

Melrose Business and Community Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2020

Meeting called to order at 3:37 pm by Tom Germano, President. Tom, opened the meeting by thanking those in attendance.

Members Present: Stasia Pieczenik, Fran Rossano, Kate Ellison, Rebeca Richardson, Joe Rush and Linda Osborne.

Treasurer's Report: September 2020: MBCA balance = \$3,021.34 Melrose Bay Park balance = \$476.36. See attached for more detailed report. Rebeca also reported that for October she had received from Joe Rush and Karen Goff checks in the amounts of \$420.00, \$920.00 and \$140.00 which would be reflected on the October 2020 report. Discussion regarding re-occurring expenditures: One case was the Gotta Go portable toilets. The attendance at the park is significant to warrant keeping the portable toilets. Motion to keep the portable toilets until mid- December by Rebeca Richardson, seconded by Fran Rossano. Motion carries.

Rebeca reported that one major expense in the past was the sponsorship of the Melrose Christmas parade. However, the MBCA will not be sponsoring the parade this year. But, she will still secure the Christmas lights through Clay Electric.

Tom requested that the secretary maintain all membership applications. Either scan, email or give hard copies to Linda Osborne coming from Joe Rush or Rebeca Richardson.

VP Report: Kate Ellison had nothing to report. Joe Rush distributed copies of the Melrose Beach Park meeting held on Oct. 13, 2020. After a brief discussion, Tom Germano suggested that Joe not discuss board matters at non-board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next Board Meeting has been moved to Thursday, November 5th at 3:30 to accommodate those working on various election activities.

Discussion of the date for the annual meeting. General meeting changed to November 10th @ 12:00.

Motion by Joe Rush to change meeting date, seconded by Stasia Pieczenik. Motion carries 5-1. Proxy votes For upcoming BOD. See Section 8- By Laws. At any meeting of members, a member entitled to vote may vote by proxy executed in writing by the member or his/her duly authorized attorney in fact. Notice of proxy vote will be on website and proxy can be executed via email also.

Location: Motion made by Joe Rush to have the MBCA annual meeting at the Melrose Bay Beach Park. Seconded by Kate Ellison. Motion carries 6-0 (if weather permitting, no back up plan discussed).

Topics for Annual Meeting: RV park update; phosphate mine updates; MVFD/Rescue boat; community Garden/Mossman Hall; SFLD; Audubon update. Any comments regarding speakers please notify Tom By November 1, 2020.

Kate Ellison- Maybe the MBCA could conduct "real Business meetings" allowing business owners to attend to discuss "What's Happening in Melrose". Possibly conduct a needs assessment of business Owner's to see what they would like to MBCA to undertake.

MBCA ELECTION:

Fran Rossano, member of Nominating Committee presented slate of nominees for the 2021 Board of Directors. Typed as presented:

VP – Joe Rush

Secretary-to fill remaining term- Linda Osborne

Treasurer- Rebeca Richardson

Ruth Berkelman

Olivia Clulow

Karen Goff

Mandie Jones

Deb Massie

Mark Scarborough

Pat Ward

Pat Mythaler

William Chiappini

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Heritage Park – Bob Byrd – December 12, 2020

Outdoor Halloween Concert – Mossman Hall – October 30 & 31, 2020

Multi-Market – First Saturday in December -2020 (Dec. 5th)

Mossman Hall – December 6th – Sunday – Christmas Music

Discussion on alternative activities for Christmas since MBCA will not sponsor parade. Suggestions were Classic car display at Heritage Park, 4 x 8 display of Christmas cards made by individuals/organizations and display in Heritage Park, encourage home owners to decorate their homes for a drive around community. Advertise by Facebook, Grapevine, etc. No decision made.

Reimbursement Form: Tabled until November 5th, 2020 meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 4:56 pm.

Submitted by Linda Osborne, Acting Recording Secretary