

Irish Beach Improvement Club

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Service Organization*



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Parks, Recreation & Private Gated Beach Access

NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE IRISH BEACH IMPROVEMENT CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS LAKE POMO PARK TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021 AT 11:00 AM

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Announcements

Meeting was called to order at 11:06 am in the midst of our lovely, well maintained, park. Present were: Patrick Robards, Denise Mendoza, Allen Erwin, Mike Dunbaugh and two wonderful guests (the first in nearly a year and a half!). There were no announcements. Rod Curbelo and Khadine Forbes were absent.

II. Items not on the Agenda (Attendees may bring up items for discussion that are not on the agenda)

No items not on the Agenda were entertained.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the minutes were not necessary at this time, but will occur at the next meeting.

IV. Communications

There were no communications.

V. Finance Report

Finance Report was discussed briefly with everyone understanding why there was no Quarterly Report at this meeting. A stipend was discussed and unanimously agreed upon; the motion made by Patrick Robards and seconded by Allen Erwin. Mike Dunbaugh and Denise Mendoza will proceed with this development.

VI. *Old Business*

a. Beach Project

Under Old Business, the Beach Project was discussed at length ending with its current Application status in the hands of the Coastal Commission. Costs to this point were mentioned and a very rough estimate of costs to proceed (roughly \$220,000) should the Coastal Commission issue a permit to do so, were mentioned. The question whether or not to proceed with maintenance work on the road culverts was also discussed and Patrick described the work that Jesse has been doing that should allow the water to appropriately drain this winter. However, further maintenance will be necessary next year as a more serious effort has been deferred for approximately four years now.

b. Post Office

The Post Office mailbox work was underway at the site next to our meeting in the park. Forms for concrete to place the new locked mailbox stands on top of were in progress by two contractors employed by the Postal Service. They intend to pour and set concrete on this Thursday at both sites, Lake Pomo and Sea Cypress. Also discussed were the gravel costs to date incurred by IBIC on this Postal Service Project and the need to make some effort to recoup those so that funds might be used on other needs.

c. Park Report

The Park Report, included the cutting of one large, dead pine that threatened broken limbs falling on hikers, was discussed. Jesse and Patrick fell this large pine — quite an accomplishment. Two more will need to be removed soon, but will be more challenging.

d. Clothing Store update

The LOGO Store was described as improving stock with Vera Lee and Linda D. working on the matter. Also, one more order of new stock was discussed by Vera Lee and Linda and another order should be forthcoming soon. Khadine confirmed her ability to help this process with necessary changes to the web site and perhaps some Christmas marketing emails to members as well.

VII. *New Business*

a. 501c3 Status

Under New Business the concept of perhaps creating a 501C3 (Friends of Irish Beach) to enhance fund raising capabilities and perhaps grant writing opportunities, was discussed. Attorney Jone Lemos in Ft. Bragg has helped others create 501C3 organizations. Jone described the process this week, beginning with completing Articles Of Incorporation with the State of California (on line process) and paying fees. Creating By Laws (draft already completed) would then be necessary. Insurance would be necessary and an estimated annual cost is approximately \$1,200. Two financial applications one for IRS and one for State Franchise Tax Board are required, total fees

approximately \$550. Jone's time estimate is between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Future income tax work will likely run approximately \$400 per year. We are in a good position to consider this in terms of timeliness. We do not yet know if we will be permitted for the Beach Project by the Coastal Commission, which would necessitate considerable fund raising. However, the major question we need to have answered is "what is IBIC's Public Benefit for existing?" The IRS will consider this foremost, prior to issuing any 501C3 "recognition of exemption" to operate under. Access for beach clean-ups, enjoyment and use of the beach might be one answer, particularly should the Coastal Commission issue a permit. Limitations currently in use to restrain some public access to the park and beach road as private property may need re-consideration. Access for school field trips is another. Board members will consider other possibilities. At this time there was consensus to hold off on further work until it is known what the Coastal Commission determines.

Mike Dunbaugh mentioned that he will step down as President in May 2022.

b. Web-site Usage

President Dunbaugh suggested the use of Next Door as a tool to enhance communications with our membership. Director Curbelo Rod showed interest, but no decision has been made.

The next meeting will be determined at a future date, after the first of the year.