

**MBCA General Meeting
Minutes
August 11, 2015
Location: HomeMakers Club**

Board Members Present: Deb Massie, Marshall Bloom, Christine Louton, Chris Carson, Stasia Rudolph

Meeting convened at 12:00PM.

Motion made to approve minutes from last meeting, motion passes.

Deb Massie, who chaired the meeting, asked each of 14 attendees to introduce themselves and update group on related activities in Melrose.

Highlights included:

- Chris Carson offered that a tentative agreement with Plum Creek and city of Hawthorne has been reached
- Fran Rossano announced the formation of a new chapter of Democratic Women's Club which will meeting 4th Thursday of every month @ 6:30, this is an issue-based organization.
- Pastor Paul Daniels gave an update on the Pac'nSac program to feed hungry kids at Melrose Elementary
- Brooke Sammons introduced herself as the marketing director for Gainesville Eye Physicians, who are promoting their local Melrose business. Please call for an eye exam and keep business in Melrose 352.475.3991.
- Brooke also announced that she and her husband are building a small mechanic's garage adjacent to Chiappini's. Look for LakeShore Auto Care coming soon.
- Darlene Hinkle introduced herself to group and announced that she will be writing a weekly column about Melrose for the Lakes Region Monitor
- Deb mentions that "Stone and Bone" just opened in Santa Fe Station Plaza, unique vintage items
- Liz Bryman introduced herself and her business that helps client's find matches to vintage silver flatware patterns and more.
- Bob Byrd, Chuck Lowry, Linda Kemp, Catherine Cross of HCA healthcare also introduced themselves to group.

Christine Louton gives a transportation update. Passed out a map of local bus routes. Reminds all that there will be an important mtg for the public on Sept 10 at Methodist Church, tentatively scheduled at 6PM.

Deb passes around a rendering for new Dollar General.

Deb updates attendees on local traffic challenges, special focus on entrance to Dollar General.

Other Business:

Election Committee reminds members that we will soon have 3 open seats for directors and an opening for president.

Need volunteers for Labor Day Weekend at the Beach. Members bring up recent incidents of troubling behavior on the part of certain "beach visitors" who were defiant when asked to leave. Suggest that we ask Tom Sapp for guidance. Sheriff Sadie Darnell should receive a letter to ensure that the 4-county law enforcement agreement is in place regarding beach..

Theme for Christmas parade discussed. Music should play a part in theme...*Melrose Merry Melody* was offered. Deb mentions that high school bands are a good resource.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 1:04PM

Minutes submitted by S. Rudolph