

Melrose Business and Community Association Board Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2012

Attendance: Board members Jennifer Pritchett, Jean Rosebrock, Marshall Bloom, William Chiappini, Chris Carson; Guest Felicity Trueblood

Welcome: President Jennifer Pritchett opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Minutes: Jean presented minutes from the July Board meeting. They were amended and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rebeca will provide the report at a later time.

Old Business

Chris will arrange to have the lightbulb at MBP painted black for free.

Jean proposed buying a CSA membership as an MBCA donation to the Senior Center. It was noted that this may require a fundraiser; William pointed out that MBCA is currently funding beach sand renewal and parking lot repairs at MBP.

Melrose Community Vision

Jennifer suggested asking Alachua County to deny the Painter request at the August 28, 2012, County Commission meeting; this would allow more time for Melrose to create a unified vision for itself. Felicity noted that MBCA should monitor the county's "rural cluster" website for updates. Jennifer stated several questions she has for the county regarding impact – for example: schools and the fire department. Felicity proposed first publicly thanking Alachua County for their longtime support of Melrose, then addressing Melrose's concerns. Jennifer mentioned the following for the Community Vision: it should be imaginable, desirable, feasible, focused, flexible and communicable. Regarding "controlled growth", Melrose can use the existing visions as goals to present to Alachua County, and see how the Painter plan would fit in or conflict with these. Jennifer requested feedback from the Board on the existing visions/goals for Melrose.

New Business

October 9, 2012, Cook-Out/Political Rally/MBCA Elections

Felicity pointed out that the Bylaws state that an MBCA candidate selection committee is needed; this committee forms in September, candidates are voted on in October. Jennifer asked that the Board be the nominating committee; the Board unanimously agreed. Felicity also noted that the Bylaws further state that no membership meetings are held in November and December; the Board agreed that membership meetings held in these months will be Special Meetings, as stated in the Bylaws. Felicity suggested that candidate invitations be restricted to the following positions: County Commissioner, Congressperson, Senator and the Florida Legislature. William then suggested having a resident in each county contact that county's Commissioner candidates.

Chair purchase for HMI

The Board noted that it should ask Rebeca if MBCA can buy tables and chairs for HMI.

November 16, 2012, 30th Anniversary Celebration

The Board suggested that Ed Sherwood posthumously receive Outstanding Community Member award at the November Anniversary Celebration.

Jean Rosebrock, Secretary

