

## STINSON BEACH VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes from the meeting of October 5, 2013, 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](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 Community Chapel. Board Members in attendance were: Mike Matthews, Larry Crutcher, Sam Matthews, Terry Bryant, Don Anderson and Chris Ruppe. (Terry Gordon was absent) **(Quorum was met).**
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes for the September 7, 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 9/1/13 was \$10,940.46. There were deposits of \$2,225.05, disbursements of \$221.74, an un-cleared transaction (for the D & O Insurance) of \$988.00, all resulting in a reconciled Cash balance of \$11,955.77 as of 9/30/13. Regarding the Solicitation Letter, the SBVA has received \$7,960.00 from 135 contributions. Last year we had 101 contributions for a total of \$5,395.00. The average contribution was \$59.00 compared to last year's average of \$47.00. The projected budget for 2013 is \$6500.00, and the SBVA has received contributions over that budget. Thank you to everyone! **(Treasurer's Report Attached to Original Minutes)**
- IV. **New Business:**
  1. **Kenny Steven, Stinson Beach County Fire Chief reporting:** As a result of the government "shut-down", the GGNRA has closed its beach in Stinson. However, no signs indicating this closure have been posted over the hill. The changeable message signs, according to Terry Bryant, only show that Muir Beach has been closed. This means that traffic from those wishing to come to the beach will be heavy. The beach is closed, as is the parking lot and the bathrooms, and no lifeguards will be on duty. Kenny has been corresponding with both Supervisor Kinsey's office and the Sheriff's department and Sheriff Pittman plans to post 3 officers in Stinson Beach this weekend, one of whom (Barbie) is working on her day off. People will be parking wherever they can find a space and the sheriff's department has stated that very few tickets will be given; they just do not have the manpower to handle this. Paramedics, EMT's, and an ambulance will be available until 7:00PM. Kenny announced that he has two volunteer fire persons trained as lifeguards so if there is a beach emergency he can send them to deal with it. Kenny tried to get portable bathrooms into Stinson but was not given permission to place them anywhere in town. If there is an emergency, the best approach is to call the Marin dispatch number for 911 which is 415 472-0911.

## V. **Old Business:**

1. **174 Seadrift Road Building Plan:** On September 12, 2013 the DZA approved the architect's plans with conditions. However, the architect appealed the decision and has redesigned the FEMA pod portion of the structure. The County Planning Commission Staff has recommended approval of the architect's latest design but upholds some of the conditions for the FEMA pod based upon the Resolution No. 13-115. A new hearing has been set for October 14, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. A motion was made and passed by the SBVA to write a letter to County Planner, Lorene Jackson, supporting the September 12 Decision with Conditions by DZA, Curtis Havel. Don Anderson will write the letter and it will be sent/e-mailed to Ms. Jackson no later than the deadline, Monday, October 7, 2013. Let the minutes reflect that Chris Ruppe is recusing, Larry Crutcher is abstaining, and Terry Gordon was absent.
2. **350 Calle Del Mar Building Plans:** 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 with the County.
3. **145 Buena Vista-SFD Addition:** According to SBVA's Compliance Officer, Don Anderson, it appears that this addition will not affect any neighbor's views etc.
4. **10 Sacramento Patio:** This addition adds 1,000 square feet to the existing structure. Don Anderson will find out more about this project and report at next month's SBVA meeting.
5. **Multi-use path through Stinson Beach:** Don Anderson tried to contact Jamie Sutton but he was out of town. Terry Bryant suggested that the SB Community put pressure on the GGNRA, CalTrans, and Marin County to build a MUP through Stinson Beach. Caltrans has the right of way along the road. Terry Bryant made a motion that the SBVA should write a letter to CalTrans requesting that they cut vegetation along the creek and create a MUP. Sam Matthews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Terry volunteered to write the letter.

## VI. **Community Reports:**

- A. **GGNRA, Tamalpais District: No report**
- B. **Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Committee, Lesly Robinson written report read by Chris Ruppe:** "On September 19<sup>th</sup> BLAC held its first annual State of the Lagoon Meeting. 150-plus people attended. The agencies on the Council set up booths for the guests to visit, receive information as to what that agency was doing regarding the Lagoon, as well as other estuaries and wetlands with which they were involved. A film produced by BLAC was shown giving an overview of the Bolinas Lagoon, its history, its beauty, and what new projects have been completed (i.e. CalTrans work along the Lagoon, Kent Island restoration etc.). BLAC's intent was to keep the film timeless so that no specific future project was mentioned. However, the Locally Preferred Plan, which has approximately 25 projects listed (and can be found online at [Marincounty.org](http://Marincounty.org)), has prioritized these projects... The agencies involved are Audubon Canyon Ranch, Point Blue Conservation (formerly Point Reyes Bird Observatory), Point Reyes National Seashore, College of Marin, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, and Marin County Parks and Open Space. Maria Brown, Superintendent of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, stated that the project that has the highest priority on the list of priorities is a new EIR. The EIR will cost approximately \$350,000. I wish I could be there in person to tell you how important all of this is to our community. We will only be able to achieve the goals of the council and the Bolinas Lagoon if we have the public's support. I

invite everyone in Stinson Beach to attend a coffee/continental breakfast at the Seadrift Tennis Courts on Nov. 2 at 9:30 a.m. If the weather is inclement the meeting will be moved to Jeff Looman's home at 167 Dipsea Road. Please RSVP me at 868-1187 if you plan to attend."

**C. Bolinas-Stinson Library Society: No report**

**D. Bolinas-Stinson Union School District, Pamela Lichtenwalner reporting:** There are 112 students currently enrolled. A "Pre-K for All" program is being researched by the BSUSD.

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

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

**G. Stinson Beach Community Center:** 1) The Haunted House is scheduled for Oct 26 from 5:30-10:00 p.m. and includes a Fun Center as well as a Haunted House. The theme for the Haunted House is "Night at the Museum". Food and beverages can be purchased at this event. Costumes are encouraged, and donations are welcome. Any proceeds collected over and above expenses will go towards the funding of the Stinson Beach Memorial. 2) In 2013, the first Spaghetti Bingo night will be held the second Friday evening in November, and another one will be held after the Stinson Beach Historical Holiday Luncheon on December 6, 2013 starting at 6:00 p.m.

**H. Stinson Beach Disaster Council, Fire Protection: See New Business**

**I. Stinson Beach Historical Society, Chris Ruppe reporting:** The annual holiday luncheon will be held on December 6, 2013 starting at 11:30 a.m. and KT's Kitchens will be catering the event. Look in the Willow Whistle for your invitation and send in your reservation with your payment early as this event always sells out.

**J. 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.

**K. Stinson Beach Montessori School, Pamela Lichtenwalner reporting:** The Montessori School is holding a flea market fund-raiser in the basketball courts. After this meeting, please go down and help to support the Montessori School by buying "something beautiful" to take home with you. All proceeds go to support the Montessori School.

**L. Stinson Beach Water District, Sandy Cross reporting:** The SBCWD is working on the Hwy 1 pipe replacement. This is part of the program to conserve water by repairing the pipes that are leaking. The state is putting out new standards for the amount of chromium in the water. Stinson's water has been tested and it is A++. Marion Weber has arranged to have an experimental device that circulates water in the holding tanks, reducing the amount of chlorine needed to keep the water potable. The SBCWD finances are in great shape. The SBCWD is also renegotiating the rates with the garbage company. Stinson's rates are apparently low as compared to other districts. The contract has been extended with a small increase in the rates every year. Sam Matthews brought up the issue that the green-waste and recycling cans sizes have changed three times which makes it necessary to enlarge built storage areas to fit the new cans. Don Anderson commented that the size of the cans also depends upon the truck that services your neighborhood. Sam also relayed that the workers installing the water main south of Arenal and Hwy1 pointed out that the fire hydrant is now an independent line, but the new line will connect it to the residential line. If water from this hydrant is used to put out a fire, residents down the line will be without water. Sandy promised to check on this with the Water District.

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

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

- O. Flood Advisory Board:** There is a Flood Advisory meeting scheduled for Monday evening, October 7, 2013. The Board is working on the creek and cleaning out a debris box basin just behind the Parkside. There is talk that “glory hole” work will begin next week by the bridges.

## **VII. Committee Reports**

### **1. Standing**

- A. Compliance Review, Don Anderson reporting ( see “Old Business” above):** Don Anderson announced that there was a recent article regarding Transit Occupancy Tax that applies to short -term (29- days or less) rental properties. The County is offering amnesty to those individuals who come forward and pay any back taxes on their rentals, an offer that is good to the end of this year. So far only 22 individuals have taken advantage of this amnesty. It is the County’s intention to collect this tax from those who have rental properties and have not paid their taxes. Don Anderson will send this article to Chris Ruppe who will post it on the SBVA website.
- B. Flood Mitigation: No report**
- C. Traffic, Terry Bryant reporting (see “New Business”):** **1)** The roads by Calle del Arroyo are being repaired with chip seal. A slurry coat will be put on in October. **2)** Stinson Beach residents should be conscious of mosquito abatement, as mosquitos can carry the West Nile Virus. Call the SBCWD to get the proper covers to protect your septic system. The SBVA will call the Mosquito Abatement Crew for West Marin and get them to check residents’ septic covers to prevent mosquitos from breeding.

### **2. Ad Hoc**

- A. Local Coastal Plan Amendments: No report**
- B. Keep the Beach Clean: No report**
- C. Advisory committee to address sea level rise, Larry Crutcher reporting:** Larry reported that we should be concerned by the increase in the sea level rise as well as the power of storms and wave action. According to maps found on [www.prbo.org/ocof](http://www.prbo.org/ocof), the most vulnerable areas in Stinson to receive the most damage are the Patios and the Calles.

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

- 1. Katherine Rose reporting:** Katherine is disturbed by the number of signs that are appearing on the sides of the roads in town advertising their services. She has tried to reach someone in the Planning Department for 2 days but no one has returned her calls. She has also contacted CalTrans and was told that a supervisor would call her back next week.

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

**Next SBVA Meeting will be held on November 2, 2013 at 10 AM in the Stinson Beach Chapel.**