

**INDIAN VALLEY ASSOCIATES**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MAY 29, 2014**  
**1834 Indian Valley Road**

Board Members

Present: Craig Knowlton, Nita Bruinsslot, Jonell O'Day, Tom Tharsing, Sherman Leland, Vicki Martinez, Lynn Perry, Barry Sheppard, Skip Fenner, Ladd Cahoon, Claudine Le Moal

Absent: Bill Stewart, Gary Frugoli, Monica Brett, Michael Goldin, Lisa Hecker

Emeritus: Bob Abeling, Ron Witzel

Guests: Joanna Witzel, Ed Grundstrom

1) Meeting called to order: 7:31PM

2) Approval of Minutes for April 17, 2014 m/s/a

3) President's Report

Craig, EIN update: It would cost IVA \$50-\$75 per year to file with the IRS and California per a CPA. Discussion: to pay for an hour for advice? File next year for 2014 year? The current EIN was filed for a start date of 1983 and would need to be corrected by the person who filed it to avoid back taxes and fines for not filing. Craig will have that person correct the filing. There is no benefit to cancel the existing EIN and get another, according to Ed Grundstrom and Craig's CPA. There was discussion about the initial filing and Craig is still researching it with more data coming in June.

Re: the County Housing Element, there have been community workshops on it, the 2007-2014 numbers have been allocated by ABAG to the cities and the County. It is up to the cities and County to decide where housing will be. A site in IVA has been included as part of the County's allocation. There was discussion about the Elloway site at Indian Valley Road and Wilson Avenue, the numbers of units it could support, 5 market-rate, and in-law units that might be allowed as well. Ed Grundstrom emailed Judy Arnold with the question "would our one acre minimum density be in danger, yes or no?" One answer was inconclusive, and the second was no, the area is A2B4 one acre minimum. There as discussion about the area being on septic systems and would sewers be incorporated and would this put our Specific Plan at risk. Bob Abeling said LAFCO (local area formation commission) is now required to review SOI's (spheres of influence) every 5 years, and there is a new Director now as well. When the sewer issue came up several years ago, 83-84% of Indian Valley did not want sewers because of the cost of the new line (the closest estimate at the

time was \$32,000) and the costs of connecting laterals, a separate amount. There was a comment that the Elloway property was considered good potential student housing during the community workshops. A comment that shows how out of touch the community workshops were with the actual locations being considered. Craig will write a letter to the planner and the group MCF (Marin Community Foundation) that did not consider the IVA as a stakeholder in the meetings.

4) Treasurer's Report: Jonell reported the balance in the IVA account as of May 27, 2014 is \$7,460.53, including the Flower Fund of \$193.11. We will amend or transfer the account to remove the old SSN associated with it and begin using the new EIN.

5) Chipper Days: It went well this May. Tom and Craig attended the FireSafe Marin (FSM) Meeting. One other neighborhood group from San Rafael attended. FSM has matching grant funds, they have to document the funds with matching funds or "in-kind" hours. This is why we had the volunteers at the Chipper Days sites to register the hours people spent to cut and deposit their trimmings for chipping. We had 12 hours of volunteer coverage at the two sites, and logged 187 hours for cutting and hauling. We were allocated \$1,500 from FSM, who paid the vendor, Felix, directly with IVA paying the balance of \$200 for the most recent Chipper Days. Novato Fire is also scheduled to provide \$1,500 for their fiscal year; they previously paid the vendor directly, but due to policy changes they will pay the IVA directly.

6) Use Permits: Nita had no new information

7) Annual Meeting (July 12) Planning: Monica's committee will meet Wednesday June 4th.

8) Open Time: Bob mentioned that Jody Haas' 100th birthday is coming up July 1st. We will send a card and flowers, she has been very supportive of the IVA over the years. Ron suggested that the Board make Rodney Bosche emeritus for his contributions and support of the IVA, there as a motion, a second and a vote, which passed. Sherman is the Elections Chair for the upcoming annual meeting.

9) Barry made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm, it was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Nita Bruinsslot, Vice President 6-17-14