

Marrowstone Island Association (MICA)

Minutes of the General Meeting

Monday, March 19, 2018

Board Members Present: Patricia Earnest, Susan Petek, Ward Mefford, Sandy Barrett, Chris Prescott, Hank Hazen and Patti Ivers. Absent: Carol Gonnella

Pledge was led by Bruce Carlson.

Patricia welcomed new members: Mike and Becky Mulligan, Richard Brandish, and Beth Marshall.

Patricia thanked Becky Illman and Kris Burns for providing refreshments this evening. Chris Prescott volunteered to be refreshment coordinator for our May meeting. Kathleen Waldron offered to help.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Susan reported that the General Fund had \$1,802.18, Cemetery Fund - \$20,428.76 and Cemetery CD \$12,131. We now have 94 paid members. New members can join at the Strawberry Festival in June. The cost of membership is \$10 for individual and \$15 for family or couple.

Committee Reports:

Emergency Preparedness: Pete Hubbard reminded people of the importance of having a Family Radio Service (FRS) walkie talkie radio. This does not require a license. There are seven active participants. Cell service may not work in the event of a disaster. Pete informed everyone that he will stay after the meeting to answer questions.

Marrowstone Island Foundation: Bruce Carlson reported that there will be an election at the Nordland General Store on Wednesday, March 21, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. MIF oversees an investment fund of \$125,000, works with EJFR to insure better response time and emergency services to the island, scholarship program and fundraising. This year the slate of candidates includes: Stan Drake, Chris Prescott, Janet Welch, Will Smothers, Barry Lerich, Ron Rompel, John Gonnella, and Chuck Russell. Please vote for up to five candidates.

Citizen of the Year: Mike Zimmerman reported that he now has a date of April 18, to celebrate Nicole and Wayne Chimenti.

Strawberry Festival - Patricia reported that the festival will be held at the Garden Club on June 23. She will confirm. It is on the Garden Club's Calendar.

New Business:

Mike Zimmerman reported that there will be a Cougar presentation at Ft. Flagler by the WA State Fish and Wildlife at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 at the Hospital building. No Discover Pass will be necessary to attend.

Ray Lowery and his son and daughter have art on display at the Marrowstone Vineyard.

It was reported that the 2018 Wooden Boat Festival may not take place this year due to the construction project. Please write letter supporting the need for the Wooden Boat Festival to take place.

Patricia announced that there would be a Hearing on March 29, 2018, regarding the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application by Austin Smith. She asked that all islanders should attend this meeting. Vigo Anderson also encouraged everyone to attend this very important meeting. He stated you do not have to speak but your presence will be significant. Lee Does passed out the scale drawings of the proposed facility. There is nothing this big on our island even the buildings at Ft. Flagler.

Patricia introduced our guest speaker, Representative Mike Chapman, 24th District. Mike started his discussion with a story that drew many laughs. He informed us that he represents 145,000 – 160,000 people in Jefferson, Clallam, and parts of Grays Harbor Counties. He informed us that he would be having a Town Hall in Ocean Shores. Mike gave us a wrap up of the budget that was passed including Ft. Worden capital improvements, low income dental, funding Peninsula College and opening up nursing classes, traveling nurses, Olympic Ridge Forest, University of WA working forest, artisan lot landowners (Finn River Artisan farmers) . The Governor Carbon tax did not pass. He spent time talking about the Timber industry and the benefits. The good news was that basic funding for property taxes that were increased this year will be rolled back the next year. Small businesses will get a tax break.

Peter Hubbard asked about universal healthcare and Mike replied that he had no idea where it is in terms of medical supplemental. He mentioned Apple Care and getting rates lower. How Grays Harbor lost pediatricians.

Ft. Flagler was allocated some monies.

The questions were raised regarding the Freedom of Information with Public Records. Mike spent quite a bit of time discussing what occurred as many representative voted for it and then asked the Governor to veto it.

SHB 1692- Agricultural lands/marijuana. We don't want it in rural areas. Introduced but has not gone anywhere. Feds still illegal. At this time can't export it. It is still licensed under the WLCB – local government needs more guidelines regarding zoning industrial vs rural residential. Vigo stated that we need a more uniformed standard. MC stated that County needs more tools and regulatory framework. Comments were made re Jefferson County concerned about being sued by the cannabis producer. MC explained that WA has a County Risk Pool and County is covered after first \$100,000.

Mike Chapman also discussed Growler noise and felt Derek Kilmer has been a positive spokesman. No State Parks leased for military training.

Attendees appreciated the candor and information provided and gave a hearty round of applause.

Bruce Carlson introduced our new EJFR Fire Chief, James Walkowski. The new Fire Chief explained that he has been on duty for 2 ½ months and he has heard the issues for our area. He spent time getting a feel for the island. He was happy to have met with MIF as well as past EMT's from the island. He wants to build a volunteer service area and make sure those that want to volunteer to be EMT's get the training they need. Also have volunteers trained in CPR and AED use. It is important to have a system in place where we can notify members of the

community. He has five perspective people from Marrowstone that shown an interest and he hopes they will sign up for the EMT program.

The medic unit is out of Chimacum and he wants to reduce time to Marrowstone and other areas. Right now the statistics show that 4,800 calls a year with only 8 people on duty. We need to recruit volunteers. Indian Island is a wonderful resource but its availability is determined by responsibility to docked vessels first per the base commander. East Jefferson has a contract for transports to hospitals and provides c. 700 transports per year. EMT's and Para Medics manage transport calls.

What about the annex debate regarding PT? Walkowski thought it could provide additional funding. We do not have the resources we need in the event of a major disaster. We need more CERT within communities. Fire Chief Walkowski wants to hear from our community.

Patricia stated that we are now working on the Marrowstone Island Comp Plan and we want to make sure as County works on the County Comprehensive Plan that our plan is incorporated. Website will post the 1978 Comp Plan and instructions for reviewing and submitting comments.

Next Meeting will be Monday, May 21, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Patti Ivers, Secretary