

## ***IA Meeting 9/24/14***

Board Members Present – Nick, Martha, Jim, Marshall, Mike, Elizabeth, Francine  
Legal Counsel: Dakota, Martha

### ***Public Expression:***

Madelaine Hope presented the position of Boathouse owners. Summary: Building shouldn't be let to fall into the bay; IA should think proactively.

Kathy Hazlitt: Can there be a deed restriction that is not in compliance with the County? What is the legality of that?

Madelaine doesn't know how to get a deed restriction that addresses the historical look of building. If they can't extricate from the deed restrictions, would like to go forth with IA/IF as ally. Would like to have an IA board member to go to county meetings with them.

Martha: clarification – Boatbuilding is not the only possible low level use of bldg.

Nick: we could write a goal oriented letter for County and CC as to what we expect/want as an organization. We want to have owners ask the County what our role can be to facilitate the process.

Kim Harvell/Inverness: Does the IA have financial partnership with preserving the building? NO – then the present owners' hard work and funds benefit all of us.

Mark Sutton/Inverness: CC permits are doable. We're all going to love the preservation of the bldg. We need to cooperate with the owners. It is a doable project. I have extensive experience working with the CC on permits on Tomales Bay.

Susan Cierney/Inverness: The Boathouse is listed on Natl Historical Registry. The only oversight is provided by IA. IA could support the owners when they go forward to get grants. Only the middle of 3 lots and building is covered by the Natl Registry. Access to the beach should be preserved.

Sonja Anderson: We should maintain beach access. The membership should be informed as to what is going on in this process.

Barbara Gaman: Urges transparency in process

Tom Gaman: The rational process is now in front of us. Hopes it isn't cause divisiveness.

Sarah Amalira (sp?): Urges that County separate out structural and use violations so that the IA/IF can be of help/support.

Donna Yamagata: Reiterates in succinct language what owners and IA have said they want

Michael Greenberg/Inverness: The IA needs to establish/taken into consideration fair use so that the reconstruction of the building is financially viable. Wants the IA to give letter of areas of agreement to facilitate owners' process. Suggests the IA board and members should accept compromise when we need to.

Richard Plant: History of formation of IA presented

Kathy Hartzell: Distillation of what we want – move the rehabilitation of the Boathouse ahead and let it happen

Randy Fleming: Lack of official representation to governing agencies results in official authorities delaying action. The IA needs a to pull together a document that expresses the opinions of the community for the boathouse process to move forward.

Barbara Merrill Concern about large groups, outside (non-Inverness community) groups using building. Points to parking and noise problems.

Meg Linden/Inverness Park: The discussion should separate out the restoration of the Boathouse, its use, and access to beach issues. Need more transparency on the part of the boathouse owners, and the membership needs to be informed wholly, not in bits and pieces by the IA board as to what is happening.

Barbara Heenan: I am affected directly because of my home's proximity to Boathouse. Discussions re: intensity of use, noise, light, etc. with owners have been going on since 2006. Many events and they are noisy, multi-days, lots of people and cars. The usage is increasing. 4 events in the last 2 ½ weeks. The Boathouse is operating as a commercial venue with internet presence. The owners need to be honest, open. The bay's ecology – birds, etc are also affected by electrified noise at night.

Catherine Caulfield: Defends DR's because they were put in place to express the vision of the community. There was a financial cost to the IF because it wanted DR in terms of how much they sold the property for.

Kathy Mason/Inverness: support the owners of the boathouse. They need financial help (renting out the boathouse) in order to move forward with its reconstruction, maintenance.

Dave Mason: The bldg needs financial support/ the IA needs to look at the financial reality facing the boathouse owners and the survival of the boathouse.

Carolyn Longstreth/ Inverness: Apparent path forward – with County: IA needs to prepare a statement that explains reasons for the positions they take re: boathouse.

Terry Nordbye: Is there a structural analysis/report (3<sup>rd</sup> Party) that determines what needs to be done to this building to keep it standing?

Madelaine – The Army Corps of Engineers will have to access building.

Andrew Romanoff: The building needs to be preserved

Rebecca Dixon: Meeting has a positive feeling. The community needs to support and help owners.

Inez Storer/Inverness: Resources within this room. IA should act in partnership with owners, not in an adversarial position. We all want this Boathouse to survive.

Meg Cadiz: The Boathouse can't be in better hands than in those of the present owners

Madelaine: Apologizes to Barbara Heenan. We do not have a business. Fees charged for the rental of the boathouse are in the form of donations to maintain and preserve the bldg. States the owners have identified five preferred uses of the bldg:

Recreation

Workshop and Retreats

Entrepreneurial Use

Marshall: Claims that the board is transparent.

Catherine Caulfield: more information needs to get out to membership.

Special meeting adjourned.

***Business Meeting of the Inverness Foundation called to Order***

Minutes approved

Library lease report given by Mike. History. Discussion. Whether we should fight for higher rent? Decision: We will put in the lease that if we run into unforeseen expenses or our expenses increase beyond the \$1325/month, we will go back to the County for an increase in our monthly costs and see if County will sign this lease.

Membership Report: Jim reports that we now have for 2015 -- 156 memberships

Web Report: Martha – Costs: \$3500 for web design; about \$600/yr. for maintenance of website. Suzi Katz will maintain website. We're still waiting for logo design by Barry Deutsch.

Treasurers Report 8/10 sent out – we're running in red. But investments are helping us out. Nick suggests we introduce at next July's annual meeting that we pay Tomales Bay Watershed only \$5, not \$10, out of membership dues.

Building & Maintenance: Jim describes dry rot in ceiling corners and need to provide water seal barrier in basement over dirt floor. Marshall will contact a local laborer he knows to do this work.

Beach, Parks, Trails -- Mike reports Burton has worked all his budgeted hours. He has another bid on Aberdeen stairs – Mark Miller. He will ask Paul Korhummel to oversee as contractor to get better rates in workers comp/liabilities

Presidents Report – Nick declares there is nothing to report  
Meeting adjourned

***Inverness Association meeting called to Order***

Minutes are approved

No public expression

Inverness Fair: no report

Treasurers Report: Mike reports \$3500 in bank. Suggests moving \$2000 to Foundation acct. if and when we need it (for stairs)

Bagpiper Report: Elizabeth plans to write a record of Boathouse proceedings for next issue

County relations: Michael reports general information on the Hidden Dragon LLC, and the 8000 sq ft of structures proposed on their 17 acre parcel on Balboa – provides the deadline info for IA response to County. Also mentions that a house on Kehoe Way is under construction

Michael announces he will be retiring from his 10 years of serving as a board member as of next meeting.

Call to adjourn. Approved.