

## **MBCA Minutes April 14, 2015**

The April meeting of the MBCA was called to order by the President, Joe Rush, at 12 Noon. Minutes and Agenda had been sent out previously but apparently not all in attendance had received them. 21 people attended the meeting.

Farmers Market: Manager, Bob Bird, states vendor participation is erratic. There is both a Facebook page and web site for the market. Musical entertainment present off and on and it is pointed out that St. Augustine has a regular musician jam session with their market. A suggestion is made to place traffic cones along Hwy. 26 in front of the park so that there would be no parking there would make the market more visible. The requirement for permitting of food vendors has decreased their participation.

Pedestrian Traffic: A recent pedestrian fatality has brought this problem forward. Stacey Chiappini has spent \$75 to prepare warning flags and holders to be placed on each side of the hwy. at a crosswalk so pedestrians walking across can pick one up, wave it for attention, and then leave it on the other side. This is apparently done for crossing A1A in St. Augustine Beach. There is a need for designated cross walks which would be under DOT jurisdiction. Another suggestion is to place reflectors across the road. Jennifer Pritchett, as a representative to Putnam County Parks and Recreation, has already requested placement of an electrical speed sign. A motion to reimburse Stacey the \$75 for her flag system Was made, seconded, and passed.

Transportation: Christine Louton reports that Santa Fe College Watson Center now has a representative on the Transportation

Committee. Bus service is continuing to expand. She also mentions the Town Hall type meetings to be held the last Monday of the month with County Commission member, Harvey. They need a free venue for this meeting.

Beach Park: William Chiappini reports that the Porta-Potties will be placed next week. Thanks to Keith and others who help keep the park clean and mowed. Volunteers are needed to staff the park from 10 AM-2 PM on the holidays: Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day. The need to approve the monies for security guards from 2 PM to 6PM on those weekends was stated and motion made, seconded, and passed to do so.

CRA/Melrose governing options: Jennifer Pritchett and Debbie Massey announced the Town Hall meeting with Thomas Hawkins and UF Law students to present the kinds of options open to Melrose: Senior Center, 5 PM, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The MELROSE VISION—2012 was handed out and noted that more specifics are needed.

In conclusion, Joe Rush announced a **Contra Dance** activity at his home April 25-26:

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>: Melrose 3 – 9 pm  
Potluck Poachers 3 – 5 pm  
Wild Asparagus 6 – 9pm  
6228 Dogwood Lane, Melrose  
(In case of rain: 303 SR 26, Melrose, FL)

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>: Melrose 11am – 2pm  
6228 Dogwood Lane, Melrose  
(Later, in case of rain: 303 SR 26, Melrose 3 – 6 pm)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol F. Meyer, Acting for the Secretary