

MICA Minutes

November 19, 2018

Board Members Present: Carol Gonnella, Bud Ayers, Susan Petek, Patti Ivers, Sandy Barrett, and Ward Mefford.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Carol welcomed everyone and gave a brief outline of the agenda for the evening. She explained that the original agenda included a number of Jefferson County representatives that were invited to be on a panel to discuss and answer questions regarding our Comprehensive Plan. They had to cancel and a new agenda was formed. She felt everyone would enjoy the evening.

Bob Barrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business Meeting

Minutes of September, 2018 meeting was approved.

Treasurer's Report – Susan Petek reported MICA Checking \$1604. Cemetery Checking \$19,660. and Cemetery CD \$12,179.

Susan also announced that she had membership information and you can join tonight. Membership is \$10 Individual and \$15 family.

Carol also announced that it was very important for all of us to support the Nordland General Store. Tom graciously allows us to use the store for MICA information and to have our nomination information posted at the store for Citizen of the Year.

Announcements

Artisan Gift Show, Saturday, November 24; Fite Property work party – November 27; Tree Lighting at the Nordland Store at 7 p.m. on December 1; and Santa by Boat, December 2.

Citizen of the Year – Mike Zimmerman and Nicole Chementi presented information regarding nominations for Citizen of the Year 2019 (COY). Nicole and Wayne Chementi are the 2018 Citizens of the Year. Mike informed everyone that they have nomination forms tonight, and nomination forms will be at the Nordland Store. Deadline for submission is December 30. It is important that the nomination contain content and significant contribution to our community and Jefferson County. The COY is announced at the MICA Meeting in January or March. It was suggested that past COY's be posted near the nomination forms since past COY's cannot be voted for again.

Marrowstone Island Foundation – Jim Surgent, President, introduced the MIF Board: Janet Welch, Bud Ayers, Bruce Carlson, Stan Drake, Mike Zimmerman, John Gonnella, and Devon Surgent. Jim gave a history of MIF and what has been done in the past. Over the last 7 months, the following has been completed. Working with WADOT, 8

bicycle signs have been put up between Oak Bay Road and the entrance to Fort Flagler. MIF re-initiated CPR Classes and purchased our own CPR training dummies. John Gonnella has donated his time as CPR instructor. In addition to CPR, a First Aid Training will be added. The Board reviewed the By-Laws and decided they were in need of revision. The document can be viewed at our website at www.marlowstoneislandfoundation.org; you can also request a copy by email at marlowstoneislandfoundation@gmail.com; there are also copies at the Nordland Store that can be borrowed and returned. It has been the concern of Islanders re Marlowstone Island Emergency Preparedness and we will work with MICA, MIEP, the County and the community to help in any way to prepare for a catastrophic event no matter how small or large. We created a new MIF website and you can view at www.marlowstoneislandfoundation.org We have reinstated the Scholarship Program as it once was, covering all ages. If interested in applying contact marlowstoneislandfoundation@gmail.com. Mike Zimmerman is the Scholarship Chair and he will be able to answer any questions regarding the scholarship requirements. Applications will be at the Nordland Store. Our Emergency Response Committee continues to actively meet with County for better services. MIF will be providing lunches for the work party at the Fite Property on November 27, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Visit www.Saveland.org for more info. Jim thanked Barry Lerich for his participation in MIF and other organizations and spending many hours setting up the new MIF website. He did a great job and will be missed. We will need to fill this vacancy.

Lisa Van Horn and Mike Zimmerman gave a brief history of the Fite Property and location. Lisa reported that a group got together and completed a survey of the land and found 5 habitat types, 100 species of plants and animals, identified varieties of mushrooms and trees, one being 120 years old. She also asked for volunteers for the work party on November 27. There will be a short orientation and wear gloves, raingear, and waterproof boots. They hope to remove two invasive plants: English holly and English ivy.

Bud Ayers and Bruce Carlson presented information regarding their Fire Commissioner Meetings that are open to the public. They hope more Islanders will get involved with attending these meetings. The current Chief will be speaking at our January meeting. He is very receptive to our ideas regarding Emergency Preparedness and Response time and fixing the existing Fire Department building on the island. We learned that they are moving some emergency vehicles but our vehicles will remain and are committed to giving us some older vehicles that may need some maintenance. The Annexation vote is coming up again and more information will be provided regarding that.

Cynthia Rowe reported that she took over the job of selling Marlowstone Island Shirts. The logo was designed by former islander, Marjorie Illman. The proceeds/percentage goes to MIF and is earmarked for training of EMT's for the island. She announced that she had a \$700 check for MIF from the sale of shirts. She had many sweatshirts, T's, Hats, and children and toddler sweatshirts on hand making great Christmas gifts.

In Our Midst presentation of Radha Newsom. Steve Burns did a slide presentation of Radha, her family life to now. She is currently offering a Meditation Class on the Island

and she is a yoga instructor. She also works with her husband, Erik, Erik Newquist Forge, a blacksmith business.

Two island businesses were presented tonight. Erik Newquist gave a brief history of blacksmithing, his interest in being a blacksmith, and a slide show of making some of the tools and designs made for businesses. He will have his tools at the Artisan Gift Show on November 24, at the Nordland Community Center.

James Holloway is the owner of the Marrowstone Vineyards. James gave a brief history of the vineyard, the current situation with growing grapes on Marrowstone Island, where he purchases fruits that go into current wines. Thirty tons of fruit were crushed to make this year's wine. He shared information about the Wine Club, hours of operations, the artisan gallery at the Vineyard and answered questions. Next summer he will continue a music series along with some other food vendors to provide a fun and relaxing atmosphere. His favorite saying about Marrowstone Vineyard is "Our get-away that's not very far away."

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Patti Ivers

Secretary