

IRA Board Meeting, March 18, 2017

At the Bortels

Present: Tim Stanton, David Wilson, Bob Lundstrom, Ron Bennett, Julie Merk, Kay McMahon, Sydne Bortel, Mike Ongerth, Myn Adess, Leah Light.

Absent: Helen Chapman

Guests: Diana Rudsten, 71 Dover (316zaragoza@gmail.com) Thao Chung (business partner of Diana)

Meeting called to order at 9:50 am

Introduction of guests—Diana is a new resident.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Minutes** of November, 2016 meeting and January 2017 Annual Meeting: Ron moves, Sydne seconds. Passed.

2. **Treasurer report:**

Previous balance:	\$10,874.57	
Dues collected:	\$1,050.00	January
	\$50.00	February
Interest earned:	\$0.24	January
	\$0.20	February
Total Income	\$1,100.44	
Expenses:	\$58.94	January Annual Meeting supplies
	\$12.37	January Newsletter printing and mailing
Total Expense	\$71.31	
Balance 1/14/17	\$11,903.70	

Time to send reminder to those not paid up with dues? Myn will check with Helen.

3. **Officer Nominations and Election:** (Officers elected each year)
Ron moves that interim president Tim Stanton become president, Mike seconds;
Ron nominates David for Vice President, Mike seconds; Sydne nominates Myn to
continue as Secretary, Mike seconds; Tim nominates Helen to continue as Treasurer,
Bob seconds. All voted on and passed.

Officers approved for 2017:

President: Tim Stanton

Vice President: David Wilson

Secretary: Myn Adess

Treasurer: Helen Chapman

Welcome to new member Kay McMahon.

4. PRERAB Update

Maintenance:

Since January, spent close to \$80,000 of road board funds for tree removal and clearing, partially planned (dead SOD and Bishop pines: 24 trees); another 24 trees either came down or threatened to come down—and take the road with them—due to saturated soils, winds this winter (SOD, old ceonothus, alders). More rain to come, may require more tree work.

Rest spent on both planned (\$14K) and storm-related (\$12K) road maintenance.

Road Board funds come from prop taxes— base income \$37-38K/year; additional funds (about \$25K) have come from tax assessment to build reserve and do veg management; that assessment ends this year. Still a healthy reserve, which will be used going forward to maintain existing pavement on side roads and DVD.

Potholes: filled 66 potholes in August for \$26,400. 9 new ones popped up. By end of rainy season, will probably have 20 altogether. Need to get bids now if we're going to patch them this summer.

Ron: Given the weather we've had this year, the roads are holding up quite well.

Road board needs more members, road experience not needed.

Repaving project:

Three funding options at the moment:

- **County will advance funds**, but only for 5 years and we can't pay back in that time: requires 2/3 in favor on a mail-in ballot of registered voters who are residents. Not economical to do two 5-year projects. Apparently county counsel says 5-year limit is in new state law. Ken Drexler disputes this. Work with Rodoni to get the 5-year limit extended. Allan Bortel trying to reach someone Dennis suggested at the County to find out; Allan and Ken perhaps could meet with him.
- **Mello-Roos**, which requires 3/4 of property owners to petition to create district, then 2/3 election; cost issue to get Mello-Roos passed, usually for borrowing larger sums.
- **Private investment** from individuals for some return—but need to be securitized. Need to get approval from property owners to borrow the money. County would collect the money. May need to buy some expert advice on this option.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Road Repaving

Need to go to voters in 2018, will need paving soon after. Want to be able to pave over existing rather than dig up road and start over, which will be needed if the road deteriorates beyond 2-3 years.

a. Task force:

Task force recommended to address repaving strategy, finance options, communication, meeting more frequently than IRA and PRERAB boards meet. Come back to boards with recommendations/requests for funds. Authority to invite others to join and access resources as needed. Choose own chair. Mike and Ron will convene first meeting.

Members: Ron Bennett, Ken Drexler, Michael Ongerth (ex officio), John Levy, Tim (ex officio), Julie Merk, Kay McMahon. Perhaps Allan Bortel.

b. Communication with residents:

At Ann Mtg a lot of support for road repaving project.

Will need frequent communication with members about what's happening: first, announcement of the task force with names and how to contact. Request for expert advice.

Tim will write monthly update. Mike will help. Myn will send by MailChimp.

Sydne will work with Helen on sending to those who only have snail mail.

Perhaps don't need newsletter if we have regular updates going out. Important to keep the issue in front of people.

2. Work party to remove baby bishop pines at end of Sunnyside.

Tamia is concerned about fire danger from live wire and dead wood, is urging PG&E to do more work. Meanwhile, new bishop pines coming up. Easy to pull right now while ground soft. Work party to pull them: could be done by 5+ people in couple hours. Bob, Dave, Mike, Sydne, maybe Myn. April 1st meet 9am at the turnaround at end of Sunnyside.

3. New member recruitment.

Bylaws: no fewer than 11, no more than 16. Board members encouraged to invite new members.

Meeting adjourned 10:50am.

Next Meeting: April 29th at Myn's, 330 Drakes View Drive, 9:30am.