

Melrose Business and Community Association Board Meeting Minutes for July 23, 2012

Attendance: Board members Jennifer Pritchett, Jean Rosebrock, Marshall Bloom, Rebeca Richardson, Badger Moring; Guest Jeff Knee

Welcome: President Jennifer Pritchett opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Minutes: Jean presented minutes from the June Board meeting and the April special meeting. They were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rebeca presented the report.

Old Business

MBCA Business EXPO Follow-up

Marshall presented a report that he created summarizing the EXPO. He stated that he was pleased with the turnout and networking, and gave Rebeca expense receipts for reimbursement.

Inn Crowd

Jennifer offered to compile all property owners' information and Marshall offered to add it to the MBCA website to facilitate networking. Jennifer also volunteered to contact Tim Parker about possibly using property taxes to generate funds for improving Melrose.

New Business

August 14, 2012: Grow Organic, Eat Organic

Jennifer offered to contact Sandy McGee and Linda at Melrose Elementary School about their gardens. William volunteered to contact Eric Schulz concerning organic gardening. Jennifer noted that lunch will be provided by Debbie Mize. Rebeca offered to bring tea and ice.

Melrose Rural Cluster

Marshall summarized the preliminary report. Jennifer noted that she views the MBCA as a facilitator meetings involving the Painter family and the public. Jeff suggested that Melrose residents give their input to Alachua County at every opportunity.

Melrose Bay Park (MBP)

William noted that the park tending teams have been eliminated; he is now directing park tending activities. He also announced that no switch will be installed on the park light; instead, the bulb (except the bottom part) will be painted black to reduce the nighttime lighted area.

Multi-use Path

Jennifer announced that the Federal Rails to Trails program sponsored a webinar, and that the state has dispersed to the counties funds allocated for Rails to Trails. It was suggested that we try to get Robin Birdsong to advocate for Melrose along with a political entity – Putnam County was noted – as a sponsor, while also urging volunteers to attend meetings and contact officials.

September 11, 2012: Promoting Youth Programs

Jennifer stated that she will arrange speakers for the meeting.

October 9, 2012: Community Cook-Out, Political Rally and MBCA 2012 Elections (Evening Meeting at MBP)

Jennifer volunteered to contact Patti Christiansen regarding selling in the park. William and Badger offered to handle ticket-selling logistics, and Badger will also provide meals (chicken and sides). Marshall offered to design and print tickets. Jean offered to provide bread.

November 16, 2012: 30th Anniversary and Local Food and Wine Celebration

Jeff volunteered to meet with Deb Massie to get feedback on the proposed format.

Holiday Theme for Melrose

Jennifer mentioned themes suggested by Steve Thrift: Green Christmas and Mayan Calendar Christmas.

Marshall proposed that MBCA apply membership dues paid after October to the next year; Jennifer agreed to bring it up for a vote at the next membership meeting.

Jennifer reminded us of upcoming meeting dates: Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at 11:30am (membership); Monday, August 20, 2012, at 5:30pm (Board). Both meetings will be held at the Homemakers Club.

Jean Rosebrock, Secretary