

STINSON BEACH VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

June 1, 2013
Stinson Beach Chapel

The SBVA acts as a steward of the Stinson Beach Community Plan, is a conduit for information and advocates on behalf of the community, supports the rural atmosphere of the Village, and is a forum to promote communication regarding county, federal, and state regulations that affect all areas of the Village (including the commercial area, Seadrift, the Calles, and the Hill).

**Minutes can be read at the Stinson Beach Library, or
Online at www.stinsonbeachvillage.com**

- I. **Call to Order:** The SBVA monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Matthews at 10:05 a.m. in the Stinson Beach Chapel. Board Members in attendance were: Mike Matthews, Larry Crutcher, Terry Gordon, Chris Ruppe, and Sam Matthews. **(Quorum was met).**
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes for the May 4, 2013 Meeting were approved by email by the SBVA Board Members and are posted on the SBVA's website.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Sam Matthews gave the report. The cash balance as of May 1, was \$8,017.52. There were disbursements of \$218.80, interest income of \$.03, leaving a Cash balance as of May 31, of \$8,7,998.75. **(Treasurer's Report Attached to Original Minutes)**
- IV. **New Business:**
 1. Larry Crutcher has volunteered to write the SBVA solicitation letter and will circulate a rough draft in the next few weeks.
- V. **Old Business:**
 1. **Multiuse path through Stinson Beach update:** Jamie Sutton is still waiting for the survey by Bill Schroeder and will report back to the SBVA when more information comes to light.
 2. **174 Seadrift Road Building Plan:** The County Planning Commission will conduct a hearing on this project to be held at the Civic Center in July with story poles erected 3 weeks prior to that meeting.
 3. **Steve Rubin and plans for the Chevalier Property: No report**
 4. **350 Calle Del Mar Building Plans-** In response to discussions with neighbors, Mary James and the architect, James Bill, presented revised plans for this project that incorporate changes as follows: 1) reduction of both the bulk and mass of the structure by flattening the previously winged roof on the south side and flipping the house along its north-south axis so that the south façade adjacent to the west neighbor is farther from the street, 2) explore plantings that help merge the house into the landscape, 3) reduce the light pollution from windows and 4) explore lowering the building into the ground while maintaining required crawl space clearance of 18". New story poles will be erected to reflect these changes. Mike Matthews thanked both Mary and James for their diligence in trying to design a structure that was considerate of the needs and desires of their future neighbors, and encouraged them to continue their collaborative process in trying to find a solution that satisfied the owner's desires and alleviated the neighbor's concerns.
- VI. **Community Reports:**
 - A. **GGNRA, Tamalpais District: Report sent in by Steve Ortega and read by Chris Ruppe**
 1. **GGNRA, Tamalpais District: Report sent in by Steve Ortega and read by Chris Ruppe:**
 - 1) Maintenance projects: the Park's special Projects Crew finished a small upgrade to the restrooms at Stinson Beach. The work involved replacement of fixtures and partitions, and floor sealing and painting of the Central Restroom. 2) Jr. Lifeguard Program: the junior lifeguard program will start

up again in June. The program has received settlement funds available from the Cosco Busan spill and resulting penalty. This funding has allowed the GGNRA to create a new position to be staffed from mid- June through mid -September that will be dedicated solely to running the Junior Lifeguard program. 3) Stinson Beach Septic Upgrade Project: NPS project Team has been in contact with Steve Rubin and are setting up a date/time to conduct a site visit. Once the GGNRA has completed additional design work, they will bring a more complete proposal for public review and comment. 4) CB is also funding the purchase of beach webcams that will be installed by Summer 2014. Finally, CB is assisting in the funding of accessibility upgrades at Stinson Beach in 2014. 5) Special Events Scheduled as follows: 5/23, small bike pass-through; 6/9, The Dipsea; 6/29, The Double Dipsea (NPS, Ca. State Parks, and other agencies are working with this group to make a safer and more enjoyable experience for all parties); 7/21, Trail Run; 8/10, Wedding (Summer weddings must work with the SBCC or similar location to get the ok from our office as no parking is guaranteed; 9/7, or 9/14, Mt Tam Hill Climb (PS, Ca. State Parks and other agencies will be working with this group to make a safer, and more enjoyable experience for all parties; 9/21, Waves to Wine pass-through bike ride, October-Beach Soccer tournament requested, not yet confirmed; 11/2, Trail Run; 12/7-8, North Face Challenge throughout NPS trails. 6) Stinson Beach Accessibility Upgrade Project: The NPS will receive a final scoping report from the A & E firm by August. In August or September, NPS will bring an update on the project to the SBVA for review and comment. The GGNRA anticipates construction to occur in 2014, which will require coordination with the community of Stinson Beach. 7) Muir Beach will be closing from July 6 through November for repairs. This will increase the traffic coming to Stinson Beach during the peak season that will affect parking at the Beach and in the Village.

- A. Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Committee:** Leslie Robinson is BLAC's liaison for Stinson Beach and reported by e-mail that there is nothing new to report at this time.
- B. Bolinas-Stinson Library Society: Belinda Zell Reporting.** 1) Belinda had several questions regarding the bulletin board. Sam Matthews suggested that Ann Walsh, Belinda and he talk about the bulletin board after the meeting. 2) The teen summer reading program begins June 8 through August 10. Sign up online at www.marinlibrary.org/teens or in your library. The kick -off for this program is a jewelry workshop and ice cream sundae party on Friday, June 28 from 2-3:30 at the Stinson Beach Library. The Kids Summer Reading Program begins also on June 8. Sign up or go to www.marinlibrary.org to find out about other exciting summer children's programs in West Marin.
- C. Bolinas-Stinson Union School District: Pamela Lichtenwalner reporting:** The first Pre-K for All Ad Hoc meeting was held on Thursday, May 30, 2013. The goal was to discuss the establishment of a universal pre-K in the school district.
- D. CSA33---Village Green 1 & 2:** Al Engel reported that they are working on the sprinkler system. CSA33 will be planting drought- resistant vegetation.
- E. Seadrift Homeowners Association: No report**
- F. Stinson Beach Community Center: No report**
- G. Stinson Beach Disaster Council, Fire Protection: No report**
- I. Stinson Beach Historical Society-** On May 17, 2013, at 7 PM, David Conrad gave a lecture on the African Women, specifically the D'mba ritual dance and the Dahomey voodoo spirit power. Katie Broomhead of KT's Kitchen provided light snacks of cheese and a dessert.
- J. Stinson Beach Medical Center-** Currently, The Stinson Beach Clinic hours are Monday and Thursday: 9-5 p.m.
- K. Stinson Beach Montessori School: Pamela Lichtenwalner reporting:** The successful Besa Negro fund-raising dinner and benefit for the pre-K school was held on Saturday May 25, 2013 at the Bolinas Community Center. The summer pre-K program begins in June.
- L. Stinson Beach Water District: Sandy Cross reporting:** 1) The Wastewater Committee is just about finished with their review of Title 4. Engineers are working on rules and regulations governing grey water systems for Stinson Beach. 2) The SBCWD continues to be on at a Tier 2 Water Conservation alert. Grey water is an alternative approach to watering a garden. 3) Regarding the water shortage, in the past,

homeowners were held fully accountable and charged a fortune for leaks that raised their water bill. However, while it continues to be the responsibility of the homeowner to have a leak fixed, new rules have been formalized by the SBCWD such that a homeowner can appeal the costs associated with a leak and negotiate a settlement. 4) The SBCWD refinanced their construction bonds which will save the district approximately \$25,000/yr. The Capital Improvement Schedule includes repair of the Highlands Tank as well as replacing pipes in Seadrift. 5) The SBCWD continues to give free water to the CSA33 Village Green I and II and to the schools.

M. Stinson Beach Community Church: No report

N. West Marin Senior Services: Beth Carusillo reporting: 1) The 20th annual Holstein 100 bike ride will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013. It begins at Tomales High School and benefits West Marin Senior Services. For more information please call 415 663-8148 or register online at www.wmss.org/holstein. 2) Richard DeLaO, Accessibility Program Manager for the GGNRA, has offered to create space in a shed in Stinson Beach for West Marin Senior Services to store a wheelchair and other equipment that is beach accessible. 3) The West Marin Senior Services will have a chili-feed booth during Western Weekend in Pt. Reyes.

O. Flood Advisory Board: No report

VII. Committee Reports

1. Standing

- A. Traffic: Sam Mathews made a motion that the SBVA write a letter to the organizers of the Dipsea race with two requests: 1) that they point the speakers towards the beach rather than towards the mountain, and 2) that they coordinate with the sheriff's department to control the traffic. The motion was seconded by Chris Ruppe and passed unanimously. Terry Gordon volunteered to draft the letter.
- C. **Compliance Review:** 1) The LCPA meeting that was supposed to take place in June has been moved to July. 2) Sam Matthews mentioned to Jack Leibster of the County Planning Commission that the Stinson Beach Community Plan has not been updated in 30- plus years. Jack commented that to rewrite a community plan is expensive and that the County does not have the resources to do so. However, the plan could be amended, an approach that is viable and less-expensive. Amending the community plan may be something that the SBVA should consider in the future. It was suggested that a seminar regarding the Stinson Beach Community Plan should be conducted in the fall to bring residents up to date on the new LCPA and how these amendments will affect the community in the future. 3) Two homeowners in Seadrift have applied for permits. One is a pre-fab "blue technology" house on the lagoon and has gone through approximately 2 years of reviews, and the other project is for decking.

A. Keep the Beach Clean: No report

VIII. For the Good of the Order:

- 1. Norman Springer reported that the bridge near the Parkside Café is in desperate need of repair and the tree on the right is falling down. The SBVA commented that they have reported this to the GGNRA and is being considered in their Cosco Busan funded accessibility even though the GGNRA does not believe that the bridge is their responsibility. Norman Springer also gave kudos to the SBVA Board for their "professionalism" in conducting community meetings.
- 2. Katherine Rose announced that Paul Fillipe is in charge of mosquito abatement in Stinson Beach and will come to your home to assess your property for possible mosquito abatement issues.
- 3. Larry Crutcher motioned to adjourn. Terry Gordon seconded the motion.