

Call to order: 5:04 pm

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

- I. Wastewater committee report. The committee did not meet between now and the last Board meeting; however, Hilary had phone conversations with both Norm Hantzsche and Arti Kundu and reported on those phone calls. Both Norm and Arti confirmed the County is moving forward on a study to determine the actual cost of upgrades to the wastewater treatment system currently being used by OMA (plus a couple houses in the Village), along with the projected costs of creating a community sewerage system for the Village that would ultimately utilize the improved wastewater treatment system. Norm and Arti confirmed the County is under pressure from the State of California to address the old septic systems in rural areas, with a focus on the ones nearer to waterways. These old septic systems - the County calls them "cesspools" - are no longer permitted. The concern is they may be contributing to unhealthy environmental conditions. Arti confirmed she is aiming to apply for grants from the state and federal government to help pay for some of the cost of the proposed community sewerage system in DB. She also confirmed whatever portion is not paid for by grants will be included in a County tax lien program to help spread payments over 10 (or more) for property owners; and that some kind of future improved wastewater system in Dillon Beach will be forthcoming. Community involvement is paramount at this time for the community to benefit in every way we can from these unavoidable changes.
- II. Short Term Rental committee report. The committee did not meet between now and the last Board meeting. At this time the committee is monitoring the County's actions on STRs. We will see what regulations are adopted after the various agencies have met and voted. We have plans to coordinate efforts with the Dillon Beach Emergency Response Team (DBERT) to encourage STR managers in DB to implement an emergency response plan for each STR they manage, and place the emergency information inside the STR, readily available to renters.
- III. Internet.
 - A. Website: MK had a website access problem stemming from our host, Bluehost. She will sort that out and report back to the Board. MK has been able to keep the website updated up to this minute with no issues.
 - B. MailChimp: is basically ready to go except we haven't approved a logo yet. Hilary and Nichole will work together to apply the logo to all MailChimp correspondence once we have one selected.
- IV. Approve minutes from Tuesday, March 26, 2024 Board meeting. Hilary moved to approve the minutes. MaryKay 2nd. Approved.

- V. Logo. Nichole will resend the logo options and we will make a decision via email.
- VI. Sea Level Rise. Marin County is planning to apply for state and federal grants to address this issue. These grants have focused on equity and inclusion. Until recently, the County had two programs: Marin County Department of Public Works led the BayWAVE Program for East Marin's bay shoreline; and Marin County Community Development Agency led the C-SMART program for West Marin's ocean front. Recently the programs have been combined, and coastal communities are concerned our issues may be overlooked. Mike G said the DB Resort generally is not included in discussion about this at the County level. Possibly this is because the County of Marin thinks it has more urgent issues in other areas that are affected by sea level rise, such as Stinson Beach, which is more vulnerable to sea level rise than is DB, and Bay communities which are more populous. This is something that DBNG will keep an eye on, and continue to demand the attention we deserve from the County.
- VII. Alliance of Coastal Marin Villages. In order to remain empowered to the degree we can on sea level rise and other coastal issues, Melinda has been the point person with the Alliance for DBNG. She is stepping down from this position and Mike G has agreed to take her place for communication with the Alliance. Discussion. Melinda asked for approval by the Board for Mike G to take her place. Approved.
- VIII. Jan McHale is resigning and moving. Jan sold her home in Dillon Beach and is leaving the area. We are all sorry to see her go, as Jan has been a very involved member of our community for many years. The Board is looking to appoint someone to take her place on the Board. Jerrie Carter who is a resident in the Village is a possible replacement. Nichole will reach out to Jerrie Carter to discuss and report back to the Board.
- IX. Other: Tuesdays may not be the best days to hold our Board meetings going forward due to scheduling conflicts. Discussion. Decided: move meetings to Wednesdays starting in May.
- X. Next regular Board Meeting scheduled for WEDNESDAY May 29 at 5:00 pm on Zoom.