



## **Board Meeting Minutes of the Indian Valley Associates (IVA)**

For meeting held on November 9, 2010

Home of Rodney Bosche, Indian Valley, Novato CA 94947

### **Board Members:**

*Present:* Rodney Bosche, Nita Bruinslot, Jonell O'Day, Kitty Houghton, Bob Abeling, Monica Brett, Mike Murphy, Barry Sheppard, Sherman Leland, Vivian Poole, Ed Grundstrom, Tom Tharsing, and John Isaacs.

*Absent:* Gary Frugoli, Bill Stewart.

*Meeting called to order* at 7:35 pm by President Rodney Bosche.

*Minutes:* Minutes of the July 7 meeting were approved as amended. Minutes of the September 14 meeting were approved.

*Treasurer's Report:* Jonell distributed the report dated 11/9/2010. The balance in the General Fund is \$5,233.13. Hector Chan has not yet submitted his bill for work done during the Chipper Days. FireSafe Marin has paid IVA \$500. Jonell paid the annual fee for the P.O. Box. The Treasurer's report was approved.

*Road Safety:* It was reported that a car driven by intoxicated guests from a party on Indian Valley Road crashed into a fence. The drivers were taken into custody by the Sheriff.

*Use Permits/Variances:* Rodney cited a Nov. 2 e-mail he and Nita had received from Toni Shroyer which contained a link to a list of 30 sites being considered for rezoning for low income housing. Number 30 on the list was in Indian Valley. After the meeting, Rodney forwarded the e-mail to Board members, Jonell e-mailed photos of the site to the Board, and Bob e-mailed the Board identifying the site as the Elloway property, noting that it had already been approved earlier as a five-lot subdivision which would include an affordable section.

In Bill Stewart's absence, there was no update on the status of his complaint about the old Schwindt property, a 13 acre site on the hill above his property where there has been a lot of earth-moving activity recently. Plans for construction reportedly don't address run-off, which could adversely affect Bill's property below. Nita will call the County with questions. Sherman's suggested script: "We saw permits and they were OK. Now we are seeing a large volume of dirt being trucked in and we would like to know if there is a permit for this."

There was extensive discussion of individual complaints filed by individual property owners about changes and installations their neighbors make that are not in accord with approved plans.

*Website:* Nancy Niche is working on the IVA website.

**Chipper Days:** Chipper Days the last two weekends of October went off without a hitch. There were kudos to Nancy Niche for her design and printing of the post cards, which Tom stamped and mailed to IVA residents. One suggestion for next time: Make the IVA a bigger font so residents know their dues are supporting this service. Thanks also went to Tom for creating the signs and to Nancy for posting advisories against dumping. Rodney will send thank you letters to Stella Cantarutti and Nancy for providing drop-off locations for brush to be chipped. Tom will schedule the Chipper Days for next year.

**CSA-20:** The IVA through Gary Frugoli will ask CSA-20 for funds for Chipper Days next year. (The Novato Fire Protection District will also give up to \$500 to IVA for Chipper Days.)

**President's Report:** (1) IVA will donate \$100 again to the CHP's 11-99 Foundation. (2) The ad hoc bicycle committee will go out on the trails and conduct a simple survey about people's views of mountain bikes on trails. (3) Rodney distributed a list of proposed dates for Board meetings in the coming year and asked that it be posted on the website. (4) The next meeting will be the Annual Dinner at Rodney's house on Jan. 25, 2011, social hour at 6:30 pm, with dinner following at 7:30 pm.

**Open time:** John Isaacs, who came late to the Board meeting direct from a Novato City Council meeting, reported on contentious discussion over a proposed 300 to 400 unit high density affordable housing complex planned for Novato and mandated under California State law (Legislature bills AB 32 and SB 375). Nita remarked that the issue originated at the State level and it will end up at the State level, but those most closely affected at the local level need to make their views known.

The planned SMART train was cited in connection with housing, the understanding being that the two stops proposed for Novato may be contingent on zoning for large low income housing complexes. In any case, California bills AB 32 and SB 375 call for high density housing to be located near transportation hubs.

Bob suggested that the Board should consider appointing someone to fill the vacancy following Nancy Niche's resignation. Board members did not have any suggestions or know of anyone interested at this time.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kitty Houghton, IVA Secretary, November 14, 2010