

INDIAN VALLEY ASSOCIATES
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2016
WITZEL HOUSE

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm. Present were Craig Knowlton, Jonell O'Day, Barry Sheppard, Tom Tharsing, Lynn Perry, Yves Lermusi, Kent Aue, Michael Goldin and Monica Brett. Also present were Emeritus members, Bob Abeling, Ron Witzel and Laura Turrini. Gary Sello also attended.

Craig introduced Michael Sagues who works for the Marin County Open Space District. He is an open space planner and he spoke to us about planning the future of CSA20. The County will examine each Open Space with a view to improving, adding or deleting trails and otherwise protecting the Space in accordance with the new Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP). The County especially wants to close non-sanctioned "social" trails which have been made by some users. But they would like to expand and improve the trails already designated and constructed by the County. They will also open new trails to connect existing ones. Mr. Sagues is visiting HOAs in Marin as well as representatives of the hiking, biking and equestrian communities. He is asking for plans from each as to how they envision future use of the Open Space and how we will all co-exist. Then there will be public meetings to discuss everyone's opinions. He suggested that we should make a cogent argument supporting our wishes making sure that plans are detailed, specific and well thought out. There were some discussions regarding the need to expand facilities within CSA20 considering the lack of parking and the present overuse of the Open Space. There were questions regarding decisions between conflicting or incompatible users and how those decisions would be made. There were questions of liability in the event of accidents arising from incompatible Open Space users and also questions on policing.

Craig asked for approval of the minutes of the meeting on January 17th. Barry made a motion to approve and Jonell seconded.

Gary Sello asked that we consider some private signs on private property along the road. His idea is to make people think about slowing down and also being considerate with regard to people on horseback or children riding bikes, etc. Private signs are allowed as long as they are not actually on the road and subject to County rules, etc.

There was discussion about speeding on the road and Barry suggested we look into the use of road bumps. Yves suggested cameras. Jonell made a motion to organize an investigation. Sherman (not present) was nominated to head the committee.

Treasurer's report. Jonell reported that there had been no movement in the account and the balance stands at \$11,533.28.

Chipper Days will be the 2 middle weekends in May. Mrs. Cantarutti and Frank McGovern have agreed to make their properties available for dumping of brush. Novato Fire Dept. has \$1,500 in matching funds but FIRESafe Marin has no grant money available at this time. The IVA will have to cover the difference between the actual cost and the Novato Fire matching funds. There will also be around \$200 for incidental costs including postage, etc.

Tom made a motion that we put up as much as \$1,500 to get matching funds from NFD. Barry seconded. Tom noted that it was very possible that FIRESafe Marin would in fact get the money for us.

Jonell asked about having Robert the IT expert to come and talk to us. Jonell agreed to invite him.

It was agreed that Jonell would buy and send a card to the Draeger family as condolences for the passing of Richard Draeger.

Bob warned us that LAFCO has to look at all the boundaries of special districts. SOIs, etc. every 5 years. They are aware that we are very much against being in Novato's SOI.

Craig asked us whether we should announce our meetings on NextDoor.com, together with an agenda and date. Jonell made a motion that we give it a 3 month trial. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting would have to contact Craig to RSVP and would be subject to there being space at the Witzel's house. Monica seconded. Carried.

Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm, Michael seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Brett
Secretary