



Board Meeting Minutes of the Indian Valley Associates (IVA)

For meeting held on May 11, 2010

Home of Nancy Niche, Indian Valley, Novato CA 94947

Board Members:

Present: Nita Bruinsslot, Jonell O'Day, Ed Grundstrom, Kitty Houghton, Monica Brett, John Isaacs, Barry Sheppard, Nancy Niche, Vivian Poole, Mike Murphy, Sherman Leland

Absent: Bob Abeling, Rodney Bosche, Mike Foley, Gary Frugoli, Tom Tharsing

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Vice President Nita Bruinsslot

Minutes: Meeting minutes of 4/13/10 were approved (Barry|Monica).

Treasurer's Report - (Jonell distributed report dated 5/11, 2010.) The balance in the General Fund is \$4,841.79. The Flower Fund is \$120. Expenses: Flag for Jodi Haas was \$17.50

Road Safety – (Group) Sherman noted a low-hanging Oak Branch near Pacheco on IVRd. Yesterday (high winds), but said it was gone today. Barry said he heard a big truck take it out. County's Department of Public Works is where we would report this sort of observation, had it not been resolved. Monica noted that Gage Lane (beyond Nancy's – 489) had a lot of overhanging Oaks. Gage Lane is a private road, so it is up to the residents to clear hazards. Word will be circulated and hopefully trimming will be done and disposed of during Chipper Days. Kitty reports that upper Wilson has a particularly thick growth of Scotch Broom this year; a private road.

Use Permits – (Nita) None to report.

Website – Nancy will take over the website after the annual meeting, when she and Kitty will coordinate the minutes from the meeting (Kitty doubtful she can attend) and shift the secretary duties to Kitty, freeing Nan up for the website. Nancy will create a behind-the-scenes site for approval of the board before it goes live. It is uncertain how much of the current site will transfer, as it is in html code, and Nancy will be using Dreamweaver for this application. It is hoped that the historical record of minutes can be archived easily from the site Mike has been overseeing.

President's Report – In Rodney's absence, Nancy reported that Judy Arnold, Captain Cindy Machado (Humane Society) and NMWD Conservation Manager Ryan Grisso (or Chris DeGabriele) have agreed to speak at the annual meeting. Denise Athas, a rep from the Fire District and CHP are also possible guest speakers.

The Annual Meeting Event/Entertainment Committee (Vivian, Jonell, Monica, Sherman) handed out an updated version of last year's worksheet, outlining menu items, raffle prizes, children's games, music and a potential pony ride. There was a discussion about liability insurance. It was decided that Rodney, Bob and Gary should follow up on this, as they handled it last year.

It was decided that a second printing of the invitation cards (first being inserted into the newsletter) would be afforded, so that each board member could personally invite their neighbors and valley friends to the annual meeting and BBQ. Signage will go up on June 4th and balloons will be added to the signs on Wednesday, June 9th to remain until the event on the 12th. Jonell and Sherman are responsible for creating, printing and hanging the signs. The second printing of cards will be available sometime in the week preceding the event. An email will go out to the board as to how they will be distributed. Each board member verbally committed to helping distribute the invites.

Ed Grundstrom volunteered to chair the nominating committee for officers up for reelection and any new nominees. Nancy said she would try and squeeze this into the newsletter before printing.

Annual meeting date is set for Saturday, June 12, 2010. Meeting is at 1pm, BBQ to follow. Speakers are to be informed they have roughly 3 minutes at the podium.

Chipper Days – (Mike Murphy, Chair) Nancy passed around the printed flyer for Chipper Days to be included in the newsletter. Mike approved it.

Newsletter deadline is May 13, and is expected to be met, as long as the newsletter edits made at this meeting are approved, along with all content, by Bob (not present).

Open time:

Jonell reports that the email database is done. We have 164 email addresses of membership, approximately 46%. A discussion about shifting from paper/postal newsletter distribution ensued.

A community bulletin board was suggested as a link from the official IVA site to support social efforts in the neighborhood.

The garage sale was discussed again, favorably.

It was announced that there is still a vacant seat on CSA#20. Discussion followed.

Several board members volunteered to help fold, label and stamp the printed newsletter following its imminent printing. An email will go out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm (Ed, Barry)

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Niche, IVA Secretary, May 25, 2010