

The Inverness Association and Inverness Foundation

Meeting Minutes:

7PM @ The Gables, January 22, 2019

Present: Kathy Hartzell, Catherine Caufield, Tom Gaman, Francine Allen, John Longstreth, Alex Porrata, William Barrett, Bob Johnston, Andrew Buckingham, Seana Quinn (ALL PRESENT)

Open Time for Public Comment: 5 minutes

Minutes: Let's get them out and read, propose amendments, and then approve them! Wrap up 2019!

Attached are minutes for January 23, March 27 (IYC - fire safety), July 27 (annual mtg), August 27, October 23

- Also attached is the Feb agenda with a note that this meeting was cancelled due to weather.

- There were **no meetings** on the following dates: Feb (cancelled due to weather), April, June, Nov, Dec.

- **ACTION:** Motion to approve minutes from: January 23, March 27 (IYC – firewise mtg), July 27 (annual mtg), August 27, & October 23. (Note: There were **no meetings** in: Feb (cancelled due to weather), April, June, Nov, Dec.
- William moves, Bob seconds. Unanimous.

Approve: AGENDA

Inverness Association – 10 minutes

1. County wants a rep to the Coastal Communities Planning Program. To be discussed. Volunteers?
 - **REPORT:** responsibilities would include approx. 6 meetings over 3 years. Important to have someone local. Work will be related to environmental hazards, i.e. sea level rise.
 - William Barrett volunteered.
2. Any development proposals to know about?
 - Catherine shared comments from the Design Review Committee regarding the Stenmark Coastal Permit application. No major concerns.
3. Request from CLAM for a letter on their behalf re: bid to County to rehab/take over the Coast Guard Housing and facility in PRS. They are proposing working with Eden Housing
 - **ACTION:** Motion (from Kathy) for the board to support CLAM's bid
 - Catherine moves, Francine seconds. Unanimous.

5minutes

1. FireWise – Jerry Meral and Robt. Johnston to bring proposals to board to discuss. Participation? Ridge communities' participation? 20 minutes

Jerry Meral spoke about possible FireSafe project for Inverness.

Jerry lives in Sea Haven. There have been 6 fires in last year, all but one were wildfires - one was a house fire. Firewise is active in marin county to get communities to reduce fire risk, encourage home owners to “follow the rules.” The way it works: form a committee, rule is must have between 8 and 2500 houses (Yes, that range is correct. Inverness has 1140), need qualified risk assessor, tell property owners what you saw, advise, then create community action plan (clearance, parking, home), must spend \$25 p/home on risk reduction, then apply to be a Firewise community. If measure c passes, there would be money for this. Nothing mandatory about this, if someone doesn't want to do it, you don't have to, don't need 100% buy-in.

IA/IF is the logical Firesafe entity. Not a whole lot of work involved if there is money to hire people. Willing to help in any way if IA takes this on. A big motivation to become firewise is then makes you eligible to apply for grants.

What would be required of IA? Send a mailing, email or website notice (outreach), fiscal agent? (be the umbrella organization for the finances), community-wide mailing to help neighborhood response

Bob Johnston suggests that this should be at the community organizing level, not through the IA. He proposes a scheme: workshop including people who've done community organizing before come and speak and motivate the community to act.

Questions raised: Should the disaster council be the liaison?

No vote, discussion only. Further discussion needed to fully understand the IA/IF involvement and responsibilities.

2. Bagpiper: Discuss our early 2020 edition - 15 minutes

Discussed responsibilities. Catherine will help gather and edit stories. Kathy will shepherd the design process through the first week of April. This means that we need to have stories very soon to meet this deadline.

- **Discussed possible articles for inclusion:**
- Firesafe/firewise - Bob
- Annual meeting, fair, renewal notices calendar
- Housing size limits?? Catherine
- Coveted cake recipe - Alex
- Chicken Ranch Beach – Tom G.
- Sylvie poem - Alex
- JMM - Andrew
- Francine: “homeowner enhances trail”, will contact owner of trail
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3. Reports: Trails & bridges – Tom G. – 5 minutes

- Update regarding complaint about the Kenneth Lane Footpath, concern from a neighbor that a homeowner had blocked it off. Francine looked and the homeowner actually enhanced the trail. This may be an article in the Bagpiper.
- Plant Park is looking really good

- Nothing else to report

4. Reports: JMM – Andrew - 5 minutes

- REPORT on the current exciting exhibit: a history of different newspapers and other communications in the area, also held a panel discussion. These exhibits are announced in the JMM newsletter and the Point Reyes Light.
- The exhibit has been very popular

5. Report: Gables and Annex - 5 minutes Kathy

- REPORT: Bill ripped off siding on annex, found evidence of insect life, nothing was living, treated with hardy board, has been primed but not yet painted, put in a sturdy door, double lock, small deck and ramp down for easy access, **came in well under budget!** (note still needs final painting)
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6. Budget Report:

CLOSED SESSION: employment/ Discuss: 10 minutes John & Kathy

Return to Open Session: Authorize Kathy to add John to Vanguard, remove Joyce. Letter required/resolution.

Resolution: The Board of Inverness Foundation authorizes Kathleen Hartzell, President and existing signer on the account, and John Longstreath, treasurer, to open, maintain, and make decisions about this or any other Vanguard Account. We further request the removal of Joyce Arndt from access to any aspect of this account, due to her retirement from the Board.

ACTION: Francine moves, Bill seconds, Unanimous

7. 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 – Kathy: 5 minutes

REPORT: Kathy wrote a small grant application and county sent a check for \$500 that will help cover the rent, stipends, and materials for the event.

- Held at the Dance Palace: Bob thinks if we partner with DP and they become a sponsor, rent may be waived.
- Mostly Natives will come with actual plants as examples
Todd Lando from FireSafe Marin will reiterate hardening of homes and fire wise landscaping.

8. Proposal by Francine to create a packet for all board members - Francine: 5 minutes

REPORT: Francine compiled a list of items to include in an information packet to give to new board members. Included on the list:

- Names + addresses of board members
- Bylaws
- Yearly calendar of events
- Description of properties and responsibilities
- Covenants and restrictions on plant park
- Description of purposes and responsibilities
- IA fair
- Mission statement
- Point to website where much of this is included
- Please send any suggestions

9. Suggested new board members – Francine & Kathy

Suggestions:

- John Hope
- Woody Elliott
- Barbara Gault

10. Ask for IYC to provide us with a legal binder for whatever might be suggested by Marty vis a vis our role with their scholarship program for sailing (NB: we provide a certificate naming them annually of insurance coverage for our use of their facility for the Annual Meeting)

REPORT: We're the fiscal agent for the IYC. Are we held harmless? Need to confirm with Marty.

11. Location for the end of year Annual Meeting. Alternative ideas?

- We inquire about using IYC again
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Next Meeting: February 26th

Adjourn