

The Inverness Association and Inverness Foundation
draft Meeting Minutes:7PM @ The Gables
February 26, 2020

MINUTES

Board members present: Kathy Hartzell, Catherine Caufield, Andrew Buckingham, John Longstreth, Tom Gaman, William Barrett, Robert Johnston.

Members Absent: Francine Allen, Seana Quinn, Alex Porrata

IA/IF member attending: Woody Elliott

Open Time for Public Comment: 5 minutes

Minutes: of the meeting of January 22, 2020 – APPROVED unanimously

Approve: AGENDA

Inverness Association – 5 minutes

1. Any development proposals to know about?

No new development proposals brought to the Board's attention

2. Letter shared that was sent re: CLAM.

Chair shared a letter sent by the IA in support of CLAM. William requested that the letter be resent via email as he did not receive a copy.

Inverness Foundation – 40 – 50 minutes

1. FireWise – update on proposal

Kathy reported a discussion with Jim Fox at last IPUD meeting. Jim suggested that the IA/IF should wait until after the upcoming election before taking any further action in promoting or endorsing the Firewise program. There is a fire tax on the ballot.

2. Bagpiper: Discuss our early 2020 edition 5 minutes - DEADLINE FOR YOUR ARTICLES IS MARCH 10th.

Catherine reported that the Firemap and fire news articles are underway. Other articles are being welcomed if anyone would like to contribute articles. Some topics offered were the Jack Mason Museum, the paths of Inverness. The recent search and rescue operation was also suggested as a Bagpiper topic.

3. Reports: Trails & bridges – Tom G. – 5 minutes

Tom and Kathy reported that the fence between and along the JMM border with the neighboring property is falling down and needs to be repaired or replaced. Kathy will investigate further. William will speak with the neighbor and report back.

4. Reports: JMM – Andrew - 5 minutes

Andrew reported that the current exhibit is coming down and a new exhibit will be opening on Sunday March 8. The Bolinas Museum has requested the loan of the JMM Wisby painting.

5. Report on Coastal Communities meetings, if any – Bill

William reported back on the Coastal Communities meeting that had occurred the night before at the Dance Palace in Point Reyes. Meeting was very well attended and a high level of interest and intelligent questions were offered by the attendees.

6. Report: Gables and Annex Library Lease & Insurance –
Changes to walkway from driveway to entry of library – need some surfaces suitable for disruption when access to septic required. Paving slabs aren't working
Request volunteer to do a small amount of painting and prep
Report on recent \$3000 septic pump replacement etc. - 12 minutes Kathy

a) Kathy reported that her meeting with the county library officials was cordial and productive. A change in the terms of the Gables lease with the County were discussed. New and shockingly high increases in fire and liability insurance generated a desire to negotiate a higher rental fee paid by the County in order to offset the increased costs. County officials pointed out that the current lease may be renewed by the County for another five years without any alterations or changes to the terms of the lease. Kathy added that the County was sympathetic to our increased expenses and was amenable to possible cost sharing for some Gables projects that would be of benefit to the Library. Insurance costs were reexamined and it was determined that the hike in insurance rates is worse than originally reported. Kathy will continue to seek less costly policies than the current offering.

b) Recently installed door for increased accessibility for Library patrons was not installed and finished to the satisfaction of anyone. Kathy asked for volunteers to sand, prime, and paint the door and door frame. Tom and Andrew will complete the door finishes.

c) Septic system pump replaced again. Mike Giammona of City Sewer Service was flummoxed at the frequency of pump replacement that the Gables has generated. Kathy will investigate the installation of a surge protector for the pump.

d) Kathy reported that her favorite electrician had come to the Gables to review the kitchen electrical system for GFI circuits.

e) The narrow path connecting the Gables concrete parking platform and the walkway to the main entrance is becoming an expensive nuisance. The path of flagstones set in a bed of gravel is laid over the Gables' septic tank and the flagstones are set directly on top of the risers that allow access to the tank. The stones are uneven and tend to rock if not placed precisely on the risers and that rocking, uneven surface might present a hazard or liability for visitors to the Library or JMM. William suggested replacing the stone on gravel path with a wooden walkway with removable sections that would allow access to the tank risers. Kathy concurred and will look in to replacements.

7. Budget Report: John

John provided an Income and Expense sheet as well Assets and Liabilities Balance sheet. The reports were received expressions of gratitude for the clarity of the reports and the ease of readability.

8. Report on March 14th *FireSmart* program co-sponsored by IGC, IF, UC Coop. Extension Master Gardeners and more – Grant received for expenses from County Fire –
Request assistance for set up and help with Q & A - Kathy: 5 minutes

Kathy reported that a grant was received from the County that will help offset the cost of the education program event, Kathy requested volunteers to help set up the event at the Dance Palace on Saturday, March 14. The event starts at 3PM. Volunteers might get there at 2:15PM to begin setting up chairs and tables.

9. Suggested new board members – Francine & Kathy

Committee did not report as none of the Nominating Committee was in attendance. William reported the recent experience of the Coastal Health Alliance in which CHA posted notices in the local online services to request volunteers to the board. The results were very productive and yielded four well qualified candidates to the CHA board.

10. Date for Annual Meeting: Dates the IYC would be available (tbd)

April 18, 2020 at 7PM. Probably at the Inverness Yacht Club.

Next Meeting: March 25th

Adjourn

Prepared by Kathy Hartzell 2.22.20