2-3 weeks.

PRE-RAB: Tamia Anderson reported that Ismail completed flashy fire fuels reduction and chipping of residents' piles, completing more work than he estimated and going over budget. Pre-rab will discuss this issue to determine a way to keep costs within county auditor's limitations.

The SOD project has been split off from the flashy fuels project. Tamia and Ed Stetson surveyed SOD affected trees on the ridge and determined that 100 trees should come down. Trees are of variable heights. They have identified biggest risks (threats to roads). Orange paint marks indicate identified trees, and yellow and black checkered flags identify trees that are hard to access. PGE/Davey Tree completed their survey

(light pink or white plastic flags), but note that they only cut top just below power lines. PRE RAB will await Davey's tree work and follow in late Sept, early October with its own, putting bid out to contract and trying to keep its budget under \$25,000.

Michael Ongerth reported that Ismael also did SFD pavement repair. Costs higher than estimated. Chipping bill not yet paid. He stated that chipping very successful, as 50 piles were chipped and program should be continued. However, it was suggested that the resulting costs cannot continue at this level long-term if they are to be met from the IRA budget.. Suggestions were made to evaluate and plan chipping program. They included homeowners part-pay and applying for Fire-Safe grant with matching funds (as IRA has done previously).

David appointed a committee of Michael Ongerth, Laurie Stetson, Tamia Anderson and himself to examine bid picture for next year. We were also reminded that re-paving of DrakesView Drive is likely to be scheduled earlier than previously thought, and that another tax election will need to be held.

FIRE MARSHALL LETTER: Discussion of David's draft of letter to Marin Fire Marshall regarding enforcement of defensible space and clearing dead vegetation. It was suggested that copies of this letter be sent to Steve Kinsey and the Park Service. Bill Carlin moved that the letter be sent as written. Michael Ongerth seconded. Motion passed. Several residents were given correction notices during the fire department's inspection last month, but no follow up has occurred. We need to determine whether Marin Co. has an ordinance enforcing clearing (owner clears or govt agency clears and bills homeowner) David, Bob Lundstrom, and Victor Stangenberg will do a new survey of undeveloped properties to determine current status. Tamia requested the Park clear more of the roadside area approaching the Sunnyside gate. Laurie reported that the lock is now working properly for our emergency use.

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard reported that our data base no longer works, and requests \$50 to purchase a new program. Richard made the motion and Bill Carlin seconded. Motion passed. IRA instructs Richard Blair to purchase a new data base program.
Executive session in order to discuss recent clearing of vegetation on a DrakesView lot.

County Plan: David reported that one of IRA's recommendations was not included in new plan proposals, which as drafted may require new construction to include off-site road improvements. Mike Ongerth noted that the Road Board will continue to maintain all road sections, and that the re-paving of DrakesView may include some road aprons.

Meeting adjourned 11:22 am.

Next meeting October 8, 2011 at Bob Lunstrom's home, 40 DrakesView Dr.

Sydne Bortel, secretary