



Board Meeting Minutes of the Indian Valley Associates (IVA)

For meeting held on February 23, 2010

Home of Rodney Bosche, Indian Valley, Novato CA 94947

Board Members:

Present: Rodney Bosche, Nita Bruinsslot, Jonell O'Day, Mike Foley, Bob Abeling, Kitty Houghton, Monica Brett, John Isaacs, Barry Sheppard, Nancy Niche, Tom Tharsing, Vivian Poole, Mike Murphy, Sherman Leland

Absent: Gary Frugoli, Ed Grudstrom, Diane Gasson

Others Present: none

Proceedings: 7:40 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:41 p.m. by Chair, Rodney Bosche

Minutes: Meeting minutes of 11/10/09 were approved (Bob|Mike F).

Treasurer's Report - (Jonell distributed report dated February 23, 2010.) The balance in the General Fund will be \$4,754.66 after payment made to Bruce Stang (nativity lights) in the amount of \$150, and to Good Shepherd Church (chairs/tables for the January meeting/fete in the amount of \$100. The Flower Fund now has only \$80 left, due to a lot of activity in 2009.

A discussion ensued when Bob objected to paying Bruce; Too much money, and not what the dues should go to. Perhaps the money should come from the Flower Fund, Jonell suggested. Apparently there were some complaints and/or opposition to the holiday scene. It was agreed that the Nativity display during the holidays is appreciated; therefore we would like to encourage it to continue. Barry moves that "Next year, and from hereon, we as neighbors will make an individual contribution of a reasonable amount *anonymously* after passing the hat at the meeting or annual dinner following the dismantling of the display." Approved (Barry|Jonell)

Road Safety – (Rodney) No report.

Use Permits – (Nita) Discussion regarding 1758 IVRd – Nancy talked with Michael Cohen (realtor) and discovered that there is an offer on the property by a family who wants to build there for their own use. Bob reported that 1697 IVRd is under construction, and that he sent a letter. There is no permit.

Website – (Mike) Bob supplied Mike with info about Woody Malone and Noreen Curry. Mike will fashion something for the website in memoriam. Rodney received a memo from Judy Arnold / County Connection about Marin Clean Energy. Either it, or a link to it from our site was deemed appropriate.

President's Report – (Rodney) 1803 IVRd – No news about the brick column issue. Seems that work has stopped for the time being. The property still comes up as a foreclosure on RealtyTrac.

Discussion (revisited) about the request for the IVA to weigh in on the countywide discussion about mountain bikes on single-track trails. Jonell, Robin, Rodney and Sherman agree to be a committee with ideas such as getting signatures at the Open Space to see if folks are for or opposed to the proposition (bikes allowed on single-track trails), and whether or not they live in the area. A form will be drawn up in committee and then run past the board for comment. No timeline was established, as the proposal is slated for 18 months of study and review. The board agreed it should go to committee for action, rather than be a recurring discussion at our meetings. The committee action would contribute to the research in a concrete way, whereas the board does not feel it has the authority to speak, on behalf of the membership, to the controversial issue.

A suggestion was made that we consider sending out a survey in the newsletter, then ask the membership for a vote (to support or oppose) at the general meeting. Bob will contact Ron Miska to see what he thinks of this idea. Bike committee agrees to meet in March.

Annual meeting date is set for Saturday, June 12, 2010.

Chipper Days – (Mike Murphy) Chair reports that money is again available through FireSafe. The date is set for May 22-29 (open for dumping); at the hosts and Mr. Arbor's discretion for chipping and hauling. Mike suggests that the flyer go out in the newsletter. **Newsletter deadline is May 13.**

Open time:

Bob Abeling would like to acknowledge Jody Haas' 98th birthday by presenting an American Flag flown from the U.S. Capital + certificate/inscription as a way of showing our appreciation. Cost is \$9/sm or \$24/lg. It is agreed to go for the bigger flag. Motion carried (Vivian|Jonell)

Bob asks if the membership email list has been updated to the database; Jonell says not yet. Bob urges entry needs to happen.

Vivian will email us with updates about the proposal to use school bond money for stadium lights and bigger sound system at Novato and Sinaloa. Vivian and her neighbors oppose the proposal, while Jonell (on school leadership committee) says there is so much support for it - it will happen.

Bob sued the Sanitary District over 'taxation w/o representation' as we cannot vote for the board (as we are unincorporated), but yet they set the garbage rates for us. There is a continuance until March.

Discussion about recent magazine solicitations in the neighborhood led to consideration if we should explore a 'Neighborhood Watch' program.

MCE was discussed. Rodney passed around a fax from Judy Arnold's office in support of the program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm (Rodney|Nita)

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Niche, IVA Secretary, April 13, 2010

