

**Minutes of the
Marrowstone Island Community Association**

May 21, 2018

Board Members Present: Patricia Earnest, Susan Petek, Sandy Barrett, and Patti Ivers. Hank Hazen and Chris Prescott, Nominating Committee. Absent: Carol Gonnella, Ward Mefford.

Patricia welcomed new residents and visitors. She informed everyone that there was a full agenda with three scheduled speakers along with Rocky Pulley, Commanding Officer at Indian Island Naval Magazine. This was a last minute request to our meeting due to some concerns on NextDoor regarding Growlers. Patricia said the Business Meeting would follow our last speaker.

Bob Barrett led us in the Pledge.

Patricia introduced Rocky Pulley. Rocky stated that since he is an island resident he is also on Nextdoor and saw a number of concerns written regarding the Growler noise over the past months. He introduced Captain Jeff Moore, Commanding Officer Whidbey Naval Air Station. Captain Moore gave us a brief highlight of his career, information regarding the PT-3-PT8 aircraft and he announced that NAS is celebrating 75th Anniversary flying aircraft. He discussed the transition to electronic attack, denying radar for the enemies, and currently there are 82 growlers with a projection of adding 26. He explained that there are bombing runs all over Puget Sound and the Defense Department needs 3 to 5 squadrons. Carriers add aircraft that started at 5 and now 7. There is an EIS for public review and he does understand that Coupeville noise travels to our area. He also explained that the airspace is limited with 7 airports in the area. There are always more noise complaints with cloud cover.

Kathleen Waldron asked why the rumbling sound? Noise is not louder but several db less than before. Our Congressman serving on Defense committee asked Tech group to take exhaust off to decrease rumble/db. The readings that came back were 145/150 db next to it. 55/65 db – 1,000 feet above ground level, 57/58 db over Port Townsend.

Laurel Burik asked why they can't practice in the very open Pacific Ocean vs. Puget Sound. Our Naval pilots go through an extensive training practicing 140/150 landings on land. There are 8 squadrons at Carrier base and to take off a land safely on the 100 square foot area of the carrier, muscle memory must be built in. They fly over Olympics, over ocean and they operate 24/7 at the base. He shared that there is a public comment line NASWIcomment@navy.mil Rocky stated that he would share this info on Nextdoor. There will be an Open House at Whidbey NAS on June 23. All are welcome!

Kevin Long, Project Manager, North Olympic Salmon Coalition (NOSC) gave project goals and updates since his last three presentations to us. Currently going through the permit process and hope to start by January, 2019. The \$9M to fund project is in place. The goals of this project are to restore, restore tidal connection and improve water quality in Kilisut Harbor. The Gerry Oaks will be protected along highway 116. The determination of the bridge selection was based on concerns such as keeping bridge low, view off the bridge, avoid lights, minimize traffic noise, constructability, adequate channel size, sea level rise, minimum maintenance, earthquake, corridor vessel traffic and clearance requirements, environment impacts and transportation. Picture of bridge was available for viewing. During construction there will be a one lane, signal control, paved detour for 7 to 8 months. The bridge will have two 4' bike lanes and 11' vehicle lanes. Questions concerning contaminated soils on site – Phase 1 Enviro Site

Assessment no contaminated materials on site. Eight samples were collected. What impact on Kilisut Harbor and Oak Bay? Not expected to cause physical changes to project area. Kevin introduced Ron Landin, Project Engineer, WSDOT. He answered questions regarding bridge ability to withstand an earthquake and/or Tsunami. WA has stringent requirements for earthquakes and tsunami. He continued to discuss elevations, sea level rise studies show 2' rise by 2100. DOT will maintain bridge which is part of 116. Funding has come from Estuary, DOT, NAVY, NOA, US Fish and Wildlife. Claudia Baker, DOT Communication Director stated that there are seismic retrofits and design is built to last. Now they may have to close to do safety inspection after an event and could be closed for a few days. Rebecca invited all to attend NOSC fundraiser at the Marrowstone Winery from 5-8 tomorrow evening.

Ernie Baird gave a delightful slide show and presentation about his experience in the Race to Alaska. It took them 18 days but they made it and met some great people along the way.

Rick Thompson, Superintendent, Chimacum School District introduced Levy that will be up for vote with same amount and same 4 year term. The Chimacum schools are in need of maintenance and upgrades for safety and technology. He asked that you go to the website to see property and what is scheduled.

Business Meeting

Thank you to Kathleen Waldron and Chris Prescott for preparing and setting up refreshments tonight.

Treasurer Report: Susan reported that the MICA checking account has \$1,731.16; Cemetery checking has \$19,628.93 and Cemetery CD has \$12,131.

Minutes of March Meeting are available on our website. Minutes were approved.

Emergency Preparedness: Pete Hubbard announced that the All County Picnic will be August 19, at HJ Carroll Park in Chimacum. There will info for emergency preparedness and safety info.

Cemetery Committee Report: Mowing is being done by Port Townsend High School student.

Lisa Painter Memorial will be held at her Twin Vista Ranch on Wednesday, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Patricia introduced the new slate of MICA Officers for the 2018-2019 Board. A vote was taken and passed. The new Board includes: Carol Gonnella, President; Bud Ayers, Vice President; Susan Petek, Treasurer; Patti Ivers, Secretary; Sandy Barrett and Ward Mefford, Members at Large.

Strawberry Festival will be held at the Garden Club on June 23. Announcements will be on Nextdoor and Island Net.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.