

MBCA General Meeting

Minutes

March 8th 2016

Location: Dream Center

Officers attending: Joe Rush, Deb Massie, Stasia Rudolph

approx 12 people in attendance

Joe Rush convenes meeting at 5:35PM

Joe gives the latest update on Plum Creek's defeat. Emphasizes that they will be back when they see an opportunity. Joe also highlights the progress in the Alachua Rural Cluster process. Discussion moves to a brief history on how Melrose controls and directs growth. Next step is April 20th mtg of commissioners on Rural Cluster issue and after all agree, process moves to state level for consideration. Joe estimates the remaining time-line on rural cluster decision could take up to 1 year.

Deb Massie gives an update on member mailings. Highlights an upcoming event at Lake Area Ministries: Empty Bowl Event March 10th.

Joe goes around the room for any local news or updates.

Dave and Joanie are sponsoring an event on April 9th to benefit our library. Event will be held at Trinity Hall.

Tom Sapp gives a Melrose Dream Center update. Newest project: raising funds to buy a bus for teen transport.

Liz Bryant introduces herself and her business (vintage silverware and jewelry) and asks group about Friday farmer's market. Group agrees it could use some support. Liz asks for Bob's contact info.

Joe closes the meeting with an update on the "painting project" of Melrose Elementary Gym. MBCA is behind the project and there is currently a \$4K matching fund donor challenge, let's get behind this project. Other news: Putnam county will put in permanent bathrooms/lighting in the park (generous private donor is funding).

No further business, meeting adjourns at 6:25PM

minutes submitted by S Rudolph.