

May 17, 2011

Brian C. Crawford, Director
Marin County Community Development Agency
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 308
San Rafael, California 94903-4157

Re: The Building Permit Process as it pertains to the Stinson Beach Village Association

Dear Mr. Crawford,

In 1976, the founding members of the Stinson Beach Village Association (SBVA) formed a volunteer group whose mission statement was to provide information about, and an open forum on, all issues affecting the community. In addition, the SBVA endeavored to act as a liaison for the village with the County, State, and Federal agencies and any other organization(s) affecting the community of Stinson Beach. To this end, on 8/4/1976, the Stinson Beach Community Plan was accepted by the County as an official governing document and then revised on June 25, 1985, when the local coastal plan was added. The Community Plan has been the driving force behind the SBVA's actions, and the SBVA is committed to maintaining the character of the village and supporting the Community Plan as it is written.

Approximately three years ago, the County Planning Commission used to send all building applications within the Stinson Beach community to the Stinson Beach Village Association for comment prior to any applications being approved by the County. The SBVA requests that this procedure be reinstated; that building plans be sent to the Stinson Beach Village Association as soon as they are processed by the County, and that the SBVA Board's comments be considered as part of the required checklist prior to a building permit application being considered complete by the Marin County Community Development Agency.

Very truly yours,

Don Anderson
Coordinator, Stinson Beach Village Association

Cc:
Marin County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Steve Kinsey