

## **Minutes of Inverness Ridge Association Board Meeting**

**9:30 AM, Saturday September 12, 2009, at Marge and Russell Ridge's, 260 DVD**

Present: Tamia Anderson, Jerry Block, Sydne Bortel, Bob Lundstrom, Michael Ongerth, Marge Ridge, Russell Ridge, Eleanor Stern, Mary Anne Warren, Katherine Williams, David Wilson.

1. President David Wilson opened the meeting at 9:50 AM.
2. The Minutes of the July 22 meeting were accepted. Mary Anne asked those who did not receive the minutes to e-mail her.

### **3. Vegetation Control: Michael Ongerth**

Ismael chipped piles of brush for \$1,400, which is less than half of what the IRA has allocated.

Davey Tree and Shrub Care has also been working on the trees for PG&E. They do not clear up the cut material as well, which Michael has spoken to them about.

Tamia has repeatedly asked PG&E to remove the power poles and lines that run out past the end of Sunnyside. They have said that they will do this soon.

David noted that ideally we will do our next chipping day after Davey has finished; the problem is that we do not always know their schedule.

Bob Lundstrom said that Davey trimmed on his property, although PG&E had not notified him about it. Michael suggested that next year the IRA have a liaison to PG&E, in order to coordinate better. Bob suggested that we send a letter to PG&E about the poor cleanup and lack of notification. David asked Tamia if we should send the letter to her contact at PG&E. Bob and Tamia will find out who the responsible person is at PG&E. Michael suggested copying the Public Utilities Commission, noting the problems this year and asking when we should be in contact next year.

Michael suggested that we contact Ismael and look at SOD trees to see if there are more that we can remove, provided that the property owner agrees. It was pointed out that removing SOD trees that are not on the right of way is the property owner's responsibility, though we might offer to assist with the cost. Michael agreed that we should not pay for tree removal outside the easement. However, he said that there are a few trees outside PRERAB's jurisdiction that might threaten the road or structures. He moved that the IRA send letters to both PG&E and the property owners in cases where a tree threatens the road or power lines; and that we offer a subsidy of up to \$100 for paid members who remove trees that are judged to be dangerous. The motion was seconded and passed.

Michael reported that PRERAB will start work on the unpaved roads towards the end of October. The County has approved about \$24,000 for this. This will

move us towards not having to do as much each year, especially now that we are using the blue rock, which holds up better under rain and traffic.

Bob asked about the decomposed granite that runs onto the road from Rick Goulet's driveway. Michael said that we cannot do much about it; we could put a water bar on DVD, but people would probably not like that.

Eleanor asked about when DVD will need paving. Michael said that the pavement is performing better than expected. The work that Lunny and Ismael have done on potholes is also holding up well. Thus, we are at least two years from needing to repave, especially if we do more to seal cracks and patch. Katherine noted that we will need to have a special election about 18 months prior to repaving.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report: David Wilson**

Alicia is in Southern California, but reports that we have \$2,370 in the Luther Burbank CD, and \$8,825 in the checking account.

We have over 80 paid members, which is good. David has asked Alicia to make a list of unpaid members, so he can send an e-mail to Board members, who may wish to remind people whom they know. Several people noted that there was an apparent jump in membership after it was announced that we will have a chipping day for members only.

#### **5. Web Site: Katherine Williams**

Katherine plans to have a private part of the web site that is for members only, with an access code. Board members will be listed by name and phone number, not with e-mail addresses.

#### **7. Adopt-A Trail: Mary Anne Warren**

This will be 9 AM, October 17. We will meet at the top of DVD. Mary Anne will e-mail an announcement to Kathleen, who will forward it to members. David will call Victor Stangenberg, who does not have e-mail.

#### **8. Commercial Activity in PRE: David Wilson**

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss concerns about building and potential commercial activity in PRE.

Following this discussion, David noted that The IRA generally does not become involved in neighborhood disputes over building, *with rare exceptions*, such as when a law is unclear or clearly violated, and where there is an impact on everyone in PRE. He offered to draw up an IRA position statement, which will go into the Minutes after being circulated and discussed.

## **9. Inverness Association Liaison**

Michael Ongerth needs to be replaced and liaison to the Inverness Association. Mary Anne volunteered to do this.

The Inverness Park people have a new organization. David will try to attend the next meeting, and introduce ourselves.

**10 Next Meeting:** Saturday November 7, 2009, 9:30 AM, at Eleanor Stern's, 369 DVD.

**11.** The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Submitted by Mary Anne Warren, Secretary, November 3, 2009.