

Inverness Ridge Association Board Meeting, July 13, 2019

At the home of Leah and Ivan Light, 45 Drakes View Drive

Present: Tim Stanton, Sydne Bortel, Ron Bennett, Leah Light, Mike Ongerth, Julie Merk, Jon Wurtzel, Kay McMahon

Absent: David Wilson, Helen Chapman, Jennifer Howard, Bill Tichy

Meeting called to order at 9:45.

No treasurer's report in Helen's absence. Next report will be September.

Vote for approval of minutes of last board meeting: Mike moved, Sydne seconded; unanimous approval.

Announcements

- NMWD (Stanton for Howard): Replacement bids for Tank #4 replacement are going out. Work should commence in the first quarter of next year. New work also is being done around Tank #1 by NMWD. This includes drawing of core samples, paint markings, and surveying for addition of a filtration plant and eventual tank replacement. Additionally, plastic water lines of some homes are being replaced with copper.
- Evacuation Siren (Stanton): Mike Taylor recently tested the siren located by Tank #3. Results were too quiet. The siren is in need of a good cleaning to perform well for a monthly (first Saturday of the month at noon) test. Mike recommended Richard Dillman, a local radio expert, to do this. John Wurtzel volunteered to do the August test.

Old Business

- Fire Safety and Prevention – Priorities and Proposals: (Wilson) In David's absence, Tim proposed the working group of Tim, Mike, David, Jon Wurtzel, and John Casadoumecq meet to discuss priorities for Firesafe proposals.
- Road Repaving Task Force: (Stanton, Ongerth) Per Mike, engineer proposals are in good shape. He and Randy Merk are working on figuring approximate costs of prep work. Ken Drexler is coordinating with the county treasurer/finance director. Per Tim, we need to find a meeting place for the October community meeting to present the engineers' results and the conclusions of the Road Repaving Task Force to the wider PRE community. Julie will check with the Dance Palace about renting the church space on a Saturday in October.
- PRERAB Update: (Ongerth) Completed since the last IRA meeting:
 1. Weed whipping of all PRE roads cost \$15.5 thousand and was done by Inverness Garden Service. They did an excellent job and timing this year was almost perfect. They widened a couple places on road edges and did a little work on SFD to improve visibility.
 2. Tree cutting and sight line clearance work to improve emergency and fire vehicle access at a cost of \$32 thousand, done by Pacific Slope. All of this can be applied to the Firesafe requirement a community must spend a certain amount of money annually on fire prevention.
 3. Dots were added to the center of DVD by the county, twice as many as before.

4. In July, there will be some light grading and pot hole filling on dirt roads. In fall, grading and ditch cleaning will happen.
- Chipping Update: (Ongerth) The first phase of this year's (second annual) chipping program is finished. Seventy tickets were sold at a cost of \$35/pile. The actual cost was \$60/pile, so the IRA subsidy amounted to \$25/pile, half of what it was last year. We are improving. To Mike's count, at least 10 new IRA members resulted from this round of chipping.

Additionally, 11 sites have been created around PRE roads, marked by red-topped stakes labeled PRE and a number one through eleven. These sites are to serve as a) drop-off sites for trimmings from homes with limited frontage; b) storage of road repair materials such as road base for pothole repair; and c) stacks of extra chips, to be available to all.

Tim expressed thanks to Mike and others who have worked on this program. This year's round went more smoothly than last year's. The next round of chipping for this year will right after Labor Day.

- Other Clearing Issues: In relation to clearing on other fronts, Sydne asked whether absentee owners received letters from the Marin Fire. Certified letters did go out. Tim is going to talk with Christie Neil of Marin Fire. Mike says PG&E and Davey are planning to do clearing from Elizabeth Court down to Sunnyside. The property at 200 Sunnyside is partially newly-owned and lots of clearing is planned there. Derelict vehicles and boats have been towed.

The topic of the Laurel/Douglas emergency exit also came up. The vehicle emergency exit has been well cleared by Burton Eubanks, but the section of high roots stretching across the road and possibly causing problems for two-wheel drive vehicles still exists. Mike believes that area needs several loads of road bed gravel, spread and compacted, to make driving possible for all. We will talk to Daniel Cordrey, president of the Laurel Road Board and invite him to our next meeting. Mike will talk to Lunny about costs and amounts of rock.

Also discussed was the large amount of fuel on the lower part of Drakes View Trail. Large teepees of wood, the result of work done months ago by the Tam crews for NPS, are still there. They were supposed to be burned either last winter or after the May rains. Now it is too late, so these large amounts of fuel still exist. They are in a steep area that can't be reached by a chipper. Tim will call Christie Neil for advice.

- IRA Treasurer Election: (Stanton) Many thanks go to Helen Chapman who has agreed to continue as treasurer. Mike moved Helen be treasurer; Sydne seconded. Unanimous.
- Sydne asked about timing for the annual trail clearing with NPS. We did this last year in October, but the community meeting is already slated for that month. Is November too late? She will call to say we are targeting November.

New Business

- IRA Website (Stanton): Nadav Savio, new PRE resident (53 Douglas Drive), has agreed to take on the task of IRA webmaster. Thank you, Nadav! He plans to send out a short and simple survey to IRA and PRERAB board members on the website.
- IRA Outreach for repaving parcel tax campaign/ date for meeting (Stanton) The group discussed the best ways to get the word out about the October meeting.
Kay noted a small group (Kay, Leah, Sherry Stanton, Jon) has begun working on communications. Any or all of the following would be helpful: a) a revamped website; b) invitation flyers on front doors; c) neighbor to neighbor contact d) walking door to door; e) an announcement in the local paper; f) announcements on PRE and post office bulletin boards; g) posters around PRE.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20. The next meeting will be held at the Bortels home at 1 Lower Dover on September 14.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Merk, secretary