

STINSON BEACH VILLAGE ASSOCIATION MINUTES: October 1, 2016

- I. Meeting was called to Order at 10:01 a.m. and proper notice was acknowledged. Board members present were Sam Matthews, Mike Matthews, Peter Asmus and Lee Pollak. Acknowledge of proper notice.
- II. Meeting minutes from September 3, 2016 meeting approved by Board by email.
- III. TREASURER'S REPORT: There is a balance of \$17, 481 in the Bank Account. \$11,000 has been received from 153 individuals in response to the annual appeal letter. This is in comparison to \$8,030 received in 2015 from 121 individuals.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS: Jeff Loomans gave an updated report on the status of the proposed amendments to the Local Coastal Program (LCP). October is an an important month for PR to the community and broad notifications to be circulated (NextDoor and SBVA notices) requesting community involvement and support, and, hopefully, attendance at the final hearings before the California Coastal Commission that are scheduled to be held in Half Moon Bay November 2-4 (specific day within that timeframe not yet available). Jeff plans to organize carpools, and perhaps a bus, to encourage people to attend. The substantive issues that will be before the Planning Commission are nothing new, but include several that are pertinent to Stinson Beach: 1) The 100-year Sea Level issue, if enforced at the 6' level currently included in the CHP, would bar any regular maintenance to be done on properties West of Highway 1, and 2) The Coastal Redevelopment requirement would mean that if ANY change were to be made to your home, it would be considered a new home –with all the complications that could involve. Jeff also noted the importance to Stinson Beach, and to all coastal communities, of the election of the West Marin Supervisor who will be replacing Steve Kinsey. He urged all to look into the issues that are currently pertinent and very impactful on our Village. Ideas were suggested and explored of ways communicate the impact of these issues on our community: letters, PR, word of mouth, NextDoor, community meetings. Updated info. can be found at WWW.MarinLCP.org.
- V. NEW BUSINESS: Mike Matthews introduced his new neighbor, Bryan Kemnitzh, who attended the meeting.
- VI. COMMUNITY REPORTS:
 - A. Mia Monroe gave progress reports on current and proposed work by the GGNRA. (Report attached)

She noted that accessibility is the guiding principle in all current visitor facility work. Pamela Lichtenwalner requested that GGNRA assess the crumply path paving area near the Parkside (but a problem – because nobody owns it). Sam asked the status of the ivy mitigation on the Matt Davis trail, and the flammable underbrush on GGRNA land between the eastern border of Mt. Tam State Park and the Village.

He also pointed out that the landscaping plan called for a camouflaged fence around the leach field; the fencing is dark green and non-obtrusive but the support posts are not; they are shiny metal and an eyesore.

Mia reported that the Park Service is getting organized to address the ivy project. She also noted that multiple agencies and local residents are being offered an opportunity to be involved in plans for the Easkoot Creek restoration project. A meeting is planned for October, and the SBVA will help with the PR for this. She also reported that a group of scientists studying Mt. Tam would be offering their public reports on 10/28 (Scientist Reports) and 10/29 (Generalized Reports) at community meetings in Sausalito.

- B. Claudia Chaplain reported on Art Contemporary Marin, a local non-profit that encourages local art and artists. They want to plan an Arts Faire on the Village Green in July, 2017, on the 2d or 4th Saturday. Mike made a motion, seconded by Lee Pollak, to support this plan with a letter to the Village Green Association. The motion was passed unanimously.
- C. Catherine (Azile) White (Note Handout that describes upcoming Disaster Training Oct.15 and 16, Flu Shots, Oct.29, and an informative disaster preparedness event, October 8) reported that Stinson Beach has acquired more disaster supplies than any other Marin County community – but encouraged everyone to have their own supplies, allowing them to shelter-in-place for periods of time, as well. She also reported that the SB Community Center has been certified by the American Red Cross as a Shelter.
- D. Catherine also gave a report for the SB Historical Society, noting the opening of its new exhibit, Oct. 8, noon, SB Library, and the annual Holiday Luncheon, 12/9, at the SB Community Center. (See Hand-out)
- E. Beth Perry noted that the dropped enrollment in SB schools mirrors the same in other rural schools. SB/Bolinas are making changes to adapt to these issues (combining classes, etc.), but there is no anticipation that the schools will be shut down. The Pre-K will become a Universal Pre-K in the Fall, meaning that it will be free for residents. This was voted on in the Spring, with no opposition.
- F. Beth also reported on the SB Coastal Health Alliance (CHA), noting that medical personnel are resigning and leaving for multiple reasons, and not because of inadequate pay. CHA is the largest employer in West Marin, with 48 on Staff – but expensive housing, and long commutes for those not living here are major factors in the difficulty of filling these medical positions. (One idea is to explore use of the ‘shed’, formerly housing, located on the Stinson School property.)
There is an active search for new CHA employees, and a notice will be posted on NextDoor.
- G. Morey Nelsen reported on Water District business:
There is a meeting scheduled at 10 am, Oct. 6 regarding desalinization.
Water meter installations are continuing, and should be completed by Thanksgiving.
Leaks are being more easily detected and are being repaired.
Water flow is continuing in a normal way, and anticipation is for normal rainfall this year.
A new well will be attempted to be dug in mid-October.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. The issue of high-volume traffic on the weekends was raised.
 - Should busses, and a remote parking lot, be added as transport?
 - Should surcharges be initiated in high congestion zones?
 - Some think signage is being put up at the GG Bridge and at the Manzanita Parking Lot to notify drivers that the beach parking lots are full.
 - It was suggested that John be invited on the Traffic Committee, if it still exists.
 - Terry Gordon will be asked to contact CalTrans to assess plans for the future – and to write a letter of thanks for the signs.
- B. Mike Matthews reported that there are 13 development projects in SB that are currently under review. They are mostly new home construction Seadrift. He is looking carefully at all of the projects.
 - The Johnson project on Calle del Onda was withdrawn after its requested variance was denied by the SB Water District.
 - The Brewer project on Calle del Sierra is not particularly controversial.
 - The Lincoln project was modified and is approved and moving forward.
 - Mike will look more carefully at the 125 Buena Vista project.
- VIII. No other Reports.
- IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER:
 - Sam thanked the Community Center for allowing SBVA use of the Chapel, and mentioned that we should all look out for the SBCC Annual Letter, requesting donations of support.
 - Pamela reminded us to vote in the November election and noted that absentee voting has already started.
 - Mike made a motion that the SBVA be authorized to meet with and coordinate with other West Marin village associations in order to identify areas of mutual concern, to bring back pertinent information to our community, and to collaborate on common issues. Lee seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.