

**MBCA Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**August 4, 2015**  
**Location: Homemakers Club**

Officers/BOD present: Joe Rush, Marshall Bloom, Deb Massie, Christine Louton, Chris Carson, William Chiappini, Rebecca Gamble, Jennifer Pritchett, Stasia Rudolph

Joe convenes meeting at 3:34PM

All present received the governance report compiled by UF Levin College of Law. Jennifer has invited authors of report to an informal meeting at her house on August 15 @3pm. Noted that board should collect follow-up questions to original governance session from attendees of general meeting. Jennifer will present those questions at her informal meeting.

Joe reviews the latest update on the *Alachua rural cluster process* and highlight's Mike Byerly's suggestion of incorporating a "non-binding" referendum into the process. This will help protect Melrose from future opposition from the county commission regarding the Melrose's citizen's wishes for the future of their town.

Action: Joe will send a letter to the editor regarding referendum and cc all commissioners. Stasia will take first pass at draft of letter and send to Marshall for editing.

Joe summarizes the upcoming elections of officers and board members. Two officer positions are up for re-election: president and secretary. Joe declines to commit to a second term as president, *at this time*. He wants to remain on the executive board. Stasia agrees to a second term as secretary. Jennifer and Stasia volunteer to serve on election committee.

Action: email absent directors at large and ask if they will serve a second term. (completed, Tim will serve a second term, Chris, Carol and Ed will not).

Deb notes that Darlene Hinkle is interviewing at Lake Region Monitor for position of Melrose reporter. (update: Darlene accepted the paper's offer and now is the reporter for Melrose)

Discussion ensues regarding agenda for *general meeting* at noon on August 11.

**Agenda:**

**Opening remarks- Deb**  
**Guest Speaker- Darlene Hinkle**  
**Rural Cluster Update-Deb**  
**Upcoming election- need new BOD members, candidates for president- Jennifer/Stasia**  
**Transportation Update- Christine**  
**Traffic Update-Deb**

## **Upcoming Special Events- Labor Day at Beach/don't forget Xmas parade**

Christine gives a transportation update. Reminds all that September 10 is a follow-up meeting for public (Methodist Church). Joe requests a MAP or other graphics to highlight the routes and make the system easier to understand. Christine says graphics/maps are on their way.

Discussion ensues regarding *prizes for the Christmas parade* and possibly entry fee. Main goal is to pick out a theme for this year's parade. All agreed that more musical participants would be a plus.

Other business:

Jennifer inquires about the Brady Crom clock that was slated for Heritage Park, no one present knows the status.

The trees on Trout street issue (possible cutting down of significant trees) seems to be resolved.

No further business, meeting adjourned 4:45PM.

Minutes submitted by Stasia Rudolph