

IRA Board Meeting, September 10, 2016

At the Bortels

Present: Tim Stanton, David Wilson, Bob Lundstrom, Ron Bennett, Julie Merk, Helen Chapman, Sydne Bortel, Mike Ongerth, Alan Bortel

Meeting called to order at 9:45 am

1. **Minutes** of July Meeting. M: Ron, S: Bob, Passed.
2. **Treasurer report:** 78 memberships to date. Dues collected: \$525; interest: \$.40; expenses: \$7.52. Balance, 6/27/16: \$10, 414.32.

3. PRERAB Update

Potholes

Potholes filled; Couldn't do everything, so a few complaints. Can't keep patching; will have to put new base under if we don't repave soon. Cost of this project: \$26,000.

Remaining maintenance by end of September to deal with surface issues on E. Robert, 2 on Douglas and outer Sunnyside and rutting on Peter Behr Lane, lower Dover, plus try to fill the drop-off at Harvey's curve where the sawhorse is. Clean all drop boxes, ditches by mid-October. Potential contractor for the latter: Inv. Garden Service.

Repaving

November ballot measure will not happen: County hasn't made a solid proposal and will no longer front the money.

Mello-Roos bond? Alan will send flowchart on steps. Need 75% property owner signature on petition to establish Community Facilities District (CFD); then, w/in 90 days Bd of Sups has to start proceedings and adopt resolution of intention. Need municipal advisory, lawyer, tax rate consultant, public agency (DPW). DPW still developing policy for non-county roads and CFD process.

Comments: Higher bar—75% of all property owners. We have 168 parcels, 30+ not developed. Will have number of nonresponders and those who vote no. What about someone who owns multiple parcels? Suggestion: David and Alan and Ron meet with whoever at DPW is developing the rules (Pat Eccles?) to communicate serious concerns about getting to 75% (weekend people, full-time who feel they can't afford, banks or others who own) and want to have input on the process.

Who pays the attorney, consultant, etc.? Probably us. They probably take a % of the money raised. Generally no upfront money needed.

Go in with town of Inverness? Mark Pressman is working with them, Alan in touch. Alan will continue as contact with county. Suggestion to reestablish liaison relationship with Inv. Assoc. (Mike and Tim have both been liaisons). Tim will contact Kathy Hartzell, IA Pres. and report back about when the meeting is.

Vegetation management

History from Mike: years ago, had single brush drop-off point for chipping; then resident assessment included cutting flashy fuels 10 ft. either side of road edge (one definition of easement) and clearing sight lines and taking down trees, initially SOD, within the easement and those that might fall in a way to obstruct or harm the road (root ball pulling out part of road, starting slide). Experimented with allowing residents to leave material in the easement and using road board funds to chip them. Then county person who approves our contracts became dubious about that program because not about sight line clearance and road risk. So last year IRA contributed portion of funds for chipping. Mike recommends that we go back to the roadside chipping program as something we can do for all the residents.

Cost: if Road Board is bringing chipper up anyway, cost of doing roadside chipping very low. Haven't finished cutting trees and doing sight lines this year. IRA chip in money (last time \$700) to cover. What to do about the abusers? Mike: Not excessive, human nature. PRERAB has to go back to the county for approval to spend what the contractor estimates for remaining work. IRA will contract for the homeowner chipping part to be done simultaneously.

Apply for fire prevention funds from Fire-Safe Marin.

Motion: Do homeowner chipping in conjunction with the last of the SOD/sight line clearance efforts of the road board; IRA will be the contracting party for the add-on. Apply for grant from Fire-Safe Marin to cover the cost; if that fails, we will allocate up to \$1,000 to cover it. Mike moves; Myn seconds; Passed.

David will call Laurie about Christie McNeil and will call Christie and let the board know.

4. Board member recruitment:

Kay McMahon joining in November.

Helen will ask Bob Houghteling.

Mike will invite Colin Hamlin or his wife, Trish, to November meeting.

Ask PRERAB non-IRA board members if they want to be on IRA board.

Terms ending in January, to stand for reelection: Ron, Myn, Leah

5. Newsletter, communication

Need communications strategy to regularize communications with residents.

In newsletter: highlights of board meetings with link to website minutes.

Usual contents: president's message; highlights; an article that can come from anywhere; photos. Annual meeting.

Who could do the technical/design aspects: Katherine Williams Dillon; Kathryn Goodwin.

Cut and paste from current newsletter template Diane put together. Tim will ask Sherry.

Myn check with Dierdre Nemours and Chelsea? Twice a year? November and beginning of summer?

6. **Trail clearing (Allan):** Darcy asked for help with PRNS on trails at top of Drakes View. Youth corps has worked on. Allan will check and report.
7. **Annual meeting: January 14.** Tim will check with Barbara Jay about availability of her house. Speaker: road issue. Alternative: A park person who deals with plant diversity and invasive species on the ridge. Sherry Stanton will check with her for this year or next.

Publicizing the Annual Meeting: NextDoor, newsletter, email reminder. Postcard? Invite: begin to talk about the road repaving project. Mention that we'll be collecting dues at the meeting.
8. **Signs.** Ron called Rip Golet, who doesn't seem to want a sign. So gave the sign to Burton. Ron put sign at bottom of Douglas; Burton put sign where trail and road split and one at the other end.
9. **Lock at Sunnyside:** needs graphite. Ron will do. Should last a long time.

Next meetings: November 12th at Myn's: 330 Drakes View Drive (across from Sunshine Court). Plenty of parking available down the long driveway.

Annual Meeting: January 14th, 2017 at Barbara Jay's, confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Minutes: Myn Adess, Secretary