

PARADISE RANCH ESTATES ROAD ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary for September 7, 2019

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Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board September 7, 2019

The Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board met on September 7, 2019, at the Ongerth residence in Paradise Ranch Estates. The meeting was attended by members Mike Ongerth, Tamia Marg Anderson, Ron Bennett, Randy Merk and Ken Drexler, Secretary. Tim Stanton, IRA President, and Julie Merk also attended. Ken Drexler led the meeting.

1. Finance: Ken Drexler reported that the County had started its 2019-2020 fiscal year. PREPRD started the year with a \$136,207 cash balance. Ken said he would provide complete financial information for the 2108-2019 fiscal year in the near future.

2. Paving Task Force: Ken reported that the Task Force would be holding a meeting for PRE residents on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 10:00 AM at the Dance Palace - Church Space. The meeting will present the paving project and seek feedback on the project from residents on the project and on what specific items should be included or excluded from it.

3. Current Road Conditions: Mike Ongerth reported on the current road conditions and upcoming road projects:

Asphalt. Drakes View has developed a few potholes, mostly at the lower end. In the Spring, Mike expects to recommend a project to repair them.

Dirt Roads. The dirt roads, in general, are OK although potholes and some washboards have developed on Sunnyside and Douglas. The roadside ditches are in satisfactory condition for the time of the year. To deal with the dirt road issues, Mike will propose that the potholes and ditches be repaired and that portions of Sunnyside, East

Robert and Behr Lane be graded. He also is looking for an opportunity to remove the rocks which line the roadside ditch on Behr Lane. These rocks trap debris and interfere with ditch maintenance.

Mike noted that, at present, Inverness Gardening Service is the only contractor available in West Marin to do dirt road maintenance. He suggested that PRERAB needed to identify alternative contractors. (Borello was unavailable for PRERAB work because the paperwork involved in doing government work.)

4. Fire Clearance and Sightlines: Mike reported that the recent sight line and fire clearance project had been completed and that a Mt. Tamalpais crew that had been in the area said the work looked pretty good. Since the work was completed, there has been some re-growth along Drakes View, Douglas and Sunnyside.

5. Miscellaneous: One of the members noted that many of the signs in PRE needed to be cleaned and suggested that a residents' workparty be arranged. Another member noted the pothole on Drakes View on the curve before the bulletin board which should be filled.

6. Inverness Ridge Association Issues: Tim Stanton, IRA President, said that the IRA's 2019 chipping program, now in progress, was highly successful. He also said that the PRERAB FAQ which is posted on the IRA website was being updated. Tamia Marg Anderson said that she would contact Nadav, the IRA website maintainer, about the PRERAB section of the IRA website.

7. Financial Analysis: Randy Merk distributed copies his summary of the finances of PREPRD from about 1993 to 2018. He noted that in recent years PREPRD's income has increased significantly over the years. In 2018, it was about \$51,000.

8. Laurel Escape Route: Mike reported that since the PRERAB meeting in July, there had been no response from the property owner of the land over which the Laurel escape route passed. Tim said that he had looked at Marin County records and found that there was a 1911 easement for a right of way over the property owners land. The Inverness Ridge Association and PRERAB will be sending a letter to the property owner advising that PRERAB would do the work needed to make the Laurel-Douglas escape route usable unless the owner objected.

Next Meeting: PRERAB members tentatively set its next meeting for November 2, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at the Ongerth residence.

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