

MINUTES OF
INDIAN VALLEY ASSOCIATES
JULY 18, 2019
MEETING AT WITZEL HOUSE

Craig called the meeting to order at 7.35. Present were Craig Knowlton, Michael Goldin, Nita Bruinsslot, Tanya Omran, Jonell O'Day, Tom Tharsing, Barry Sheppard, Skip Fenner, Claudine LeMoal, Laura Colvin and Monica Brett.

Craig reported on the 2 lots to be developed on Gage Lane. The one owner contacted him regarding the County's decision to disallow the 540 sq ft garage exemption because the project is too large to qualify. The County cited our Specific Plan as the reason. The issue has to do with design review being triggered by the house size exceeding 3500 sq ft. Craig said that he wanted to check into the matter further.

Treasurer's report

Jonell reported that the bank balance is \$12,413.49. There is a discrepancy of \$59.30 (to IVA's advantage) and despite Jonell's efforts, she could not track down the error.

FireWise and Chipper Days

Tom paid Hector Chan \$3,000 and the IVA received \$1,500 in matching funds from Novato Fire Dept. FIRESafe Marin has been asked for \$1,500 but Tom doesn't think the money will be forthcoming.

Laura showed the meeting the new light reflective house numbers. There was debate about how and where the signs should be positioned on the road. She said the cost of the signs was \$55 each. Then followed a discussion about whether IVA should subsidize the full cost of the signs. It was decided it would be too expensive to do that but we should offer a \$25 rebate on the first 200 residents to apply. Craig wants to present this all at the Annual Meeting.

Laura suggested a Firewise newsletter be sent to residents. This newsletter would be specifically for Indian Valley and would have current information regarding fire prevention/fire safety/evacuations, etc.

Laura made a motion that IVA should pay \$120 a year to *** for this newsletter to be emailed quarterly to all residents of the valley. Michael seconded.

Tom requested money to put out a FireWise mailing to all residents and then the quarterly emailing would start thereafter. In this mailing, we could ask for all those who would like a warning siren and all responses should go to a new email address for counting those responses. Skip made such a motion and Nita seconded.

Laura talked about Go Bags. It was suggested to raffle one at the General Meeting to promote everyone buying or making one. Defense Pro makes go bags at different prices. Nita made a motion that we should buy a Go Bag for \$100. Tom seconded. It was suggested that everyone attending the Annual Meeting should be given an N95 mask to promote having them on hand in case of fire/smoke. Tom suggested

buying individually wrapped masks for the Annual Meeting. Laura made such a motion and Michael seconded.

Website

Tom said that the website needs to be more current. Laura offered to do the website and Craig offered to help her get started with it.

Permits and Variances

Nita said there was nothing to report.

Discussed rotating the executive positions so that the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary all hold that post for a 1 or 2 year period and then the job would be rotated on to the next board member. The board will vote on this at the next meeting. In the meantime Jonell volunteered to be president and she said she will delegate as much work as she can to members of the board. Monica made a motion to revisit this issue at the next meeting and vote at that time. Tanya seconded.