



Indian Valley Associates (IVA)
MINUTES for meeting held on May 16, 2013
Home Ron Witzel, Indian Valley, Novato Ca 94947

Board Members Present: Craig Knowlton, Nita Bruinsslot, Monica Brett, Tom Tharsing, Gary Frugoli, Vicki Martinez, Ed Grundstrom, Bill Stewart, Skip Fenner, Barry Sheppard, Ron Witzel, Jonell O'Day Nancy Niche, Lisa Marvier, Bob Ableing, Lynn Perry.

Absent: Rodney Bosche, Sherman Leiland. **Guest:** Joana Witzel

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm.

Approval of the minutes is to be submitted via email after reading those handed out at the current meeting by Nancy Niche. (Minutes subsequently approved on May XX, 2013).

Treasurer's report: As of May 16, 2013 the register balance is \$7,103.58. For details, see attached report submitted by Jonell O'Day, Treasurer.

Use Permits/Variances: No news to report. Skip Fenner is going to join the Design Review Committee, taking Ed Grundstrom's vacant seat.

Chipper Days: Tom Tharsing reports that he still hasn't had a response from FireSafe Marin and has some trouble connecting with someone there. However, he has made several attempts at corresponding, and he is confident that if they get their funding, they will consider our compensation. Hopes to have their payment portion by July.

Website/Newsletter: Due to the postponement of the Annual Meeting & Picnic, the newsletter mailing date can be scheduled later. Deadline for article submission is pushed to June 1, 2013. Hopes to get the newsletter to the printer by June 15th in the mail the following week. Note: Gary Frugoli is to take over chairing the Election Committee from Ed Grundstrom.

Creekside Ordinance Update: Craig Knowlton volunteered to write a letter after looking into the details of the 'Marin County Title 22 (Development Code) Amendments: Stream Conservation Area Ordinance' (proposed addition of two new chapters; 22.33 and 22.63). (online at: <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/CD/main/comdev/advance/SCA.cfm>) and in brief:

The Marin County Community Development Agency (CDA) has proposed an expanded Stream Conservation Area (SCA) Ordinance that would apply to unincorporated areas of the County located outside of the Coastal Zone. The Ordinance is based on the stream conservation policies of the Marin Countywide Plan and is intended to protect the hydraulic function, habitat value, and water quality of streams. The proposed SCA Ordinance will:

- Protect stream corridors and habitat by establishing a Stream Conservation Area setback that varies from 20 feet to 100 feet or more depending on the size of the property and its location.
- Establish Stream Conservation Area permit procedures and standards. The SCA setback is a permitting area in which new structures and site activities that are not otherwise exempt require a Stream Conservation Area permit in order to ensure that adverse impacts to riparian habitat, water quality and stream channels are avoided or mitigated.

Ed Grundstrom moves that the IVA officially write a letter to the County urging them not to approve the ordinance amendments. Gary Frugoli seconded. (Letter posted to website.)

Open Time:

> *Annual Event:* Barry Sheppard contacted the church for the use of the tables and chairs; he will also arrange for the beer. Chairs/Tables are to be picked up on Friday and returned Saturday afternoon. Monica Brett, Vivian Poole and Jonell O'Day are arranging for the wine and food. >> A member asked if there would be any time for speakers, other than the scheduled guest speakers. As this is not an arena for advertising or advocacy, the group decided that any individual who has something to say to the group has the same 2-minute opportunity as everyone else.

> *Wilson Ditch:* Not on the summer work schedule for county improvements.

> *Youth Mischief:* Sheriff's Deputy Josie says the minor lives in Indian Valley and the parent have been notified.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36; Bob Abeling moved, Lynn Perry seconds.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Niche, June 20, 2013