

Dillon Beach Neighborhood Group - Board Meeting 10/18/22 - Minutes

Board Members present: Melinda Bell, Eric Davis, MaryKay Patton, Mike Goebel, Hilary Avalon, Jan McHale, Jackie Cato, Ellen Leshner. Not present: Nichole Vogler.

Members present: Jeff Winford (*help with Jeff's last name, por favor!*)

Call to order - 5:03pm

1. Approve Minutes of June 28, 2022 Board Meeting. Eric had a question about Item 2 in the minutes regarding adoption of Bylaws. Suggestion and motion to amend the June 28 meeting minutes to strike Item 2. Melinda moved and MaryKay 2nd. Vote = passed. Minutes of June 28, 2022 Board meeting are approved after striking Item 2.

2. Approve Minutes of February 10, 2022, Membership Meeting. Since we had received two versions of these minutes and most Board Members had not had a chance to review them, approval of these minutes was postponed until the next Board Meeting. Please let Eric know, via email, if you have any corrections or additions for the minutes of the 2/10/22 Membership Meeting.

3. Assessment of Summer Traffic and Other Seasonal Issues, Google and GPS Directional Instructions - Action Needed? Discussion regarding traffic this year as compared to other years. More RV traffic, at least, there is more RV traffic within the Village area, and it is not appropriate for large recreational vehicles to be inside the Village because the streets are too narrow to accommodate turning radius of larger vehicles. Discussion regarding contacting the County for help on this issue. Signage. Signage is not appropriately worded or located to correct the problem. Drivers are following GPS directions into the "center" of "Dillon Beach." Melinda has spoken to Public Works about the issue and they are allegedly working on different signage, but we can also take matters into our own hands and not wait for them. DBNG may create and post our own signs. Discussion about wording of signs and appropriate locations. Discussion will continue via email to hone the sign verbiage, etc. Mike will reach out to a contact at Google to see about moving the "pinned" center of Dillon Beach to the actual beach instead of the center of the Village.

4. No Parking Zone on Ocean View and other Parking Issues. Jeff Winford spoke about the parking problems near his house on Ocean View and Cliff. Marin County has approved red "fire lane - no parking" zones on both sides of the street in that location - 50 feet or so. There has been no action on the actual painting of the curbs. Eric suggested the DBNG Board write a letter to the County to encourage action on the project. Jan said the fire department has promised the red paint areas and we need to get an action report from the fire department and get the work scheduled. Eric moved that the DBNG approve Melinda writing such a letter. Jackie 2nd. Vote = passed. Jeff will contact the appropriate party and bring us an action report by the end of next week, and if a letter from the Board is still necessary, Melinda will write it.

5. Property Damage from Vehicle Traffic. How many accident reports have occurred over the last year? Jeff Winford, damage to his wife's car = \$4000, damage to his property; Hilary, damage to her fence at least twice in the last year, small damage that she does not repair anymore because it will just happen again; John Bird's fence at least once; Jackson fence, at least twice - one being last Friday; Jan reported RV knocked line down from telephone pole last Thursday. If the drivers are going IN to the campground, we can report the accident to the gatekeeper and they will help to find the culprit. Jan will circulate the phone number for the gatekeeper.

6. Dark Skies was shelved due to lack of action.

7. Membership List. Since member outreach earlier this year, we have 38 new names on the member list. Hilary and MaryKay successfully set up the MailChimp account (with one outstanding issue which will require us to discover who's phone number is associated with the DBNG email account). Lists have been forwarded to Hilary and she will add them to MailChimp.

8. Website. Hilary and MaryKay met to discuss updates to the website. It will be arranged with helpful info for visitors to the site, info about DBNG and our purpose, Bylaws, Board Meeting announcements, all meeting Minutes, other meetings with regard to actions that affect Dillon Beach, a place to sign up to become a member, and a place to sign up for the mailing list. We will briefly discuss the website at each meeting to get updates and other info to help keep the website current and relevant. We can add a place on the website where people can nominate people for DBNG Board positions. Once the website is updated, we can send notifications via the usual channels and social media to people will know they can visit the website for info.

9. Septic Issues. North Marin Water District is not interested in participating in septic solutions for Dillon Beach - Village specifically. Discussion was held. Eric suggested Dillon Beach set up a Community Service District to solve the septic issues. The County of Marin has conducted an evaluation of contaminants in the water, but they have not released the results of the study. The County also sent out a questionnaire to assess homeowners' interest in sewer vs septic in Dillon Beach Village, and we also do not have the results of that research. Hilary and Jan are both members of the County TAC committee, but we do not hear from Arti Kundu or anyone else at the County on the subject. Suggestion was made to perhaps form an ad hoc committee to ask the County for action on septic issues - and to release the results of the study performed. Discussion on Tomales, Marshall and other coastal towns' solutions to septic issues. Ad hoc septic info committee was formed: Jan, Jackie and Hilary will meet and connect with the County.

10. Update from Mike on Dillon Beach Resort septic upgrades. They have already upgraded the septic for the cabins and other buildings. Next is the upgrade and replacement of some septic systems for the tiny homes/RVs. It will take several months. The general store, restaurant and beach parking will all be open during construction. They will have to move at least some of the tiny homes during the project. After completion, 13 new tiny homes will be added to DBR.

11. Next meeting - Tuesday, November 29 at 5pm on Zoom. We will determine the date of our regular Membership Meeting at that time.

Adjourn 6:22pm