

STINSON BEACH VILLAGE ASSOCIATION
Minutes from the meeting of December 7, 2013,
Stinson Beach Community 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 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.

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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 Community Chapel. Board Members in attendance were: Mike Matthews, Larry Crutcher, Terry Gordon, Sam Matthews, Terry Bryant and Don Anderson. **(Quorum was met).**

II. Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes for the November 2, 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 11/1/2013 was \$11,925.33. There were cleared debit transactions of \$14.70, and uncleared transactions of \$400.00, deposits of \$180.00, interest income of \$ 0.05, leaving an ending reconciled balance of \$11, 690.68 as of 11/30/2013. **(Treasurer's Report Attached to Original Minutes)**

IV. New Business:

1. Flood Advisory Board- Liz Lewis and Chris Choo, Senior Watershed Planner- Larry Crutcher introduced Liz Lewis and Chris Choo to the SBVA Membership.

Stinson Beach is part of the Flood Control Zone #5, and the County has just completed the removal of sediment near the bridges as well as construction of a new sediment basin down by the Parkside Restaurant. While vegetation is removed annually, the Flood Control's annual budget is \$50,000, and the cost for maintenance this year is already in the range \$60,000-\$70,000 which is why the sediment is only removed every 4 years.

For the past three years, the Flood Advisory Board and Technical Work Group have been working on developing a flood study for the watershed. This study evaluates the existing creek and floodplain conditions of Easkoot Creek in Stinson Beach. A copy of the report is located in the library. The report discusses sediment and flows that impact flooding, and they have been evaluated with a range of alternatives. A slide show is available on their website at marinwatersheds.org, and there is a link that leads you directly to information regarding Stinson Beach. Liz Lewis stated that a public meeting will be held in January, and a more in-depth study of the Flood Zone will be presented at that time.

2. New website: There is a new website called "Next Door.com." Mike Matthews has invited several of his neighbors to join. (This site requires a street address, not a P.O. Box.) Mike encourages all SBVA members to join in the hope that the website will provide newsworthy updates regarding many topics pertinent to the Stinson Beach and Bolinas communities.

3. Marin Parks and Open Space-Notice of preparation, notice of public scoping meeting, environmental impact report, vegetation and biodiversity management plan: An EIR has been created that suggests the closure of several of the higher impact trails to bicycles and pets. The public has a chance to respond to suggestions discussed in the EIR. For more information please go the County's Website.

V. Old Business:

- 1. 174 Seadrift Road Building Plan:** This property has had two hearings at the County level. A third hearing before the Board of Supervisors was tentatively scheduled for [December 17, 2013], and has now been moved to [January 14, 2013].
- 2. 350 Calle Del Mar Building Plans:** A hearing was held on November 14 with the zoning administrator. Larry Crutcher attended the hearing on behalf of the SBVA. The hearing was continued for 90 days. The DZA made some suggestions to the applicant to research the following: lowering the height below grade two feet provided that it does not complicate the septic system, moving the structure two feet to the west, and addressing light pollution in the back and on the sides of the house. The SBVA will review new plans after the County has deemed them complete.
- 3. 10 Sacramento Patio:** This addition adds 1,000 square feet to the existing structure. No neighbors have as yet voiced any complaints. In the absence of dissent, the SBVA drafted a letter to the County thanking them for keeping the SBVA informed, and that the SBVA is unaware of any concerns or objections, regarding this project.

VI. Community Reports:

- 1. GGNRA, Tamalpais District: Steve Ortega reporting:** 1) The potential rise in the sea level has become an important topic in terms of how the GGNRA is handling accessibility and septic issues in Stinson Beach. With this in mind, the GGNRA is accepting comments through December 15 regarding the design and location of the new septic system. On November 25, the GGNRA met with adjacent landowners to discuss the visual impact of vegetation removal. Environmental compliance will not be fully completed for several more months, so comments from the public will continue to be taken into consideration. 2) Prior to the beginning of the bird-nesting season in March, the GGNRA will clean up vegetation in order to complete a topographical survey of the area 3) Review of accessibility issues, the project is ongoing. The GGNRA has decided to consider replacing the footbridge by the Parkside that leads to the park, and is looking for ways to fund that project. 4) Steve recently received an e-mail that announced that weather permitted, the Muir Beach Parking Lot will re-open on December 28. 5) Terry Bryant asked Steve about information displayed to the public on the changeable message signs. Terry emphasized that Stinson Beach wants to continue to be a part of the decision-making process regarding signage. Steve acknowledged this request and promised to relay it to his superiors.
- 2. Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Committee: No report**
- 3. Bolinas-Stinson Library Society, Ann Walsh reporting:** During this holiday season, the Library has free museum passes to the Academy of Sciences and also to the Exploratorium.
- 4. Bolinas-Stinson Union School District: No report**
- 5. CSA33---Village Green 1 & 2: No report**
- 6. Seadrift Homeowners Association: No report**
- 7. Stinson Beach Community Center: No report** (Please go to the Community Center website and check the calendar of events for the month of December and January.)
- 8. Stinson Beach Disaster Council, Fire Protection:** The cell phone number to get directly to the volunteer fire department in Stinson Beach is 415 472-0911.
- 9. Stinson Beach Historical Society:** The Stinson Beach Historical Society Holiday Luncheon was held on December 6 and was a huge success. Beth Perry was the honored guest.
- 10. Stinson Beach Medical Center:** Currently, The Stinson Beach Clinic hours are Monday and Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. A reminder: the clinic takes Kaiser patients.
- 11. Stinson Beach Montessori School: No report**
- 12. Stinson Beach Water District, Morey Nelsen reporting:** 1) Last night's rain generated .7 inches in Stinson Beach bringing the total amount of rainfall for the season (which began July 1, 2013) to 4.7 inches. 2) Work in Seadrift to relocate water mains has been completed. 3) Work to extend and upgrade a water main along Hwy 1 just south of town has been completed. 4) A Dec 4,

2013, Marin Independent Journal article announced that Marin County has received a \$200,000 grant to study the effects of sea level rise. Jack Leibster will head up the project. Ed Schmidt, Director of the SBCWD plans to extend an invitation to Jack Liebster to present their findings to the Stinson Beach County Water District Board. Morey will keep the SBVA informed as to the date of this presentation.

13. Stinson Beach Community Church: No report There will be a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 7pm.

14. West Marin Senior Services: Joan Corbett, the executive director of WMSS is retiring this month and Maurice "Skip" Schwartz, will be the new executive director.

15. Flood Advisory Board: See "New Business"

VII. Committee Reports

1. Standing

2. Compliance Review: See "Old Business". Don Anderson suggested that a more detailed definition of the SBVA's Compliance Committee's job description will be among the proposed amendments to the SBVA Bylaws, which will be voted upon by the membership at the annual meeting of the SBVA on February 1, 2014.

3. Flood Mitigation: No report

4. Traffic, Terry Bryant reporting: Terry Gordon and Terry Bryant have drafted a letter to CalTrans regarding the Multi-Use Path that will be sent after board approval.

5. Ad Hoc Committees

a) Local Coastal Plan Amendments, No report.

b) Keep the Beach Clean, No report.

c) Advisory committee to address sea level rise, No report.

VIII. For the Good of the Order:

Art Moritz attended the Flood Control Meeting and said that he and his neighbors on Marine Way are concerned about the new design for the fire lane gate at the end of Marine Way as well as any changes that may occur to the Calle del Mar pedestrian access. Art has asked the SBVA to become involved in commenting on any changes made by either the County or the GGNRA. Mike Matthews said that the SBVA would follow up on these issues, and he asked Art to keep him informed if he discovered anything new. **(A letter from the neighbors is attached to the original minutes.)**

Terry Gordon motioned to adjourn. Larry Crutcher seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

The next SBVA Meeting will be held on January 4, 2014 at 10:00 am in the Stinson Beach Chapel.