Minutes of the March 27, 2014 meeting of the Indian Hill Road Association

Agenda

- About faster Internet service from CenturyLink
- Financial report
- Road maintenance plans
- Updating the status of the road
- Legal status of the road association
- New business

Attending

Kim Arellano	David Bach	Dee Backiel	Dana Backiel	Don Berger	Suzi Berger
Sheri Bucy	Maura Callahan	Levi Dale	Ryan Dalziel	Tawni Dalziel	Jared Hair
David Honan	Cortney Honan	Jesse Huntley	Kristina Huntley	Dave Kampp	Rick Kirschner
Dave Llewellyn Staci Miller Tom Nogales		Tom Nogales	Robert Wright		

The 22 owners attending represented 16 parcels.

Faster Internet

Suzi Berger offered a letter to CenturyLink requesting faster Internet service. Those present co-signed the letter. Suzi will bring the letter to anyone who wants to sign. Contact Suzi a suzyberger@yahoo.com.

Thoughts or concerns about the road

Staci Miller offered to be the contact person for communication about all matters pertaining to the road. Send feedback to her at millerstaci427@gmail.com.

Finances

Kristina said that the bank balance was just under \$18,000. She said that a several people have begin paying down their balances from 2013 and before, but that some are still in arrears.

Dave Kampp suggested publishing the statement balances of all property owners on the hill.

Leadership agreed to provide a 30-day warning to all owners before publishing balances in the next scheduled billing.

State of the road

Kim and Staci showed a printout listing issues she has identified at specific points along the road. They are collecting, prioritizing and analyzing the cost of each issue so we can take appropriate action.

They asked owners to forward photos, location information and descriptions of concerns and needs for action, including poor or hazardous road conditions, potential difficulties, etc. Send details (with photos, location information and description) to millerstaci427@gmail.com to add to this collection.

Road maintenance discussions

Use of recycled asphalt product (RAP)

About the first mile of the road has a proper application of RAP. Benefits of using RAP for the main roadbed compared to gravel are less initial expense, less dust, longer life, and greater stability.

RAP is offered as fill for potholes because it costs less than half the price of gravel.

Levi acknowledged that mixing RAP and gravel doesn't provide an optimal base but was willing to let owners have a say in the materials used on their spurs.

Maintenance plans for the first mile

Levi has talked with a very experienced equipment operator (Rick Jordan) about the needs of the road.

Levi suggests a three-phase plan for restoring the integrity of the roadbed:

One: Improve drainage - clear culverts, dig ditches to draw water quickly away from the road. This will reduce potholes and improve stability of the roadbed. At this stage he would establish a uniform width for the road.

Two: "Sweeten" the road with an application of 200 tons of RAP, with a basic level of grading and packing. This isn't a thorough reset of the surface, but a temporary and partial fix.

An estimate of the cost of the first two steps is \$13,000.

Three: Grind and reset the RAP surface, for a major upgrade, which is reasonable only after improving drainage, with an estimated additional cost of \$21,000.

Levi's vision

Levi outlined his long-term vision that includes paving the road. Kim suggested both short-term and long-term cost-benefit analyses for paving.

Legal status of the road association

Currently the road association is not a legal entity, not illegal, only without any legal standing. Incorporation would provide more confidence to contractors or financial institutions and allow uniform standards for collecting payments.

Depending on the type of incorporation this might require that every property owner officially sign on as a party to the corporation.

There was discussion, with a decision left for the future.

Ballots counted

Kim counted twelve ballots returned, unanimously approving the volunteer leadership team:

Staci Miller, president

Kristina Huntley, treasurer

David Bach, secretary

Levi Dale, road maintenance coordinator

Meeting frequency

Leadership agreed to schedule semi-annual meetings, along with providing regular news of plans and events.

Facebook page

We have an Indian Hill page on Facebook, which is private. Contact Debbie Carlson at thorsdoor@live.com and ask to be included.

Members can share thoughts and update happenings on the hill there as a social center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Submitted by David Bach, secretary, Indian Hill Road Association