

Minutes, January 27, 2016

Prior to the formal meeting of the Board of Directors of the Inverness Association and the Inverness Foundation, Board members were invited to a presentation by Dewey Livingston introducing the activities of the Jack Mason Museum. This well-received presentation in the Archives Annex covered the archives and history of the Museum and showed examples of the types of materials stored there. Also present from the Museum Committee were Ann Read, Tom Branan and Carola DeRooy, Chief Archivist of the Point Reyes National Seashore. The Jack Mason Museum has a working relationship with the PRNS and some material is stored at the Red Barn at the park headquarters.

Board Members present: Kathy Hartzell, Bob Johnston, Tom Branan, Bridger Mitchell, Alex Porrata, Marshall Livingston, Elizabeth Whitney, Joyce Arndt

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Absent: Francine Allen, Sarah Meyers

Inverness Association

Kathy Hartzell was formally elected president of the Board by unanimous vote.

Public Expression: Community Forums Proposal

Presentation by Karen Gray and Pam Bridges, president and treasurer of the Point Reyes Station Village Association, on a proposed series of meetings to bring together the various coastal planning groups in a collaborative format to encourage a strong presence on issues of concern to the region. These community forums were endorsed by the PRSVA around the following themes:

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- Disaster Preparedness and Planning for Sea Level Rise (March 17)
- Collaboration with CLAM on their Housing Summit meeting (May 22)
- Gateway Villages and Tourism: Traffic, Waste, Litter (June 9)
- Candidate's Night for Marin Supervisor's District 4 (September 8, prior to run-off election)
- Governance: PUDs, SCDs—What Works? Panel with representatives (November 10)

The essence of this proposal is to develop an on-going working opportunity to build bridges among the West Marin Village Associations and “develop a common voice for speaking to county, state and coastal commission personnel when tackling challenges facing all of us.” It was pointed out that these proposals are in the early working stages and the PRSVA wanted to include the IA in its formative stage.

The minutes were approved with a few spelling corrections.

Design Review Committee Report

- Implementation of policy on contacting property owners in advance of visit:
- When planning applications are received by the IA for comments, the Design Review Comm

Community Development Agency on whether the plans are consistent with the County D Coastal Program, or other relevant planning regulations. Where possible, the Committee site visit with the project representative or owner and the Committee before submitting o

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- Some planning applications may, in the opinion of the Committee and taking into consideration, have a negative effect on the local community, the environment or the rural character of the area, but are consistent with relevant planning regulations. In such cases the Committee shall submit recommendations to the Board (at a regular Board meeting or by email with a clearly stated response deadline, if applicable, and a commenting period). If a majority of those voting in the meeting, or by email, approve, the Board Chair's signature on our stationary.
- Two new applications considered routine: 53 Laurel Ave, new septic; Gordon 12179 Sir Francis Drake, new residence.
- Vacation of Callendar Way and Balmoral Way paper streets (Tirrell, Short).

Concern was expressed by Marshall Livingston about setting precedents, although this particular case did not present any controversial issues. It has not yet been submitted to the county (the authority involved in a formal vacating of paper streets) and any thought by the applicant that the IA would comment on behalf of the project prior to that submittal was dismissed. The issue of paper streets was addressed as follows:

“The Inverness Association recommends that, in order for the paper streets to be vacated, the permanent public right of pedestrian access and use of trails over these streets be legally established, that no structures or impediments to foot traffic be permitted and that the IA be permitted to post signs at each end of the trails, advising the public of the right of passage.”

Inverness Foundation

Museum Committee—Tom Branan

Very successful open house for the new exhibit: Lee Sims photographs from the Light 1971-1974. “Like a reunion.”

Friends of the Gables first planning meeting with Francine Allen with some ideas for a summer fund-raising event on the Green. Goal of the Friends is to raise funds for maintenance of the building and the museum archives.

Bagpiper—Elizabeth Whitney

A spring issue would be a good idea.

Membership—Catherine Caufield

350 “active” names, of which 247 are paid up.

Bylaws and Governance—Kathy Hartzell

Tom Branan raised the idea of offering to compensate Martha Howard for the fine-tuning of the bylaws, which is a rigorous task beyond her typical pro bono services to the IA. The motion was made and unanimously passed to compensate her up to \$2000 for her time spent of this effort.

Finance—Joyce Arndt

Quiet times on the financial front. (Attachment)

Properties—Marshall Livingston

Things are in good shape...not much maintenance in winter. Marshall is preparing an inventory of properties and schedule of maintenance priorities. The Foundation properties are: the Gables, Plant park, Dana Marsh, Martinelli Park and the Vision Road Nature Preserve where the tennis courts are. It was suggested that there might be a West Marin Fund grant for capital improvement and property management.

Mission Statement—Consideration of the Mission Statement was continued to the February meeting, after language concerning the Museum is added by Tom Branan.

Adjournment