

STINSON BEACH VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

March 2, 2013

Stinson Beach Chapel

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Online at www.stinsonbeachvillage.com**

- I. **Call to Order:** The SBVA monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Matthews at 10:00 a.m. in the Stinson Beach Chapel. Board Members in attendance were: Mike Matthews, Chris Ruppe, Terry Bryant, Dawn Agnew, Don Anderson, and Larry Crutcher. **(Quorum was met).**
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes for the Feb 2, 2013 Meeting were approved by email by the SBVA Board Members and are posted on the SBVA's website.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Chris Ruppe gave the report. The cash balance as of January 31 was \$9,036.00. There were disbursements of 290.61 leaving a cash balance as of Feb 28 of \$8,745.41. **(Treasurer's Report Attached to Original Minutes)**
- IV. **New Business:**
 1. **Speakers: CHP Officer Glenn Newcomer, Sargent Bill Hernandez from the Sheriff's Department, and Deputy Director Ron Paolini from Marin County Parks:**
 - A. Terry Bryant announced that the GGNRA plans to close the Muir Beach parking lot for two weeks during the summer; the exact weeks still to be determined. The GGNRA will do a media blast to inform the public. Also, changeable message signs are being discussed regarding both this closure and traffic conditions during the peak season. Terry requested that the GGNRA, the CHP, the Sheriff's Department, and the Marin County Parks work together to help control traffic issues, parking, crowd control, underage drinking, and public urination among other disturbances in and around Stinson Beach.
 - B **Sargent Bill Hernandez from the Sheriff's Pt. Reyes substation** stated that community meetings help the sheriff's department know what the community wants as support from their department. If a community member has a complaint or if the SBVA has a request please e-mail either Bill Hernandez or Doug Pittman with the specifics of the complaint. Bill's e-mail is bhernandez@marinsheriff.org. Regarding parking issues and speeding through town, if the community views these as priority issues the sheriff's department will take a more aggressive stance and work closely with the CHP, the rangers from the GGNRA, and Marin County Parks to monitor these issues. Unfortunately, there are only two deputies at any one time on the coast. Another problem is access to the beach; they can't get their vehicles out onto the beach. Tara Evans asked if an "Explorer Program" could be started with young people trained to handle some of the less egregious issues associated with crowd control. Sargent Hernandez responded that they do have an internship program but that those internships are primarily office positions. In addition, they also have a volunteer "search and rescue" program that they mobilize for large events.
 - C. **Deputy Director Ron Paolini from Marin County Parks** has been involved with the maintenance of Upton Beach since 1970. The responsibility of his department mainly involves public education and maintenance of the beach and does not involve problems associated with parking lots or restrooms, for example. They recently established the "doggie waste" stations. Marin County Parks depends on the sheriff's department to handle parking issues and crowd control and/or putting out bonfires on the beach etc. except on one day/year, July 4, when their rangers are present to help alleviate problems associated with crowd control. The Marin County Parks does have an active volunteer program. As part of that program they have a citizens group on foot patrol, bike and horse patrol. If anyone is interested in learning more about this program please contact him at rpaolini@marincounty.org and he will get you in touch with the program's volunteer coordinator. The minimum age to participate in this program is 18 years of age.

D. Officer Glen Newcomer with the CHP has been assigned to the coast for the past 10 years primarily on weekends. Officer Newcomer stated that the CHP has been working on a program to get more help out in Stinson and will keep us informed if this comes to pass. He went on to say that in the past few years, there have been many improvements made regarding the roadways, which has made the trip to and from Stinson Beach less hazardous. That being said, traffic continues to be an aggravating problem especially for those who live locally in this beautiful community that everyone wants to visit. Unfortunately, staffing is limited and the CHP cannot devote their time to Stinson Beach. In conclusion, Officer Newcomer commented that Stinson Beach is lucky that they do not have the shootings and knife fights that are a regular occurrence at Dillon beach, for example. In his opinion, traffic still needs to be resolved but is definitely the lesser of two evils.

2. **174 Seadrift Road Building Plan:** One of the principle functions of the SBVA is to be a Reporting agency to the Planning Commission regarding proposed development in the community. The SBVA's responsibility is to see if the proposed development is in compliance with the Community Plan. An application that is in Design Review has been received from the County and the SBVA is reviewing those plans. Several issues prompting questions have arisen regarding the plans. Unfortunately the agencies that approve these plans all have different rules and regulations that do not necessarily mesh with each other. The County Planner, Lorene Jackson, has given the SBVA until March 11, 2013 to submit comments. Don Anderson made a motion that the SBVA study the plans and send a letter by March 7, 2013 to Lorene Jackson indicating 1) that the SBVA has received the plans, and 2) that the SBVA wants more information regarding the project. Terry Bryant seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. This letter will be copied to all the various agencies involved in the project.

V. Old Business:
VI.

1. **Multiuse path through Stinson Beach update: Jamie Sutton reporting.** Jamie showed a Pictorial view of the area planned for the multiuse path. He is meeting with several designers from the GGNRA on Monday (they are meeting at the booth to the entrance to the park). Jamie stated that the GGNRA is committed to support this project. In addition the GGNRA is also interested in creating safe access along the Hwy for the handicapped. Some of the owners, who own property contiguous to the Hwy, have shown interest in the project. The question still remains; what is the liability associated with such a pathway for these land owners? Jamie Sutton would like to ask Marin County Parks and Open Space to take jurisdiction of the legal responsibility for the pathway. The SBVA endorses the concept of a multi-use path and looks forward to hearing more regarding its progress in future SBVA community meetings. If anyone is interested in helping with this project please contact Jamie Sutton. His e-mail is Jamie@v-dac.com.
2. **SBVA Board Nominations.** Several names have been submitted to the SBVA Board for the 3rd Coordinator position. According to the By-Laws if a position remains open after the annual meeting and the voting of Board Members takes place the SBVA Board can appoint an individual to fill the empty Board positions. The Board will consider the names submitted and make an appointment following majority rule of SBVA Board Officers.

VI. Community Reports:

- A. **GGNRA, Tamalpais District:** No report
- B. **Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Committee:** No report.
- C. **Bolinas-Stinson Library Society: Belinda Zell reporting.** The Friends of the Stinson-Bolinas Library's would like to thank the community for their generosity associated with their fund-raising letter. If you have not as yet sent in your donation, they encourage you to do so.

- D. Bolinas-Stinson Union School District: Pamela Lichtenwalner reporting:** This year the Bolinas Stinson School has received First 5 grant money for a feasibility study to see if Preschool for All is a viable possibility. The committee to study this is being formed and a meeting will be held March 5 to further consider the proposal.
- E. CSA33---Village Green 1 & 2: Al Engel reporting:** Al thanked the community for their patience during the reconstruction of the Village Green 1 & 2. The County intends to work on this for the next 4 weeks on Thursdays. Old trees were taken out and new trees planted. Several Landscape Architects have given their advice to the County concerning appropriate plantings. And finally, 16 gophers were removed from the property.
- F. Seadrift Homeowners Association: No report**
- G. Stinson Beach Community Center: No report**
- H. Stinson Beach Disaster Council, Fire Protection: No report**
- I. Stinson Beach Historical Society- No report**
- J. Stinson Beach Medical Center- Barbara Boucke reporting:** Currently the Stinson Beach Clinic hours are Monday and Thursday: 9-5 p.m. Steven Segal is the new general manager and will begin in the middle of March. The patient load is increasing which justifies the clinic being open two days/week.
- K. Stinson Beach Montessori School: No report**
- L. Stinson Beach Water District: No report**
- M. Stinson Beach Community Church: No report**
- N. West Marin Senior Services: No report**
- O. Flood Advisory Board: No report**

VIII. Committee Reports

1. Standing

- A. Traffic: Terry Bryant reporting:** See the CHP report above. Terry wanted to thank Don Anderson for providing the wood for the beautiful bus stop bench.
- B. Flood Mitigation: No report**
- C. Compliance Review: No report**

2. Ad Hoc

- A. Keep the Beach Clean: No report**

IX. For the Good of the Order:

Larry Crutcher motioned to adjourn. Terry Bryant seconded the motion.