

Dillon Beach Neighborhood Group Board Meeting - September 15, 2025 5pm on Zoom

Board Members present: John Bird, Hilary Avalon, Larry Thoms, Nichole Vogler, David Brown, Mike Goebel, MaryKay Patton, Jackie Cato.

Regular Members present: Bill and Ronna Sauro, Geoff Winford, Yvette Clark

Call to order: 5:01 pm

- I. Approval of the Minutes from the Board meeting 6/16/25. Hilary moved to approve the Minutes from the previous Board Meeting and John 2nd. Approved.
- II. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes from 3/19/25. These minutes were not approved on the record (because they were not sent to the Board for approval prior to the meeting, it was agreed to approve them via email, but that process has not yet been completed). Hilary had sent the Minutes via email prior to this meeting, however, Board members did not have a chance to approve them by email yet. Follow up with this approval via email once more.
- III. Vision for DBNG going forward. Discussion. Board members agree that the purpose of DBNG is as liaison between our neighborhood and Marin County. It is important to routinely communicate with the County and the Members about every pertinent issue. The purpose of DBNG is to be a voice for the residents, owners and other stakeholders in Dillon Beach. Along with this, DBNG will communicate with other local neighborhoods and the Alliance of Marin County Villages, to keep abreast of happenings in areas near us. The Board agreed that quarterly Board meetings most readily accommodate our activities. [Article II of our Bylaws state, "The purpose of the Group shall be to serve as a forum on issues affecting Dillon Beach Neighborhood Group, including, but not limited to:
 1. to inform the community about issues as they relate to Dillon Beach and the Group,
 2. to encourage broad community participation, a variety of points of view,
 3. to form an organized response to issues affecting Dillon Beach and The Group,
 4. to review, update and support the Dillon Beach Neighborhood Community Plan and to respond to other planning issues of community concern,
 5. to promote community public safety,
 6. to oversee any and all evaluation and mitigation of traffic circulation and parking,
 7. to promote awareness and readiness with respect to coastal adaptation/sea level rise/erosion, and to liaise with Marin County Planning and the California Coastal Commission,
 8. to oversee any and all evaluation of community water and septic, electricity and other utilities."]

- IV. Replacement of former Board Member Melinda Bell. Discussion. It is important to the Board that all areas of Dillon Beach have representation on the Board. With the departure of Melinda Bell, we no longer have a Board member from Oceana Marin. Jackie had reached out to Sally but she is not available. Hilary will reach out to three people she knows in OM. The whole Board will do what they can to fill this vacancy.

- V. Ad Hoc Committees future actions.
 - A. Wastewater. Mike checked in with Arti Kundu (Marin Co. Project Manager) regarding the County's Wastewater project. Last we heard, the County was proceeding with a cost analysis for upgrades necessary to the water treatment plant in OM. Upgrades and expansion would be necessary in order to be able to accommodate buildings in the Village to join that wastewater system. Arti responded that there are no updates.
 - B. Membership. It was agreed that DBNG should do a Membership campaign for two reasons: 1) all stakeholders in DB should be signed up with DBNG, if only to give and receive info regarding Dillon Beach; and 2) in order for the Group to be an effective tool, we need to know the thoughts, opinions and ideas of all stakeholders.
 - C. STRs. Ongoing County action with info updated on the County website. [See STRs info on the County's website here **Short Term Rental (STR) License | Marin County <https://share.google/n6nRT8V4er4YLHeOY>

- VI. Website. We had had some trouble with the billing of one Board member's credit card for the web hosting fee, but that has been resolved, according to Bluehost. MaryKay will follow up with Melinda to make sure. The Board will do some investigation regarding finding a new web host that will offer us a cheaper rate. DBNG has limited funds from a few small donations, so the group cannot justify paying high prices for ongoing web hosting, although we all agree that the web page is a good resource. MaryKay suggested creating a free Facebook page and moving our site to it. This may be problematic, even though it is free, as not everyone is familiar/happy with Facebook. More research and discussion is necessary to solve this issue. Hilary will reach out to her web host and check prices. In addition, the new DBNG logo does not integrate well with the vintage style of the existing DBNG website, so discussion was had regarding potential updates to the existing website so it has an attractive, modern look. John and MaryKay, the co-managers of the website, will discuss and make adjustments, as necessary.

- VII. MailChimp. We have our MailChimp up and running with the new logo! It was great to have not one, not two, but THREE regular DBNG members join our open Board meeting on 9/15/25 - apparently the new format caught more attention, which is wonderful, since the aim of the Group is to keep our neighbors informed and involved. Hilary, MaryKay and Nichole all have access to the MailChimp through our DBNG email account.

- VIII. Sea Level Rise. According to Marin County and inundation maps, the issue of sea level rise in Dillon Beach is less concerning than other areas in the county. Inundation maps are here [**Draft Sea Level Rise Inundation Map 15 series | Marin County https://share.google/212x9p4vmqrCskXtQ](https://share.google/212x9p4vmqrCskXtQ) For now, DB sea level rise action will be addressed within the actions of the Alliance of Coastal Marin Villages, and John is the liaison and will attend meetings and bring us information. Also, Supervisor Rodoni has office hours every week, on Zoom, per Mike. John will make an effort to attend and continue our relationship with him.
- IX. New/Old Business. Bill Sauro took the opportunity to ask about traffic in and out of DB. He was aware of discussion regarding a possible traffic study and/or plan to use an alternative road (such as Sand Haul Rd) for access in and out of DB in an emergency if Dillon Beach Road was blocked with traffic. It was stated that Sand Haul Rd is not a viable alternative access road. Emergency services are completely confident that, in an emergency, if traffic was blocking access on Dillon Beach Road, they would have no problem getting in and out of Dillon Beach, holding traffic while they drove in the opposite lane to get in or out. Geoff Winford said CHP did a great job handling traffic on Memorial Day.

Next regular Board meeting will take place on December 8 at 5pm on Zoom. Thank you!

Adjourn. Hilary moved to adjourn. Larry 2nd. Adjourn at 5:55pm