

# **Bayside Acres Neighborhood Association (BANA)**

## **Minutes**

**In-Person Meeting at David's home (May 13, 2024)**

### **Board Members Present:**

- Laurie Favaro, Julia Glenister, Larry Harris, Art Landesman, Bob Lenz, Alan Schaevitz, David Tattersall, Joe Tyszkiewicz

### **Board Members Absent:**

- None

**Quorum Present:** Yes

### **Proceedings:**

- **Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM**

#### **This meeting convened to:**

- Approve the March 19, 2024 Board minutes
- President's report
- Treasurer's report
- Secretary's report
- Letter regarding Glenwood Marsh
- Nominees for Scott Gerber's vacated board position
- Summer Party arrangements
- Other business

### **Approval of Minutes from 3/19/24**

- Alan moved to approve the March 19, 2024 minutes. Larry seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

### **President's Report**

- No new information to report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- No new information to report.

## Secretary's Report

- No new information to report.

## Letter regarding Glenwood Marsh

- Alan discussed the importance of not stating a view regarding use of the land, but rather slowing the process for adequate time for community consideration. Laurie moved to approve the attached letter as written. Bob seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. David will email the letter to the I.J., San Rafael School Board, neighborhood associations that border the land, and PSPRC.

## Nominees for Scott Gerber's vacated board position

- There was discussion about potential Main/Manzanita residents to fill the remainder of Scott's term. The Board will reach out to determine interest.

## Summer Party arrangements

- The Summer Party was scheduled for Sunday, August 18, 2024, 4-7 pm (with a 3 pm set-up) at the Loch Lomond Yacht Club.
- Initial volunteers: Alan will send out invites/notices and maintain an RSVP roster of attendees. Bob will shop. Laurie will coordinate set-up and food prep efforts.

## Other Business

- Julia discussed investing in MailChimp software to improve Firewise's ability to effectively communicate with residents via a newsletter. Joe moved to purchase it at a cost not to exceed \$200 per year. Julia seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

**Meeting Adjourned at: 6:31 PM**

**Minutes Submitted by Secretary:** Laurie Favaro

*Laurie Favaro*

**President:** David Tattersall

*David Tattersall*

May 13, 2024

TO: S.R. School Board

We are writing regarding the San Rafael City School District's decision to sell some of its properties after having declared them as surplus. Specifically, we are writing about the Glenwood Elementary School property which includes what is commonly known as the Glenwood Wetlands. Our organization, as well as many others in our area, only discovered this plan very recently. The declaration of surplus and the Notice of Priority Offer was sent on March 15, 2024 to select recipients only, but did not copy neighborhood associations in the immediate area. The broader community was only notified of the Public Q&A Session that was held on April 29, 2024 and then only by publication in the Marin Independent Journal, which reaches only a small percentage of residents.

We are concerned about the hasty nature of this action without adequate community notification and input on this environmentally sensitive land, which is also part of the recreational fabric of our area. The timing gives the appearance, correctly or not, that the School Board is rushing the process to avoid the mandatory creation of an Advisory Committee (aka "7-11 Committee" Ed. Code §17388-17389) review to advise the School Board as to the highest and best use of the property within the scope of the broader community. The appointment of a 7-11 Committee is optional at this point for this type of public school property, but it will become mandatory as of July 1, 2024. Such a committee is defined to be composed of representatives of:

- The ethnic, age group, and socioeconomic composition of the District
- The business community, such as store owners, managers, or supervisors
- Landowners or renters, with preference to be given to representatives of neighborhood associations
- Teachers
- Administrators
- Parents of Students
- Persons with expertise in environmental impact, legal contracts, building codes, and land use planning

It is also unclear if this property falls under the definitions of the Naylor Act (Ed. Code § 17485 et seq). That Act applies to real property that "has been used entirely or partially for school playgrounds, playing fields, or other outdoor recreational uses and open-space land particularly suited for recreational purposes." On the surface, it would appear that at least some portion of the surplus property in question may fit that description. If the Naylor Act is in effect, further sales restrictions may apply.

Finally, there seems to be a failure to follow all steps pursuant to Ed. Code § 17466 which provides requirements to: describe the property proposed to be sold in such a manner as to identify it, specify the minimum price and terms upon which the property will be sold, give public notice by posting copies of the disposal resolution in three public places at least 15 days before bids are opened and publish it in a newspaper within the County, and others requirements.

With that in mind, the Bayside Acres Neighborhood Association strongly suggests that the S.R. School Board pause the current offering activity to provide time and opportunity for the community to work with the School Board to ensure the “best and highest” use of the surplus property that meets the School Board needs while being compatible with the surrounding neighborhoods and residents.

Bayside Acres Neighborhood Association  
David Tattersall, Board President

CC: Marin Independent Journal  
San Rafael City Council  
Pt. San Pedro Road Coalition  
Glenwood Neighborhood Association  
Surfwood Circle Homeowners