

The Inverness Association and Inverness Foundation
2nd draft Meeting MINUTES : 7PM ZOOM
August 26, 2020

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Board and committee members present: Kathy Hartzell, Catherine Caulfield, Andrew Buckingham, John Longstreth, Tom Gaman, Robert Johnston, Alex Porrata, Seana Quinn,

Absent: William Barrett, Bob Johnston

IA/IF member attending: Felix Chamberlain, Woody Elliot, Jerry Meral, Bridger Mitchell

Open Time for Public Comment: 5 minutes

Approve: AGENDA

Inverness Association – 5 minutes

1. Any development proposals to discuss - none
2. Community Development Committee –

Vote to reappoint: Catherine Caulfield, Bridger, Kathy Hartzell.
Tom moves, John seconds, unanimous

Inverness Foundation – 40 minutes

In July: Via email, the Board of the IA/IF unanimously confirmed its agreement to sign the document submitted by the West Marin Fund pertaining to our commitment to Racial and Social Justice.

1. Fire Prevention – update on proposal –IPUD reports to us on status of Fire/Fuel Break grant application to new Fire Authority - 20 minutes
 - a. **no report, just update**
2. Fuel Break proposal by Bob Johnston – see attached – Bob wants to have IF send this letter 5 minutes
 - a. **Will come back to this after the local fire is contained**
3. Timeline for FireWise outreach – 10 minutes
 - What is needed – Jerry – more appropriately, when should we begin. New thoughts on this.....
 - Fiscal Agent – should we need to ask another member of the Board or someone in the community if they would assist with this, and maintain the appropriate data base for grants/expenditures? John, Jerry, your thoughts?

Jerry: Marin Fire Committee gives grants through Firesafe Marin. We can promote and encourage defensive space and inspire neighborhoods to work as a group to become Firewise Communities and to help each other with the process. Once you are accepted as a “Firewise Community”, you are given a sign that says you are a Firewise Community and you are given access to many things. This can help with insurance but no guarantee.

Felix – This would happen after fire season. Would it be possible to do before fire season is out using this program?

Jerry – frankly the problem is giant piles of wood in the park. Fine to do on private property as you don’t need permits to clear your property.

Tom – this is a gigantic project – lucky if happens in 2022 given the rate they work! We can’t expect this to be a quick thing.

Kathy – we will talk about this at our Nov meeting

4. Ad Hoc Fire Committee:
Wood Elliot and Jerry Meral and Tom Gaman, with Bob Johnston and Kathy Hartzell
5. Minutes: June + any additions will be circulated before meeting
6. Reports: Trails & bridges – Tom 5 minutes
Project proposed: 1st Valley bridge deck project; Plant Park bridge (south east) board replacement

Update

Kathy – hasn't received one email complaint about from the community about something that needs to be done on a trail in last 5 months which is a record. People are relying less on the IA but rather dealing with it themselves because more people are here full time.

Plant Park: People using tables creates lots of trash and every week Kathy has to ask someone to take care of it. People are breaking branches to make space around tables. Community is dumping their compost – 6 foot high compost pile! leaving their cuttings to our property. Thinking about how to handle it.

Dana Marsh: Pile up of brush that needs to be dealt with. There are already no dumping signs.

7. Reports: JMM – Andrew 5 minutes
Report only - Not a lot of activity, filing and cleaning up during the pandemic.
8. Report on Coastal Communities meetings – Bill 5 minutes
William is absent
9. Budget Report: John – first draft of a proposed budget for 20/21 10 minutes

We need to add \$350 plus what we spent on Website update

ACTION: Catherine moves that we adopt this budget, Alex seconds, Unanimous

10. Membership status: Catherine - this year/last year – latest major contributions 4 minutes

Report: last year was triple renewals when we sent out a printed copy, but twice as many donations this year. Also, this year there was NO FAIR, NO ANNUAL MEETING, and the print copy of the bagpiper would normally include an envelope. Would like to consider sending out a small additional mailing in autumn with envelope.

11. Report on Election vote project by Email link 1 minute
Results
Tom: 76 yes, 1 no
Kathy: Unanimous
12. Nomination & election of officers: Nominations received thus far from members of Board:
President: Kathy Hartzell; VP: Bill Barrett, Secretary – Seana Quinn; Treasurer: John Longstreth Other nominations? – no other nominations.
ACTION: Catherine moves to adopt, Tom seconds, Unanimous
12. Committee membership
Trails and Bridges – Tom, John
Property (Gables): Kathy, Andrew
Nominating: Seana, Alex, Catherine, Bill
Finance: John, Barbara Gault, Kathy

Tomales Bay Watershed Council: Tom nominates Woody to be the new representative, Woody agreed

Next Meeting: September 23, 7 pm, Zoom

Adjourn

Agenda Prepared by Kathy Hartzell 8/18/20;