

## Minutes of Inverness Foundation Meeting . May 27, 2015

The Gables, 15 Park Ave Inverness

Present: Bridger Mitchell who served as Chair in Nick Whitney's absence, Elizabeth Whitney, Jim Grant, Jack Matthews, Marshall Livingston, Joyce Arndt, Martha Proctor

Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2015: Marshall noted that Dewey Livingston's name is not spelled with an "e". Otherwise, minutes were approved as written.

Note: It was suggested that, in future, the minutes be re-sent when the agenda is emailed out before meetings.

Public Expression: no one was present from the public so no expression was heard.

President's Report: Nick Whitney, current president, was not present for the meeting and did not submit a report.

Inverness Tennis Club: A letter was received from Lee Seidner in which she asked if the IA would continue to serve as a tax conduit for the Tennis Club as in the past 3 years. She listed the several children who had benefitted from the program last year. The board agreed that it is consistent with our intent to continue to provide this service to the Tennis Club.

Financials: end of April 2015 year to date reports for IA & IF were sent out to all Board members in early May. The checking account reflects receipt of the \$113,000 check from the county which now is in our savings account with a very low rate of return. Martha spoke with Scoby Zook, who spoke with Mike Durrie, our past treasurer, re the best investment policy for that money. Mike will be asked to come to the next board meeting to make a report on those investment recommendations.

Report from IF-JMM Committee: At our last board meeting it was agreed that two members from JMM would be invited to become members of the IA/IF Board; Martha contacted Tom Branan last month re this but to date had not heard back from him. Jim Grant reported that in a conversation he had with Tom that he had not committed but was open to being on the board. Elizabeth Whitney reported that Dewey had asked her if the board had voted on the JMM's proposal. Discussion focused on the earlier recommendation that 2 JMM members be elected to the IA/IF board - Dewey Livingston and Tom Branan. Marshall offered to discuss the proposal with Dewey so that it is acceptable to both parties and reflects our board's discussion of the issue. He will then circulate the final version to the board and Dewey will obtain approval from the JMM board, both in time for the next meeting of this board.

Membership: Jim Grant reported that the membership is now up to 257. At the last board meeting we received a request to use Plant Park for the site of a wedding & this month a \$45 check came for a membership accompanied by a check for \$250 which was designated for use of Plant Park.

Buildings & Grounds: Jim Grant said that Vivian Mazur brought up the difficulty to see the one way sign on Alder Lane, the road behind post office. People often use that road as a two way thoroughfare. Marshall will take care of this issue - the sign may be covered with vegetation or need to be replaced.

-Jim has a list of 5 things that need attention on the Gables at some time e.g., fence on perimeter, French drains, etc but none are urgent.

-Jack Matthews suggested that we rethink the idea of putting in a Children's playground behind the tennis court in 2nd valley. Marshall suggested that instead we support the Inverness School's play yard. This would eliminate the need to obtain insurance which would be necessary if we developed the area behind the tennis courts. The contact person at the Inverness School is Matt Nagle, the

principal.

Boathouse Committee: Response to photos submitted by Marshall: Marshall suggested that the board set up a time to visit the site as a group. He said there is a trail there that needs no construction. At that point, there is a defined area off the pavement plus there is space for a sign & an area that needs to be weeded. The important question is where the property line is but Madeline says there will be a survey done to determine this as required by the permitting process. . There is also a 2nd alternative path possible.

-Board made a twilight visit to Children's Beach at 8:30 pm. The north end of the beach has a feasible access if that stretch is determined to be part of the boathouse property after the survey required by the permitting process has been completed. It was thought that a few in ground railway tie type steps might be needed. There is an alternative access to the beach, immediately north of the pier which involves descending existing stairs which would probably need some upgrading. Parking is available on the shoulder at the pier turnout, or north of the north end of the beach. There is an existing foot trail on the shoulder of the road.

Green Bridge (over Lagunitas Creek): Bob Johnson said the Pt Reyes Village Assoc has submitted a letter to CalTrans which advocates that the existing bridge be renovated. He described the steps involved in the formal CEQA process: beginning with the scoping phase in which CalTrans drafted a statement of purpose & need which provides 4 alternative designs. He advised that the IA should do a draft of the list of alternatives & their impact on Inverness before June 20 when the Comment phase ends. In this phase the burden of proof is on CalTrans so now is the time to get the purpose of the project in the terms we, the board representing Inverness, wants it. He suggested building a new bridge next to the existing bridge & keep the pedestrian bridge on the original bridge. CalTrans's proposal would widen the bridge to 44 feet; the existing bridge is 28 feet wide. Bob J said the proposal is more negotiable than CalTrans lets on. The goal in the bridge upgrade for the community is to provide a seismically proper bridge for traffic for cars, pedestrians & bicycles. The bridge is currently D rated. If after the upgrade, the bridge is higher rated, bigger trucks will be able to go thru Pt Reyes. In the letter submitted to CalTrans, one must state who they are & what their expertise is. If you make a "fair" argument, CalTrans has to address your issue.. Bob advised that we approach this as stating what we want and why. It is worth noting that bridges have been successfully refurbished in other parts of Calif. Discussion centered on the major impact on traffic which would ensue by this 3 year project and thus the critical need for a traffic study on the impact on businesses in Pt Reyes. Bob Johnson in his letter asked that CalTrans post all letters received on their website.

-The board approved sending a comment letter to CalTrans to address the impacts and concerns of Inverness residents e.g., impact on traffic, emergency services, need for the IA to be included in organizations to be notified; Bridger will draft the letter and circulate it to the board.

Nominating Committee: With the terms of Jim Grant, Mike Durrie and Martha Proctor being up + the retirement of Michael Mery, Nick Whitney and Jack Matthews (Jack after 20 years), there are 6 available slots on the board. The Nominating Committee (Nick, Francine & Martha) met and came up with the following candidates:

Alex Porrata, Eric Oldmixon, Bob Johnston, Dewey Livingston, Tom Branan, Jane Curtis.

Alex Porrata has accepted to replace Michael Mery; Eric Oldmixon declined as he just joined the CLAM board but his wife, Sarah Myers, has offered to serve; Bob Johnson has accepted; Louis Ptak told Elisabeth he would be interested. Elizabeth Whitney will speak with Jane Curtis. Nick will talk with Louis. Contact will be made with Dewey and Tom (see below).

-It would be helpful if members of the JMM came to our next board meeting to explain their proposal. Marshall will discuss the proposal with Dewey & circulate the results of their conversation before the June meeting. It was suggested that Dewey and Tom be Invited to attend the next board meeting so the proposal can be finalized. The goal is to approve it at the June board meeting after the JMM has approved it.

-Alex Porata was elected to the board.

Inverness Fair - Elizabeth talked with Katie Jay & her husband Steve - they or someone they designate will step up to do theater for kids; Eric Oldmixon may help out as well. An amount to be spent this year needs to be designated in the budget. Fair doesn't need to make money this year. Discussion centered on where we could obtain a flatbed truck for the music... Toby Jr?. Marshall will ask Lunny if he is willing to lend us his truck this year...

Bagpiper - Elizabeth said the newsletter is almost ready to go to the printer. Should be mailed out by next week.

Update on regulatory matters: Recent actions include: (1) a Remodel to a Shallow Beach residence and (2) the reapplication for the renovation of the Grandi Building. Also, the Coastal Commission affirmed the removal of oyster racks and debris from the Drake's Estero by the PRNS.

Of note are 2 upcoming workshops:

-May 30, 9am-1pm, Dance Palace - Sea level rise

-June 9, 1:30 pm: Civic Center - Regulating medical marijuana

Annual mtg: July 11

-Elizabeth Whitney suggested that we invite a spokesperson from the National Park who could speak about the drought and fire danger, including the dying Bishop pine trees. She addresses this issue in the upcoming Bagpiper.

Meeting on site was adjourned at 8:40 pm when the group left to go view Children's beach. See Boathouse above for info.