

July 25 2023 - DBNG Board Meeting on Zoom

Present: Board members: Hilary Avalon, Melinda Bell, MaryKay Patton, Mike Goebel, Nichole Vogler, Michael Gradl, Ellen Leshner. Not present: Jackie Cato, Mike McGuire.

Call to order: 5:05pm

Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2023 Board Meeting. Melinda moved to approve the minutes from the last Board meeting. Hilary seconded. Approved unanimously.

Membership Committee Update. The Membership Committee has not met since the last committee meeting, so there is no update.

Wastewater Feasibility Study Update. The Wastewater Committee has not met since the last meeting. Work continues on the survey we would like to send to the wider community. Discussion: what do we want to get from the community with this survey? Do we want to include a synopsis of the County's Study? Do we want to educate/inform? The County's Study did not indicate the nitrate in the drinking water rose to the level of concern - we want to discover if the wider community has any concerns about the wastewater and/or their drinking water. If it comes to that, we want to know what percentage of the community would want to switch to a community sewer system. We want to continue to cooperate with the County on this topic so we gain all possible perks, such as the available grants for community wastewater improvement. We will be scheduling tours of Tomales and NMWD wastewater systems, so we can compare and contrast what is available and what is feasible and what is reasonable. Melinda will reach out to her contacts to schedule these tours and all Board members will be notified. Hilary will create a first draft of our community survey and send it to the Committee for input.

Short Term Rental Committee Update and Other STR Updates. There has been no meeting of the STR Committee since the last meeting. We do have a draft survey for the community on STRs. Hilary will update the draft and send it to the Committee for input.

Hilary will send email to committees so we can schedule our next Committee meetings in August.

Traffic and Signage. Hilary reached out to a friend who works at Google - not in the Maps department, but hopes she can get the Map changed anyway. So far, with her help, the Maps pin for Dillon Beach was moved from its original location on North and Cypress, but the route still takes people through the Village (artificial intelligence really IS trying to kill us, lol!), so Hilary is still working on this. The signs are up and the consensus is there is less traffic through the Village, but we still have errant vehicles coming through there. The Board agreed that the signs can only help and not hurt. On high traffic weekends and holidays, the DBR (Mike) hires off duty Sheriff and Highway Patrol officers but they do not do much to stop people from clogging the roadway to the beach/resort/parking lot. The officers tell us if an emergency vehicle needed to come down Dillon Beach Road when it was blocked with beach traffic, they would bring the

emergency vehicle down in the other (wrong way) lane with emergency lights and siren, and they seem generally unconcerned about the traffic. Hilary said she and her husband were stuck in the line of traffic on a recent weekend and it took about 15 minutes to get all the way through.

Website and MailChimp Progress. Hilary could not get MailChimp to work with the DBNG lists the way they are set up in Excel, so the input data has been deleted and Hilary will alter the existing lists to be compatible with MailChimp and then upload them again. DBNG Website is being updated with minutes, announcements and other information. If you have anything you would like to have displayed on the website, please contact MaryKay Patton.

Other Business. There is a new utility pole interfering with views. MaryKay researched the process, and it seems like we cannot complain or get anything changed after the fact. She is looking into a process by which we can get ahead of projects like this so they do not run amok unchecked and we can preserve everyone's views. On topic, there is a lawsuit in Bolinas because they did similar utility work that ignored the Community Plan. We will monitor what happens with this.

The new cell tower/antenna upgrade/expansion on the DBR chimney/roof is surrounded by scaffolding that is temporary and will be removed at the completion of the project. The roof and chimney line will look very similar to what it was before. This is a Verizon project and Verizon got all the permits, etc.

Ellen asked Mike about the parking situation at the Resort for the new rental units. They will be using the parking directly across the street from the tiny homes and, when necessary, the overflow parking which is near the employee parking lot nearer the DBR buildings, and the beach parking lot. The parking area directly across from the tiny houses has been striped and holds 28 cars. Presently, most DBR employees are parking down in the beach parking lot.

Sonoma County recently updated their Local Coastal Plan - but they basically parroted what the Coastal Commission wanted instead of working on a better plan for their people. This is of concern to us because Marin County has not addressed the Marin LCP yet. This is something DBNG should keep an eye on.

Adjourn. Hilary moved to adjourn and Melinda seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm

Next DBNG Board Meeting - on Zoom - is scheduled for September 19th at 5pm.