

PARADISE RANCH ESTATES ROAD ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary for March 4, 2023

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Minutes

The Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board met on March 4, 2023, by video conference over Zoom thanks to Tim Stanton. The meeting was attended by members Mike Ongerth, John Levy, Tamia Marg Anderson, Randy Merk and Ken Drexler, Secretary. Tim Stanton, IRA President and Julie Merk also attended. Randy Merk led the meeting.

1. PRE Paving Project: Ken Drexler reported that there were three pending tasks for the paving project: (A) Arranging for the interest rate to be charged by Marin on funds borrowed by PREPRD for the project. This work is being handled by Tim Stanton, Randy Merk and Jennifer Howard. (B) Hiring a construction manager for the paving project. The work has been offered to Miller Pacific Engineering, Coastland Engineering and CSW Stuber-Stroeh, three firms recommended by ILS Associates and Mike Evans. Of the three, Miller Pacific has said that it does not do construction management work. Responses from the other two are pending. (C) Planning for the financial and paving aspects of the project is beginning.

As to the interest rate, Randy Merk noted that the County had suggested that the interest rate it would use would be one percent over the interest paid on 10 year treasury notes. Also Randy said that the County Director of Finance suggested that the Task Force start early on working out the financing details with the County.

2. PREPRD Finances: Ken reported that Marin County had started collecting the parcel tax to pay for the paving project and other PREPRD purposes which had been approved in April 2022 . As of the end of 2022, about 55 percent of the owners had paid the full \$968 2022-2023 parcel tax, giving PREPRD \$73,698 in paving funds and \$10,929 in other funds. In addition, by the end of 2022 PREPRD had received \$35,752 in property tax funds. As a result, PREPRD now has available funds. Ken said PRERAB is now awaiting receipt of a \$15,000 invoice for work already done and other road maintenance expenses are expected.

3. Current Road Conditions: Mike Ongerth reported that because of recent rains potholes had developed on Sunnyside, Dover and Douglas. In addition, washboards and some gulying had developed on the roads. He said that he would use ground asphalt as well as road base to repairs the roads when the roads were dry enough to allow their repair. Mike also noted that a number of trees had fallen on the roads and that they had been cut up by the Marin County Fire Department leaving limbs in the roadside ditches. Finally, Mike said that in early April he expected to have a recommendation for additional needed road work.

John Levy asked Mike whether PRERAB would try out a slotted drain to move water off of the roads and Mike said it would.

4. Website Update: Tamia Marg Anderson observed that the part of the Inverness Ridge Association website concerning PRERAB and the Paving Project needed to be updated. In particular, the list of PRERAB members dates from 2019 and needs to be updated to remove departed members and add new ones. She also suggested that a note be added to the evacuation map that the preferred evacuation route from PRE was down DVD.

5. Updates, IRA and Fire Safety: Tim reported that the IRA was considering holding a community-wide social gathering in mid-2023 and that Jennifer Howard is looking into holding another fire drill. Also Jennifer and Christian Winslow are working on disaster preparedness issues. Tamia said that Mark Brown, head of the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, will be giving an onsite educational review of fire evacuation on May 6, 2023.

6. Miscellaneous: At the end of the meeting, Ken noted that PRERAB needed new, younger members as Ron Bennett had recently departed. He that all contact their neighbors and friends as possible members. Randy agreed and suggested that PRERAB seek members with homes on roads which were not currently represented by current PRERAB members.

NEXT MEETING: To be determined.

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