

MBCA General Meeting
Minutes
July 14, 2015
Location: Melrose Homemaker's Club

Officers Present: Joe Rush, Deb Massie, Christine Louton, Tim Parker, Rebecca Gamble, Chris Carson, Stasia Rudolph

Approx 15 members in attendance

Joe Rush calls meeting to order 12:05PM

Joe makes a motion to accept minutes from June's meeting, minutes accepted.

Rebecca covers financials sent under separate cover.

Highlights: Bay Park donations broken out separately, Rebecca reminds us that **each holiday weekend costs about \$300 in expenses** (security, insurance). We need to raise about \$300 to cover Labor Day weekend expense. We need more members and more dues to cover costs. In addition, the Xmas parade costs about \$300. Fundraising appears necessary to support these programs.

Discussion ensues regarding membership forms and adding more boxes to check off for those willing to support other programs with \$\$ in addition to their \$40 membership fee. Discussion continues regarding inviting other local groups to support the park. Member mentions that we need to renew a letter to sheriff's department that they have authority to remove violators from Melrose Bay Park. Stasia will contact William Chiappini to get a copy of letter and will forward to Joe for approval.

Old Business

Discussion ensues regarding additional activities that can be organized at the beach. Ideas include: kayak lessons, fish-a-thon, bike repair. Resources that already support such activities: Putnam County Blue Ways and Chippiani's scheduled "take a child fishing event" are highlighted.

Guest Speaker: Mike Brown from Putnam County Development and Planning

How does Melrose gain more control over development within its borders. Two options: *Incorporate or develop an overlay plan* with one set of rules for the Melrose area.

The Overlay plan must include:

1. definite borders
2. parameters for development: size of building, conservation of trees, environmental protection, historical facades are examples
3. set up an ad hoc committee to define parameters
4. sell the idea to county commissioners

Discussion ensues regarding rules of private property, conflict within the

community regarding overlay parameters. Grandfather concept will be respected, conflict will be anticipated and resolution will take good communication from all parties.

Deb Massie: Update on traffic issues. Crosswalks are needed at Artisan Way and Dream Center. Discussion ensues regarding roadside parking spaces which are very important to local businesses.

Jessica Baker: Update on Senior Center. Lunch only on Wednesday until new funding is secured. Tai Chi classes started, runs for 12 weeks.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 1:14 PM

meetings submitted by Stasia Rudolph