

ICDC Board Meeting/ October 7, 2012

Present on Island: Steve Shaffer, Bill Calvert, Landon DeWitt, Megan Wibberly, Catherine Richards, Waylan Small

Present on Phone: Dana Perry

1. The new Island Institute Fellow, Megan Wibberly, introduced herself to the board

2. REVIEW OF 8/20/12 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AND ACTION STEPS:

Minutes from the prior meetings were not sent to board members for approval because of the nontraditional range of meetings. Catherine received input from a lawyer regarding the language in the leases. While it's not possible to prohibit smoking/gun ownership we should consider tweaking the wordage in the lease to make it more specific. It is possible to include a smokers fee which would help address concern regarding smoker damage. NOTE: The attorney general has a model lease that we can refer back to. We should make sure that we have similar phrasing.

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

It was brought up that maybe next summer ICDC could be a facilitator for community charrette/conversation surrounding what to do with the Bowditch property. Others felt that maybe ICDC shouldn't play facilitator role – want to be careful about not taking sides.

4. MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE:

Looking to put out another press release in the next couple of weeks to serve more interest (no leads recently except for 1 – didn't pan out). Thinking about advertising online in places like craigslist, rental.com etc., which would allow us to reach a wider audience. Also looking to market to a one-year family. Instead of looking to get a family to move here and stay forever (proposing on the first date) we shouldn't dismiss those "one year" families.

Steve brought up a point regarding the name of Blueberry Hill. Billy had suggested renaming it to Coombs Mtn to keep it aligned with the history of the land. Steve would like to officially change it (if it is an official name that needs changing) from Blueberry to Coombs.

5. FINANCIAL COMMITTEE:

With regards to the microloans all have paid and one is paid ahead and doing some financial planning.. We should be continually fundraising (to repay the Genesis loan). With unexpected costs popping up would be good just to continually be

thinking about ways to raise money.

6. BUILDING COMMITTEE:

MSHA required we hold a certain amount of money (\$5,000) in a contingency account. We have had unforeseen expenses (lawyer and survey work after the fire, replacing the electrical box etc.) post building expenses etc. Had planned to use volunteers for painting, but that's not looking realistic. Do we need to approach MSH about taking money out of contingency? Dana, Catherine and Gerry are going to meet to go over the number more effectively to get points across to everyone else.

7. BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Need to be thinking about future capital expenses for some of the older houses/building maintenance issues. Could be helpful to look into grants specific for maintaining or refurbishing the older homes.

8. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

Raised \$8,000 this summer (yay!) but, as mentioned before, may be necessary to do some kind of fundraising in the off-season. Ideas welcome. May send out another letter. There are some grants we can apply/reapply for (Peoples United, LIBRA) but we need to come up with a specific story/determine what niche we're interested in exploiting.

9. SUMMER 2013 EVENT:

Hosting an auction! Any unique/fun items would be appreciated!

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

Next meeting will not be until January, 6th (April 7th, July, 7th or July 14th as next few meeting dates).

ICDC should help rejuvenate the community without always looking for donations. Let's be a support instead of always putting our stamp on it. Example: offer to lend a hand to Bernie this summer for the talent show.

Mr. Matthews found old property plans from 1992 for the original lots, and wanted to present them to ICDC.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 6th

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Wibberly