

Inverness Ridge Association Board Meeting
March 12, 2022
Via Zoom

Present: Ron Bennett, Sydne Bortel, Joe Burgess, Ken Drexler (for the road repaving discussion), Jennifer Howard, Leah Light, Julie Liss, Julie Merk, Michael Ongerth, Tim Stanton, Jim Wagner, David Wilson, Patty Wimpfheimer

Absent: Chris Eckert

Minutes of November 13, 2021, and General Meeting January 22, 2022: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Wimpfheimer

As of January 9, 2022, our balance was \$8,788.84. Income during the last two months was \$1,836.41 (checks \$800.00; Paypal \$437.40; Venmo \$598.95) and we received \$0.06 in interest. Paypal fees were \$15.66. The balance, as of March 10, 2022, is \$10,625.25.

DVD Paving Task Force: Ken Drexler

Ken Drexler reported that ballots for Measure R will be sent out next week to all registered voters in Paradise Ranch Estates. The materials to be sent will include pro and con statements for the measure. Ballots must be postmarked by April 12 and voters are urged to return their ballots sooner to be sure that they are counted. Residents are urged to vote "yes" on Measure R because repaving Drake's View Drive is essential for our security, access by emergency vehicles and residents, and maintenance of property values. Opposition was noted to repaving of Drake's View Drive by a community member, Mark Bartolini, because Measure R did not include safety measures on dirt roads he felt should be addressed at this time. PRERAB agreed to seek input from the Fire Department and from engineers on water bar placement.

Following the vote, if the proposal is approved by residents, specs for bids will be prepared and sent out for bid. It is possible, but not guaranteed, that actual paving could occur in 2022 given the need for favorable weather conditions.

PRERAB update: Mike Ongerth

Michael Ongerth reported that he inspects our roads often, sometimes more than once a week. Bids are pending for work on Drake's View Drive, including the hairpin turn above 100 Drake's View Drive where erosion has led to curb deterioration and gulying and removal of diseased alders at the same location. The bid process for regrading of all dirt roads is in abeyance until the weather picture for the near future is clearer; action will probably be delayed until the end of April, the time at which such work would normally be carried out if needed in a given year.

Mike has begun to mark trouble spots such as potholes, alligatoring, and rough surfaces on lower Drake's View Drive with orange paint. The worst areas are at the intersection of Drake's View Drive with Sir Francis Drake and Drake's View Drive to Tank 1. These problems do not get

better without intervention and we need to protect the subgrade for a year. If Measure R passes, he hopes that the road will be repaved this year. However, the county needs to engage in the bidding process for the work. Ron Bennett reminded us that if we do not repave now, we will have problems with the road base and costs could double.

FireWise Task Force: David Wilson

David Wilson reminded us that the fire season in California this summer may be the worst in years. The county priorities for funding using Measure C moneys are home hardening and defensible space. To receive funds, it is necessary for us to be a FireWise Community. We qualified three years ago and have updated our credentials each year since then. Measure C funds are being used to improve safety under emergency conditions on the fire road to Limantour and down to Laurel from the other end of Sunnyside as well as for work on Sunnyside.

Chipping Program: Michael Ongerth

The best schedule for chipping days was discussed at length. There appears to be considerable demand for both IRA-sponsored and Measure C chipping days. When these have occurred relatively close together in time, there was some confusion about whether piles placed for clearance were intended for Measure C or for IRA chipping days and careful scheduling of days for these events will be needed. Scheduling is complicated because the timing of Measure C chipping days is not known well in advance and the number of Measure C slots is limited. We can sign up for Measure C chipping days as of March 15 but we will probably not know until around April 1 when these will actually take place. It is also possible to apply for funds from PGE; David Wilson has secured \$5,000 for us and priorities need to be set for the use of these moneys. In addition, the county has \$250,000 available for small grants to individual homeowners for home hardening; David Wilson will prepare an announcement about this for our webpage. Because of the uncertainty of the timing of Measure C chipping days and some unknowns about future involvement of Inverness Garden Services in our chipping program, it was decided to wait until the May Board meeting to make decisions about any IRA-sponsored chipping days for 2022.

Evacuation Committee: Jennifer Howard

Jennifer shared with us the news that she has been appointed for a term of three years to the oversight committee of the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority which is responsible for allotting Measure C funds. This authority is the first of its kind in California and will serve as a model for others to come.

A preliminary meeting was held of the newly-formed Evacuation Committee. The meeting, chaired by Jennifer, was attended by committee members Chris Eckert, Christian Winslow, Leah Light, and Tim Stanton, as well as Ben Ghisletta (Point Reyes Fire Department), Brennan Collins (Sheriff's Department), and Lynn Axelrod (Point Reyes Disaster Council). It became clear during this meeting that our community understanding of emergency procedures needs updating. Contrary to our prior belief, the fire road from the end of Sunnyside to Limantour Road is not listed by Alert Marin as an escape route and people should not try to evacuate uphill in

emergencies because it is dangerous to do so. Moreover, the fire road is one of the routes that may be used by emergency services during an emergency, so that attempts to use this road as an evacuation route could impede efforts by fire-fighting and rescue operations. The Laurel escape route is also impractical except under supervision. In fact, under almost all scenarios Drake's View Drive will be the only evacuation route. Other routes would be used only in extremely unusual circumstances and only under Sheriff's Department supervision. An evacuation drill will be scheduled to practice escape down Drake's View Drive to a designated meeting point; a community information meeting will be held via Zoom prior to the evacuation drill to explain our current understanding of evacuation procedures during emergencies and to familiarize residents with planning procedures for evacuation.

Residents are advised to sign up with Alert Marin to be kept informed about emergency situations. Alert Marin, unlike Nixel, has specific information at the level of individual addresses.

Election of Officers

Tim Stanton will continue for 2022 as President, Jennifer Howard as Vice-President, Patty Wimpfheimer as Treasurer, and Leah Light as Secretary.

Next Meeting

Date: May 14, 2022 (World Migratory Bird Day)

Place: Zoom