

INDIAN VALLEY ASSOCIATES
MINUTES OF MEETING AT WITZEL HOUSE
MAY 21, 2015

Craig called the meeting to order at 7.45 pm. Present were Barry Sheppard, Craig Knowlton, Claudine Le Moal, Vicki Martinez, Skip Fenner, Tom Tharsing, Sherman Leland, Nita Bruinsslot, Lyn Perry, Jonell O'Day, Yves Lermusi, Ladd Cahoon, Monica Brett. Also present were emeritus members Ron Witzel and Bob Abeling. Bill Stewart, Michael Goldin and Gary Frugoli were absent.

Craig announced that our scheduled visitor from Parks and Rec. Dept. was unable to attend and would be speaking at a later date. He will be talking about a new management plan for Marin County's Open Space which would include new trails which are wanted by different groups in the County. Bob recounted that the City of Novato had at one time intended to make a trail from the City boundary to the Open Space (CSA20). It was ready for approval, but Bob objected and the plan was shelved.

Craig asked for approval of the minutes of the March meeting. Tom made a motion and Barry seconded.

Craig reported that he had written a letter proposed at the March meeting regarding the upgrading of the path along Indian Valley Road. Should we contribute money towards the cost of this work?

He also said that he had filed the Federal tax forms for IVA and is in the midst of doing the California taxes.

Jonell reported that the bank balance stands at \$10,582.

Tom reported on Chipper Days. In that Chipper Days is designed to encourage residents to clear defensible space around their homes, it was a resounding success. A record amount of brush was dumped at the 2 sites. This year, however, we had to deal with new methods of disposing of the brush. The new chipper from the Ross Valley Fire District was used. It worked very well, however the youth from Youth2Work proved to be less efficient due to inexperience and so there is a lot of brush left over. FIRESafe Marin will pay \$3,000 towards the costs, but we need to deal with the rest of the brush at the 2 sites. Tom suggested getting Hector Chan to do this chipping and he is presently working out the costs with him. Craig is on the board of FIRESafe Marin and he is trying to work out a better way of dealing with Chipper Days, the dumping, disposal and monitoring of sites.

Nita on Use Permits had nothing to report.

In Open Time, Ladd reported that raw meat, mostly in packages, has been seen quite frequently on Indian Valley Road. Nita suggested taking photos of the meat and sending it to the Sheriff and/or the NPD where the meat could be tested for possible poison. Also careful note should be made as to the exact location of where the meat was found.

Vicki spoke regarding the parking along the fence line of 1690 IVR. There are now more people who use the Open Space and they park their cars at the IVR end of the Open Space. She reported that the residents at the end of Rowland complained to the County and now that part of the road is reserved for residents only. Is this something we could do here? Monica reported that she had received a visit from a member of the DPW last week. He looked at the exit driveway of 1690 IVR and took some measurements. He said that he didn't think that exiting the driveway was dangerous, despite the fact that parked trucks and SUVs block vision in both directions. Since there has not been an accident, there does not seem to be a need to make changes.

The Newsletter will go out on June 15. Craig is writing the President's Report and Gary will write the CSA20 report. All reports should be sent to Nancy Niche by May 27.

Craig talked about the upcoming General Meeting and BBQ on July 11th. There are a number of things to do like picking up the chairs from the church, organizing the raffle and prizes and also the food for the BBQ.

Claudine volunteered to look after the election of board members.

Monica suggested buying emergency supplies for the Valley. Vicki said that we need a proper emergency and evacuation plan. Craig will ask Eva Baker of the Marin Office of Emergency Services for help.

Jonell suggested buying flowers for Carol and volunteered to buy them.

Bob reported seeing Ed Grundstrom who would like to come to meetings still but his vision is not good at night, so he needs a ride to the meeting. Nita volunteered to pick him up.

It was suggested that the General Meeting and Chipper Days be posted on NextDoor.com.

Barry made a motion to adjourn and Lynn Perry seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Brett
Secretary