

**SLEEPY HOLLOW HOMES ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, March 4, 2010**

**Present:** Carolyn Goodman – President, Holly Briese - Vice President, James Ayres - Treasurer, Laurie O’Hara - Recording Secretary, Darlene Hanley - Corresponding Secretary, Luke Argilla and Linda Fowler

**Absent:** Tici Truly, Warren Dodge, and Krista Rosen - Directors

**Call to order: 7:32 pm**

**APPROVAL OF February MINUTES**

Minutes were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Blue Collection Mailbox** – Linda Fowler investigated the possibility of obtaining a blue USPS mailbox in Sleepy Hollow in response to recent personal mailbox thefts. The USPS response is that volume is required to get a mailbox installed. They will assess, but it is unlikely to happen due to the economic climate.

**Pool Committee Fundraising** - Erin Badala reported on the capital campaign.

The Pool Committee will determine a sensible annual budget to cover normal wear and tear. Additionally, the Committee will maintain the Splash Fund to cover capital campaign projects.

- Phase 1: “Splashathon” event: collect sponsors for family laps. Proposed date is May 16<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the SHHA. Event recommended for every other year. Suggested project is a new outdoor BBQ and will already pay for the two new pool covers (\$3200).
- Phase 2: Proposed brick sale campaign for an estimated \$40,000 net profit. Project TBD e.g. new patio furniture, solar, etc.

**SHST – Swim Team Pool Records outdoor sign** – Carolyn Goodman reported that the SHST will install a 4’ x 5’ permanent display of pool records outside between the gate and snack shack (approximate location of the Bulletin Board).

**Marin Energy Authority/Marin Clean Energy – Hal Brown**

**Marin Clean Energy Background - Community Choice Aggregation:** In early 20002 Legislature passed/ governor signed a law called Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). CCA allows communities to band together to purchase electrical power. CCA came about in response to California energy debacle. Among other objectives, it supported consumer choice; encouraging investment in clean/renewable energy; and rate stability.

➤ The County of Marin has been vetting this concept since 2003.

Due Diligence applied:

- Hired Navigant Consulting to perform initial feasibility studies, and help develop business and implementation plans.

- Hired Millbank Tweed (top energy attys) to review and vet
  - Required peer review by two independent firms
  - Total of seven different consulting firms, experts in energy business/law/and contracts have worked on this program.
- After thorough vetting, public review, marching the concept around to all city councils, public workshops, etc. seven of Marin's 11 cities joined together to form a joint powers authority, Marin Energy Authority (MEA), that is charged with implementing MCE.
  - MEA is a separate, legal entity. The participating cities and County have representatives sitting on the MEA board, but the cities and county themselves are not liable or responsible for MEA operations, debt incurred, etc.
  - CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission) had to approve the MCE implementation plan in order for the program to move forward.
  - Currently 25% of all Californian's purchase their electricity from public/municipal (not for profit) entities like MEA. Examples: Roseville, Truckee, Palo Alto, Sacramento, Silicon Valley, Los Angeles, Alameda County, Redding, Ukiah, etc.
  - These public/municipal utilities historically charge rates 20-25% lower than PG&E. MEA rates will be even with PG&E for 5 years and possibly lower down the road.
  - Implementation: Phase 1 will happen in April – May for top tier users; Phase 2 will be for commercial and high residential users; Phase 3 will be three years out.

**County costs related to MCE**

- The county has loaned MEA \$540,000.
- This represents 1/7<sup>th</sup> of 1% of the county's annual budget.
- Potential additional cost: If MCE fails, county will be on hook as co-signer for a \$950,000 start up loan. (1/4 of 1% of the county's annual budget).
- Opt in/Opt Out: Customers/Ratepayers do have a choice, and they will be notified—at least 4 times by MCE—and even more by PG&E—to opt out without charge over a four month period. They can opt out later too, for a minimal (\$5.00) charge)

**County Finances**

- 1) Marin has the lowest operating debt of all Bay Area counties—less than 1% (Most counties are at 2-3%)
- 2) Highest bond rating in all 58 California counties.
- 3) Of ten comparable counties, Marin has the lowest spending per capita.
- 4) Very Healthy Reserves, and healthy Back-up reserves.
- 5) Hiring freeze adopted in Jan 2007.

*These are all key indicators of fiscal stability. The County of Marin is in excellent financial shape.*

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**Common questions and answers about MCE**

- 1) **How will energy service be different under MCE?**
  - MCE will purchase the electricity that PG&E delivers to MCE customers.
  - PG&E will continue to be you service provider, taking care of maintenance, delivery, meter and billing services related to all your energy services.

- MCE customers will have a choice of paying electrical generation rates for the basic “light green” energy mix (minimum 20% green/renewable) at the same (or lower) rate that PG&E charges.
- Or customers can choose the “dark green” 100% green/renewable option for additional charge of approximately 3.5% of your total electricity charges. (Estimated at \$3-\$15 dependent on your energy use.

**2) Why haven't I received an opt-out notice?**

Marin Clean Energy is being launched in three phases. Phase I only encompasses 9,200 customers that include residential, commercial, and municipal accounts. Only Phase I customers are receiving notices right now from MCE. The first notice was sent out in early February and the second will be mailed in early March. There will be a third mailed out in June and a final notice in July. If you did not receive an opt-out notice you are not in Phase I and do not need to opt-out. Phase II is expected to begin service in approximately 18 months, with same opt-out noticing procedure, and phase III a year after that.

**3) I am afraid I may have missed the opt-out notice or it was lost in the mail. How do I find out if I am in Phase I?**

You may call Marin Clean Energy at 888-632-3674. You will need the name on the account and the account address.

**4) How do I opt up to MCE's Deep Green product?**

To participate in MCE's Deep Green product you may call 888-632-3674 or sign up online at <http://marincleanenergy.info/deepgreen.cfm>.

**5) How do I opt-out?**

If you are in Phase I, you may opt-out of MCE by contacting PG&E at 866-743-0335 or [www.pge.com/cca](http://www.pge.com/cca).

If customers have additional questions you may direct them to the Marin Clean Energy website at [www.marincleanenergy.info](http://www.marincleanenergy.info).

**RVSD School Facilities Report** – Rebecca Poppel spoke to the Board about the current situation and potential solutions with student population and facilities constraints.

- The last demographic study done predicted 220 students in RVSD kindergartens. The actual is 250. Third grade is the first grade in the population bubble.
- Over the next few months, the District will continue to research and analyze options, including the recently proposed “Small Deer Park” and “Two Middle School Plan:”
  - “Small Deer Park” - A small K-5 school at Deer Park, modernizing the existing classrooms and buildings; the addition of six new classrooms on existing K-5 campuses; and replacement of portables at White Hill with permanent classroom structures plus new classrooms to accommodate enrollment growth.
  - “Two Middle School Plan” - A new option to redevelop and reopen Red Hill creating two middle schools of equal size (one at White Hill and one at Red Hill); and to reconfigure White Hill to include a new elementary school.

- The RVSD Board of Ed will likely put a school bond measure on the November 2010 ballot.
- Laurie O'Hara suggested that the Board consider a year-round / track system to temporarily 'fix' the infrastructure constraints and reduce class size without facilities construction or additional taxes.
- The Brookside community is seriously considering creating two K-5 campuses at each Brookside location instead of the current K-2 and 2-5 configuration.
- Rebecca recommended that the SHHA Board formerly voice the concerns of residents to protect and represent the community's interests. Carolyn recommended that the Board form a Sub-committee to do this.

**Fourth of July Planning** – Holly Briese will receive the folder to begin planning the event.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Wit and Wine event debrief - Carolyn Goodman**

- The event was a huge success, nearly sold out.
- The net profit goal of \$10,000 was exceeded with an estimated \$15,600 (after credit card charges).
- The profits will be split equally between SHHA and SHPC.
- Laurie O'Hara (Secretary) will send out thank you notes to all sponsors and people who made in-kind donations.

### **Update on Hetfield Property / Trail 680 – Hal Brown and Brad Rippe**

#### **Trail 680:**

- The Board of Supervisors has postponed the decision to spend the full \$249,000 due to public concern over how to best resolve the trail issue and approved \$100,000 for an environmental impact assessment and study of multi-use trail requirements.
- The monies come from the Trail Legacy Fund, set aside for trail construction years ago.
- Proposal #2 – Brad Rippe has proposed another option for a trail that utilizes more of existing trails and fire roads to reunite the Loma Alta Trail. The Board is considering this option as the environmentally preferred trail.

#### **Community Petition** - Laurie O'Hara

The SHHA Board sponsored petition will be sent to Mr. Hetfield to respectfully request that he move or remove the fence on his property. This is the last action the Board will take on this item. Resolution will be negotiated through the County Supervisors and the Parks and Open Space Commission

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Pool Committee:** Holly Briese

- Pump has been replaced.
- One new heater has been installed. Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a second heater for \$4,000 installed.
- Cartridge replacement will be on a rotation.
- Pool sweep returning from Canyon Club.
- Two pool covers purchased and coming soon.
- BGB grates paperwork pending confirmation.
- Paint quote for metal fencing pending.
- Erin Badala is heading up a capital campaign.

### **Budget:** James Ayres provided the financials to date.

- At the time of the meeting there were 124 paid SHHA memberships and 15 SH Pool memberships.
- The biggest expenditure part of the year has passed and funds from new memberships are coming in..

At 9:15 pm the Board adjourned with no further business. The next meeting is set for Thursday, April 1, 2010.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Recording Secretary