

MELROSE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

July 9, 2013

Vice-President Marshall Bloom called the membership meeting to order at 12 noon in the Melrose Senior Community Center. He distributed the meeting's agenda.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the 13 members attending introduced themselves. Minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable. Rebecaa Robinson distributed the Treasurer's report. In the absence of Secretary Melissa McGinnis, Felicity Trueblood agreed to serve as acting secretary and take the meeting's minutes.

In Old Business, the Melrose Bay Park was discussed. William Chiappini was absent. Joe Rush suggested that we need to figure out what we want to do with the Park and how. He mentioned that since the parking lot has eroded, fill donors are needed. Joe is working on that now. What's the right fill? The need for more volunteers was also discussed. Finally, the request of a youth group to use the Park as a kind of summer camp was discussed.

Joe Rush discussed the Melrose sign, saying that he is looking for the owner of the sign land. He asked whether the sign should be moved closer to the street. He reported that an informal executive committee meeting held this past weekend selected the artist to design the new sign. Joe also said that we need to notify the community now. Signage, "site now under review", to invite comments and suggestions would be helpful.

In New Business, the possible closing of the Keystone Farmers Market was discussed at length. Bob Bird, manager of the Melrose Farmers Market, said that beginning this week he will open both the regular Fridays and Saturday s from 9 – 2 p.m. as needed. Terry Suggs, Keystone City Manager, discussed the Keystone Market's pending closure and the resignation of manager Cheryl Owens,. w hose resignation he has accepted.. Mr. Suggs said that he does not want the Keystone Market to close and that partnering with Melrose is a possibility. He said that there are no hard, fast answers today and that they had failed the vendors.

Christine Louton reported on the Four Corners Transportation Associates sub-committee of MBCA, whose meeting will be held immediately after the close of today's MBCA meeting. She invited all interested to join her group. She also discussed Transportation Disadvantaged activities , including Putnam County's One Call, One Click program provided by Ride Solutions for veterans. She also mentioned Clay Transit's transportation system from Keystone Heights to Putnam Hall to Orange Heights to Gainesville, where the system meets the Regional Transit Service.

Discussion of the 2013 Merry Melrose Christmas Parade was deferred to the August meeting. We need a theme.

Final matters discussed included Joe Rush's thoughts about providing a building for dances, etc. It could be an open pavilion or a barn and could be built on Heritage Park or on Joe's land.

Paul Kruger reported on Direct Wireless Broad Band financed by a \$90 million federal grant and received by individual antennas. The program is now in place in Melrose and Interlachen. Check the website PutnamBroadBand.Com for progress. The subscription rate starts at \$20 monthly. Paul Kruger is the agent for Putnam County.

Our next meeting will be August 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Homemakers Club.

Vice-President Bloom adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Felicity Trueblood
Acting Secretary