

STINSON BEACH VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

May 4, 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 10:05 a.m. in the Stinson Beach Chapel. Board Members in attendance were: Mike Matthews, Larry Crutcher, Terry Gordon, Chris Ruppe, Terry Bryant, Don Anderson, and Sam Matthews. Dawn Agnew formally resigned as Publicity Chair from the SBVA Board. Dawn stated that she was overwhelmed with responsibilities both in her business and personal life and, unfortunately, cannot devote any time to the SBVA. On behalf of the SBVA Board, Mike Matthews thanked Dawn for her past commitment and wished her well in her future endeavors. Two positions are now open on the SBVA Board: Publicity Chair and the SBCC Representative Chair. **(Quorum was met).**
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes for the April 6, 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 April 1, was \$8,489.98. There were disbursements of \$272.50, interest income of \$.04, leaving a Cash balance as of April 30, of \$8,217.52, and a \$200.00 transaction that has not been cleared. **(Treasurer's Report Attached to Original Minutes)**
- IV. **New Business:**
 1. **GGNRA, Tamalpais District: Superintendent Frank Dean speaker.** Terry Bryant introduced Frank Dean and asked him to address community specific issues. Frank gave a report on the following topics. 1) The Muir Beach parking lot will be closed from July to November. A heavy media blast will inform the public as well as signage near Hwy 101 and at Tam Junction that will tell the public that the Muir Beach parking lot is closed. In addition, changeable message signs (CMS) northbound, by the Waldo Tunnel, will announce the closure. However, this could create a ripple effect for Stinson Beach and it will definitely affect Muir Woods (that has become increasingly crowded over the past 5 years). The GGNRA has recently installed 2 – CMS's on Hwy 101 that will ultimately be controlled by Cal Trans and will tell the public the traffic conditions only for Muir Woods. However, the GGNRA is considering placing a message on these signs regarding Stinson Beach traffic. The GGNRA will experiment over the next few weeks with wording and monitor the results to see if these signs make a difference regarding the traffic conditions to the beach. 2) The GGNRA has been given funding for a web cam to be installed on a life guard tower; the weather results will be transmitted by a park ranger at Stinson Beach to a ranger over the hill who, in turn, will transmit this information to the public. 3) A new septic leach field site has tentatively been chosen and is located on an unused strip of land in the extreme southwest corner of the GGNRA maintenance yard, bordering the access road to the southern dirt parking lot and the Rubin property. In addition, the beach restrooms will be remodeled but remain where they are currently located. Sam Matthews commented that his well, used for drinking water, is 25 feet from the proposed leach field site and that perhaps, the GGNRA ought to reconsider their choice. Frank promised to look into this problem. 4) Terry Bryant asked Frank if the SBVA could send a representative to the GGNRA meetings regarding traffic issues in the village, and Frank promised to keep the SBVA "in the loop" regarding traffic communication. 5) Frank also promised to research the possibility of placing a sign on the right side of Hwy 1 that clearly identifies where the beach parking is located. 6) Kenny Stevens asked if mowing the grass and weeds up in the highlands will again be handled by the GGNRA. Also, people involved with events in Stinson (bicycle races and running races) need to know where to park when they come to Stinson Beach. Will the GGNRA parking lot be open for such events and how will this information be disseminated to the public? Frank will consider both issues and attempt to come up with a resolution.

2. **350 Calle Del Mar Building Plans** The SBVA has received the plans for a building project located at 350 Calle Del Mar. This project covers one empty lot that is 4200 square feet, and will accommodate a 1294 square foot house with a 540 square foot garage space located underneath the 1294 footprint. The new owner of the property, Mary James, has lived in Larkspur for 23 years and has written several books on energy efficient housing. She plans to construct a house on the property that has an insulated building shell and uses minimal energy for heating and cooling the structure. The current plan calls for a butterfly roof with solar panels to generate electricity and a number of south facing windows. Much discussion ensued and included topics such as the large glass frontage creating both light pollution and the possibility of privacy issues due to the ease of peering into abutting homes and vice versa, height of the proposed new house that blocks the views of neighbors, and other design considerations. In addition, several SBVA members commented that proper notice was not given to the surrounding neighbors in order for them to adequately voice their opinions both positive and negative regarding the planned construction. Mary James and James Bill, her architect, plan to formally contact the neighbors and address their concerns in the next few weeks. The SBVA will request a follow-up report to be presented at the next SBVA meeting scheduled for June 1, 2013.

V. Old Business:

1. **Multiuse path through Stinson Beach update: No report**
2. **174 Seadrift Road Building Plan:** No new information was discussed regarding the building plans for this property. The County has requested that story poles be erected and the owners have 30 days to comply.
3. **Steve Rubin and plans for the Chevalier Property: No report**

VI. Community Reports:

- A. **GGNRA, Tamalpais District: see New Business report from Superintendent Frank Dean**
- B. **Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Committee: No report**
- C. **Bolinas-Stinson Library Society: No report**
- D. **Bolinas-Stinson Union School District: Pamela Lichtenwalner reporting:** The Stinson Beach Montessori School will have their classroom on the Stinson campus for one more year. There is a huge push to get a universal pre-K to become the responsibility of the school district.
- E. **CSA33---Village Green 1 & 2: No report**
- F. **Stinson Beach Community Center: No report**
- G. **Stinson Beach Disaster Council, Fire Protection: No report**
- I. **Stinson Beach Historical Society-** On May 17, 2013, at 7 PM, David Conrad will give a lecture on the African Women, specifically the D'mba ritual dance and the Dahomey voodoo spirit power. Cost of the event will be \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Katie Broomhead of KT's Kitchen will provide light snacks of cheese and a dessert. Wine will be offered at \$5.00/glass. Raffle prizes will be 3 gift certificates for a catered lunch for 2 prepared by KT's Kitchen, movie rentals or merchandise from Odyssey Video, and a meal from the Lunchbox.
- J. **Stinson Beach Medical Center- Currently,** The Stinson Beach Clinic hours are Monday and Thursday: 9-5 p.m.
- K. **Stinson Beach Montessori School: Pamela Lichtenwalner reporting:** The silent auction actually raised more than the \$10,000 that was reported at last month's meeting. There is another fund-raising benefit planned for May 25, 2013 in Bolinas: a dance, and light dinner.
- L. **Stinson Beach Water District: Sandy Cross reporting: 1)** Sandy Cross thanked Toby Bisson for his invaluable help in the construction of the new water plant in Stinson Beach. **2)** The SBCWD sent out a Stage 2 alert notice in this month's water bill that states that Stinson Beach is in their 2nd dry year and the water flows are down substantially. The SBCWD has asked for a voluntary reduction in water use for landscape purposes by 50%. **3)** A Capitol improvement plan that will occur this year on Rafael Patio and Alameda Patio will involve the removal of old corroded 1-inch steel pipes, which will be replaced

with 4- inch new pipes.4) On Thursday, May 23, at 9AM in the SBCC, Richard Reasoner will conduct a seminar on how to reduce the use of water when irrigating your gardens. Please RSVP by May 17 at 868-1333. Space will be limited to 25 persons. 5) As a side note, the SBCWD is considering charging for excessive water use.

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: No report

B. Flood Mitigation: No report

C. Compliance Review: See New Business regarding 350 Calle Del Mar and 174 Seadrift Road:

2. Ad Hoc

A. Keep the Beach Clean: No report

IX. For the Good of the Order:

- 1. West Marin Transportation Action Group: WM-Tag, March 25, 2013: Pamela Lichtenwalner reporting:** The County has found that there are not sufficient transportation services for seniors in West Marin. Apparently, there is funding available to rectify this situation. Pamela is hopeful that the County will add an extra bus service in West Marin in the future.
- 2. Future Calendar for SBVA Meetings in 2013.** Normally, the SBVA holds their community meeting on the first Saturday of the month at 10 AM. However, because of the July 4 holiday, the meeting for July will be held instead on the second Saturday of the month, July 13, at 10 AM.
- 3. Pamela Lichtenwalner reported** on the Earth Day Presentation held April 24 at the Sierra Club headquarters in San Francisco. Sea Levels are rising. At mean high tide the sea levels are expected to rise up to the year 2100 from ½ a foot to 6 feet. The other issue is that the salinity of the oceans is being affected by large amounts of fresh water pouring into the oceans from melting glaciers. Stinson Beach undoubtedly will be impacted in the future.
- 4. The Norton family is looking for housing in Stinson Beach.** Pat Norton is the #2 person in the Stinson Beach Fire Department. If anyone knows of a 2- bedroom house for rent in Stinson please let the Nortons know as soon as possible.
- 5. Larry Crutcher motioned to adjourn. Terry Bryant seconded the motion.**