

The Inverness Association and Inverness Foundation Boards
Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2021 6 PM
Via Zoom
Recorded by: Woody Elliott

Board Attendees: Kathy Hartzell (Pres.), William Barrett (V.P.), John Longstreth (Treasurer), Dinelle Abram (Membership Sec.), Andrea Apatow, Tom Gamman, Alex Porrata, Gerry Meral.

Guests: Madeline Bryant, Woody Elliott

Open Time for Public Comment: None

Introduced Madeline Bryant who began in November as the new Marin County Branch Library Manager: West Marin (Inverness, Pt. Reyes, Stinson Beach, and Bolinas). She talked about her experiences for 24 years with LA Public Library as Youth Services Coordinator among other duties and current on the job learning about West Marin branches. Kathy reported ongoing maintenance for Inverness Branch re: ADA door and outside motion sensor light.

Inverness Association –

1. No reports received on development proposals

2. Next month, propose a half hour overview on the Launch For Hire and future permit apps.

“Launch For Hire” Boat House owners, John and Madeline Hope approached Kathy about IA desires for acceptable uses in the permit from the Calif. Coastal Commission (CCC). Agreed that the owners should approach IA with proposals for IA’s consideration as they are submitting plans to the County/Coastal Commission. There have long been concerns expressed about access to the beach from Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and need to remove boats and clean up debris on the beach so public feels more welcome. Access to the beach is an issue due to erosion of the pre-existing trail and owners’ concerns about liability.

Kathy to ask Bridger Mitchell to attend IA Bd. Mtg. for briefing on permitting process by County (design review) and Coastal Commission and how it relates to the Local Coastal Program. Documents in IA files regarding history of the deed restrictions need to be reviewed. Board can recommend that IA Membership release owners of deed restrictions if the applicant’s permit from the CCC satisfies the objectives of the IF Deed Restrictions.

Inverness Foundation

1. Minutes: None

2. Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority: Still seeking community Board Members

Jerry applied for West Marin position on Citizens' Oversight Committee being vacated by Carolyn Longstreth.

3. Tomales Bay Watershed Council & Foundation Report on meetings.
Woody reported no activity by Council. Tom reported some progress on design of Chicken Ranch Beach restoration by Foundation.
4. Reports: Jack Mason Museum
Kathy reported a new exhibit of watercolor landscape art would be up for silent auction. Corolla has been helping with labeling of museum records.
5. Report on Coastal Communities meetings None.
6. Budget Report: John
"Have money, its liquid and everything is fine". Ad hoc committee (Ann Elliott, John L., Kathy H.) to recommend higher yield investments for IF Board approval. Full half-year budget report at January meeting.
7. Membership renewal status: Dinelle
Kathy reported Dinelle has updated membership records. She is minding PayPal deposits from current and new members. Membership renewal reminder notes mailed last Monday. Another membership renewal and donation pitch to be sent after New Year.
8. Down Tree Damage and Repair at Tennis Court.
IF owns land for tennis court. Inverness Tennis Association (ITA) reimburses IF for property tax and pays for court maintenance. ITA had downed trees removed, repaired shattered bridge and billed IF over \$700. Since trail maintenance is IA's job and pine was inappropriate for bridge repair, Kathy will write letter to ITA saying IF will pay half the billed amount and request prior approval by IF for future work if there is expectation of reimbursement. **Motion passed unanimously.**
9. Donations to IF for Youth Sailing Program from Inverness Yacht Club Members
Past Commodore of IYC requests IF receive donations from boat sales for purchase of boats and equipment for IYC's Youth Sailing Program so boat sellers are eligible for tax deduction. Since IF can only donate to nonprofit activities, Kathy will write the requestor that the IA will only accept donations for scholarships to the Youth Sailing Program to be distributed to sailing campers with financial need in keeping with IF policy. Purchase of boats and equipment is best done through The Saltwater donation program.
10. Inverness Firewise designation – Jerry
Application approved by National Fire Protection Association who sent a street sign and plaque. Jerry is working with Marin County for place to post sign. Inverness Public Utility District will post the plaque. Firewise Inverness priorities should be to encourage: 1) installation of reflective, properly sized numbered addresses visible

from street; 2) hardening of homes and defensible space around homes; 3) Organization of volunteers to help create neighbors' defensible space. All Firewise Marin coordinators have group phone call on third Friday of month at 11 am.

Inverness Disaster Council is an existing network for informing residents of wildfire prevention and safety measures extolled by Firewise Marin etc.

Ken Emmanuel, President of IPUD will be meeting with Jerry re: proposed parcel tax for prevention of wildfire.

11. Looking forward to in person meetings in coming year. Discussed a reunion of old and current IA / IF members at local venue.

12. Adjourned 7:15 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 26, 7 pm, zoom or in person, tbd