

**STINSON BEACH VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

September 7, 2013, 2013

Stinson Beach County Water District Office

**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 provides 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, the Patios, Panoramic, and the Hill).**

**Next SBVA Meeting will be held on October 5, 2013 at 10 AM in the Stinson Beach Chapel.**

**Minutes can be read at the Stinson Beach Library, or  
Online at [www.stinsonbeachvillage.com](http://www.stinsonbeachvillage.com)**

- I. **Call to Order:** The SBVA monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Matthews at 10:01 a.m. in the Stinson Beach County Water District Office. Board Members in attendance were: Mike Matthews, Larry Crutcher, Sam Matthews and Don Anderson. **(Quorum was met).**
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes for the August 3, 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 August 1 was \$7,072.51. There were deposits of \$4,445.04, disbursements of \$577.09, and Interest income of \$.04, resulting in a Cash balance of \$10,940.46 as of August 1, 2013. We had good news regarding our D & O Insurance. We received a notice that said that our premiums might increase up to 35%. However, the annual premium increased marginally from \$935.00 to \$988.00 (beginning September 1). Regarding the Solicitation Letter, the SBVA has received \$6,050.00 from 105 contributions. Last year we had a total of 69 for the same time period. The average contribution was \$57.00 compared to last year's average of \$47.00. The projected budget for 2013 is \$6500.00, and the SBVA is currently within \$450.00 of that goal. **(Treasurer's Report Attached to Original Minutes)**
- IV. **New Business:** Mike Matthews thanked Morey Nelsen for arranging for the SBVA to hold their meeting in the Stinson Beach County Water District Offices.
- V. **Old Business:**
  1. **174 Seadrift Road Building Plan:** The County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 9:00 AM. The County Planning Commission Staff has recommended approval of the design with a few changes added. Morey interjected that plans for the septic system have been approved by the SBCWD. Don Anderson stated that he would try and attend the County hearing and/or send a letter stating the SBVA's views regarding the project.
  2. **350 Calle Del Mar Building Plans:** The story poles are up. Don Anderson asked if anyone knew whether the story poles were accurate and whether they represented the interior height or exterior height of the building. Mary James stated that the story poles were a reflection of the new application. Jay Little, speaking for the immediate neighbors, complained that the design had not improved with revision, especially with the addition of a roof deck as well as a third bedroom. Don Anderson commented that the roof deck as presented in the drawings looks permanent; he also said that roof decks are generally not approved in Stinson Beach but there is no guarantee. Mary

James stated that the roof deck will be used to service the solar panels, and a ladder on the outside of the house will provide access to the roof deck. However, she was willing to remove the roof deck if it made the neighbors more comfortable with the project. Morey Nelsen stated that the SBCWD has demanded a design approval permit for the septic system based on the square footage of the structure. The SBVA asked Mary James to check with James Bill to make certain that the plans that are submitted to the County were drawn correctly (i.e. perhaps without a roof deck?), and that the neighbors and the SBVA are given an opportunity to review the final revisions when the plans are complete. Jay Little stated that the neighbors would welcome mediation. Mike Matthews reiterated that the SBVA's responsibility is to comment on the final plans and to make certain that they are in compliance with the Community Plan. No hearing has been scheduled yet with the County.

3. **145 Buena Vista–SFD Addition:** Don Anderson spoke to the neighbors adjacent to this property who had a few questions regarding the plans, although it appears that this addition will not affect any neighbor's views etc.
4. **8 Dipsea Road–Accessory Structure:** The SBVA compliance committee will look further into these plans.
5. **21 Calle del Onda-Merger:** The family who owns this property also owns a separate smaller plot. To prevent a situation developing similar to #4 and #6 Francisco Patio, the County is proactively requesting that the two lots be merged so that no one can build on the smaller plot should the property be sold later to separate owner.
6. **Multi-use path through Stinson Beach:** Larry Crutcher discussed two pathways in Bolinas that currently exist: 1) The paved path in front of the school which was a topic of much debate for 10 years, was voted in by a Community Referendum, and cost \$500,000 to construct (of which \$125,000 was to consultants). Supervisor Kinsey discovered that there was a school provision in the Transportation Development Act that would help them qualify for a grant to fund the path by the school. Further tweaking of the pathway to create a buffer between the roadbed and the path occurred after original construction was completed. \$7000 was raised and many volunteers plus the addition of landscaping helped to make the pathway safe; 2) The second path created in Bolinas was a natural path which winds up from the recycling center and passes the sewer pond, and, with Supervisor Kinsey's help, received a \$50,000 grant from the Clean Air Council on the theory that bicyclists would use this path reducing the use of cars on the road into Bolinas. Regarding the multiuse path in Stinson Beach, Larry suggested that there is already a path (of sorts) and if volunteers could be organized to cut back the vegetation, this existing path along the road could be revitalized. Steve Ortega from the GGNRA stated that they support a pathway, but a few issues have arisen that are problematical, (i.e. the culvert, which is the responsibility of CalTrans). Steve stated that the GGNRA met with Jamie Sutton and provided him with some suggestions for funding, and that perhaps the SBVA should get Supervisor Kinsey on board with this project. Mike Matthews wants to keep this topic on the agenda. The Community Plan calls for a path so the SBVA needs to be involved at some point with this project. Mike thanked Larry for his research.

## VI. Community Reports:

### A. GGNRA, Tamalpais District, Steve Ortega reporting:

- 1) Big changes have been made regarding traffic signage. On the weekdays, all the permanent signs regarding the Muir Beach closure now pertain to congestion and traffic concerns involving Stinson Beach. However, on the weekends the signs revert back to the Muir Beach parking lot status and recommendations to use the shuttle service.
- 2) The GGNRA is planning to install a reservation system regarding parking in Muir Woods. The GGNRA plans to make some physical improvements such as changes to the parking lots and configuration of roadside parking. On September 18, at 6:30, in Tam Valley, there will be a public meeting held to discuss this further.

3) Septic system site: the GGNRA met with two of the local landowners whose properties are in close proximity or adjacent to the proposed septic system site. The GGNRA is researching the concerns of the neighbors (privacy, vegetation screening, etc.). Next month the GGNRA will have some preliminary designs that will be presented to the public in a future community meeting.

4) Dates for future GGNRA events are as follows:

Oct 14- Bicycle ride and, a 300-person Mt. Tam hike,

Oct 21- Waves to Wine 1000-plus person bicycle ride, and a 200-person run that starts in Stinson Beach

5) The Junior Lifeguard program was very successful this year and has just ended.

6) Accessibility upgrades: The GGNRA is still working on this, including the bridge by the Parkside. Don Anderson asked if it was too late to include the multiuse pathway under the GGNRA's accessibility issues. Steve responded that it depends upon the funding resources, but that he would check with his superiors if this could be included.

7) A sediment retention basin will be constructed on GGNRA property to help reduce the potential of flooding. The location is just north of the footbridge and south of the bus path. The gate on Marine Way will also be reconfigured. Don Anderson stated that the sediment that they will dig out is good fill and just needs to dry out before use. Please call Don Anderson or Pete Mendele if you are interested.

8) Due to public comment, the GGNRA has revised their philosophy regarding dogs on the beaches. (Currently, Muir Beach is leash only) The Drat Plan is available for review and comment at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/dogplan>, and the public comment period will end at 11:00 p.m. on December 4, 2013. Local public hearings on dog policy will be held November 2, 11:00-4:00 at Fort Mason Center, Building D, Fleet Room, San Francisco; and November 6, 4:00-8:00 at Tamalpais High School, Ruby Scott Gym, Mill Valley.

**B. Bolinas-Stinson Library Society, Larry Crutcher reporting.**

1) The 2013 Grants Program offered by the BSBLIS is open for applications that are available at the Bolinas and SB libraries and online at [www.marinlibrary.org](http://www.marinlibrary.org). Applications are due by September 16. Please share the availability of these funds to potential recipients.

2) The summer programs in Stinson and Bolinas had over 350 participants at the 2 libraries and were a huge success.

3) Remember, on the website [www.marinlibrary.org](http://www.marinlibrary.org) free passes can be obtained to many regional museums. One option is the Asian Art Museum, according to John Andrews, docent-in-training. Also, it is likely the SB library will have an Asian Art Museum docent to speak soon.

4) A volunteer gardener is needed at the Stinson Library, and county funding is being looked into for this. A few hours monthly upkeep is needed.

5) September 13 is the opening of the Cedars of Marin exhibit in the art room of the Stinson Library.

**C. Bolinas-Stinson Union School District: No report**

**D. CSA33---Village Green 1 & 2: No report**

**E. Seadrift Homeowners Association: No report**

**F. Stinson Beach Community Center: No report**

**G. Stinson Beach Disaster Council, Fire Protection: No report**

**H. Stinson Beach Historical Society: No report**

**I. Stinson Beach Medical Center, Barbara Boucke reporting:** Currently, The Stinson Beach Clinic hours are Monday and Thursday: 9-5 p.m. A reminder: the clinic does take Kaiser patients.

**J. Stinson Beach Montessori School: No report**

**K. Stinson Beach Water District, Morey Nelsen reporting:** The SBCWD representative to the SBVA now keeps a file regarding building permit applications in Stinson Beach so that he can check with

the Water District regarding the septic system permits that correlate with the building permit applications received by the SBVA.

**L. Stinson Beach Community Church: No report**

**M. West Marin Senior Services: No report**

**VII. Committee Reports**

**1. Standing**

**A. Compliance Review: See “Old Business” above.**

**B. Flood Advisory Board: No report**

**C. Traffic: No report**

**2. Ad Hoc**

**A. Local Coastal Plan Amendments, Sam Matthews Reporting:** The final draft of the amendments has been submitted to the Coastal Commission and can be viewed online at the County website. Sam noticed that the final draft sent to the Coastal Commission did not include the language regarding “preserving the rural characteristic of the community”. Sam believes that the ad hoc committee should be reconvened to review the final draft of the LCP Amendments and any issues be brought to the attention of Jack Leibster at the Marin County Planning Department. Mike suggested that Sam assign sections of the LCPA to members of the ad hoc committee for their review.

**B. Keep the Beach Clean: No report**

**VIII. For the Good of the Order:**

Larry Crutcher motioned to adjourn. Mike Matthews seconded the motion.