

DBNG Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, on Zoom

5:00pm

Call to order: 5:01pm

Present: Board Members: Melinda Bell, Jan McHale, Hilary Avalon, MaryKay Patton, David Brown. Other members: John Bird. Absent: Board Members: Jackie Cato, Michael Gradl, Mike Goebel, Nichole Vogler.

Melinda called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

1. Wastewater Committee Report - the Wastewater Committee has not met since the last meeting and there is no report from the Committee; however, Hilary did have an in depth phone conversation with Arti Kundu and the notes on that are below in the Wastewater Feasibility Study section.
2. Short Term Rental Committee Report - the STR Committee has not met since the last meeting and there is no committee report at this time.
3. Latest Short Term Rental Ordinance for the CCC in April. April 11th is the meeting of the California Coastal Commission wherein they will discuss adoption of Marin County's new STR ordinance. Melinda suggested we get an email out to our membership urgently with the information on the meeting, a summary of the staff report on the new proposed ordinance, and the contact info so people can weigh in on the matter publicly in advance of the meeting and attend the meeting, if they wish. It is important for our community to be involved in this decision. Melinda will put something together and send it to the Board to approve before sending it to the membership.
4. Internet Communication/Social Media/Website/Mailchimp. MaryKay keeps the website updated. The minutes from the last meeting are due to be posted but first Hilary will check to make sure they are correct. (They are: I checked!) Mailchimp will be launched as our communication method with our members once we have a logo approved. Nichole is working on the logo. Facebook: Joy had emailed Melinda to volunteer to create and manage a Facebook page for DBNG. It was decided that MaryKay would follow up with Joy because she lives next door. If this goes forward, we should brand the Facebook page with the same logo we choose for the MailChimp, website, etc.
5. Approval of the Minutes from the Annual Meeting January 23, 2024. Hilary moved to approve the Minutes from the Annual meeting. Melinda 2nd. Unanimously approved.
6. Logo - Nichole is working on several designs. She will send those to the Board for approval once they are ready.
7. Wastewater Feasibility Study updates. Hilary had a lengthy conversation with Arti Kundu, the Marin County Project Manager. The County is moving ahead with a study of what expansion

and upgrade would be necessary at the NMWD wastewater treatment facility currently being utilized up in Oceana, in order to accommodate the addition of the residences in the Village, so that an accurate cost for this expansion and upgrade may be calculated. This is the next step toward a community sewer system to replace the existing septic systems in the Village. The County is under pressure from the State of California to address the aging septic systems in Marin County, particularly ones that are near sources of fresh water, or in some other way pose a potential threat to public health. This is why Marin County is interested in organizing a project for the Dillon Beach Community, why they took their original survey a few years ago, and why they completed the Wastewater Feasibility Study which was presented to the Community a year and a half ago. Once the County has reasonably accurate projected pricing for the expansion and upgrade project at NMWD, they will more accurately be able to predict the cost for the whole project, and let the affected community know. If you recall, the Wastewater Feasibility Study did contain some projected pricing for the several proposed projects to address the aging septic systems in the Village - this study will make those projections more accurate. Arti aims to apply for grants to offset as much of the cost as possible. These grants come from various sources, but mostly the State of California and the federal government. Discussion was had regarding the testing of the well water done by Questa Engineering during the process of the Wastewater Feasibility Study. Since that testing was done, Dillon Beach Resort has completely replaced their septic system to a brand new system. At this time, the Board is interested in having the well water tested again to see if we can determine if the upgrade to the Dillon Beach Resort septic system has made any noticeable difference in the water quality. Hilary will contact Norm to ask if new testing is a possibility. Hilary had sent an email to the Board with a synopsis of her conversation with Arti. After her conversation with Norm at Questa, Hilary will draft an email to the membership with a concise update on the Wastewater issue in DB.

8. Sea Level Rise - Marin County recently changed their approach to addressing sea level rise and combined all of West Marin with the Bay Watch Sea Smart project. The Alliance of West Marin Villages feels as though West Marin will be short changed if they are combined with the Bay cities. Melinda suggested that DBNG have a liaison that would keep in touch with the Villages Association to redouble our community voices. At the moment, Melinda is the person who pays attention to this and acts as the de facto liaison. It would be good to have a member of our group take that on as a special project and solidify that relationship.

9. DBERT - community involvement, fundraising, etc. Dillon Beach Emergency Response Team is a group that makes ready for responding to a widespread emergency in Dillon Beach, should one arise. There is equipment stored in several sheds in Dillon Beach and there are people trained to deploy it, however, it is a small number of people and some are aging out. Jane, the Communications Secretary has stepped down. DBERT needs more community members to be involved so our community can remain resilient in an emergency. In addition to needing more members, DBERT needs to buy a new ATV to move equipment around during an emergency and donations are necessary for that purchase. DBERT is planning a training exercise in April and it would be great if the whole community would be involved with that in some capacity, even as observers. Ordinarily, the drills are fun and include snacks - this is a good way to get people to join the team! The upcoming drill is scheduled for April 20th at 1pm at

the Tahiti Shed - everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. If you want to stay for a while, bring your own chair. DBNG will incorporate DBERT communications with our communications to the membership going forward to inform more people and encourage more people to join DBERT. DBNG will also add DBERT info to our website.

10. Other business. No new or old business to discuss.

11. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 23rd at 5pm on Zoom.

Move to adjourn. David moved to adjourn. Hilary 2nd. Adjourn 6:02pm