

INDIAN VALLEY ASSOCIATES – THURSDAY OCTOBER 21, 2021, BOARD MEETING AT JONELL’S HOUSE

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by President Jonell O’Day

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT; Jonell O’Day, Nita Bruinsslot, Tom Tharsing, Matt Griggy, Claudine LeMoal, Carol Cady, John Bliss, Catherine Topping and Michelle Funez

1. Call to order and welcome new members John, Catherine, and Michelle
2. Motion, second and approval of Minutes for September 18, 2021, Annual Meeting
3. Vote for John Bliss to be Treasurer; motion, second and approved, as Diane Gasson agreed to be treasurer temporarily not permanently. Jonell explained Treasurer’s duties to John, how we paid bills with receipts, and fielded questions.
4. Permits/Planning Applications, Nita; none. Tom explained that we have to sign up or actively look up the County website to find any new applications, as the County no longer sends requested hard copy to interested parties.
5. Chipper days, Tom; We had Chipper Days in September. FireSafe Marin was going to send emails in Spring 2021 with days and how to sign up, but did not, so for Fall we sent out 500 postcards with the days and sign-up information for the County chipper to come to your house/street and chip. We have been the poster child of success in Marin for our Chipper Days response in the past thanks to the hard work and management from Tom, so to keep it up we will continue to send out the postcards.
6. Indian Valley Road maintenance and speed bumps; We have had ongoing discussions about the speeding on the road. Jonell mentioned holograms along the side of the road draw attention to slowing down. Installing speed bumps has the mentioned, with the concern Novato Fire Department may not allow them. There was discussion about large utility trucks parking in the access lane to the Open Space, blocking in residents. Later there was more discussion about the Open Space users parking along Indian Valley Road instead of off Ignacio Valley Road at the collage parking lots. It was decided to wait for the election for the new supervisor to discuss it further.
7. First 2022 Meeting and Potluck Dinner venue and date; We will have no more meetings in 2021. We usually have a Potluck or restaurant meal in January for a short meeting and then socializing with the Board and spouses/guest but didn’t last January because of the virus. There was discussion of a meeting/dinner in February 2022, what dates and were to have it. Venues will be researched or the next few weeks.
8. Indian Valley History Project, Jonell; There are boxes of historical information from Ron Witzel and Craig Knowlton to come, so we can have a historical section on our website about the Valley, and possible add it to the County website later.
9. Open Time; Since we don’t pay for Chipper Days now, as it is paid for through taxes, and we don’t have the County Supervisors’ funds to augment with our funds improving ditches, etc. along Indian Valley Road as we have done in the past, we are looking for where we can contribute our funds to improve our Valley. Suggestions were made to improve the horse path or paint a crosswalk at the Open Space entrance. We will contact Ron, Craig, and Jon, on the CSA20 Board, to see if they can help. Meanwhile, everyone think of what we can support that will improve the Valley.l
10. Meeting adjourned by Jonell at 7:12pm. Respectfully submitted by Nita Bruinsslot, VP.