

Marrowstone Island Community Association Meeting

September 17, 2018

Board Members Present: Carol Gonnella, President; Bud Ayers, Vice-President; Susan Petek, Treasurer; Patti Ivers, Secretary; and Ward Mefford, Member at Large. Absent: Sandy Barrett, Member at Large.

Carol called meeting to order by thanking Chris for playing classical guitar music during our pot luck dinner. She also thanked everyone who brought the delicious food for our dinner.

Sheriff Stanko led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business Meeting:

Minutes of May, 2018 meeting was approved.

Carol gave a brief presentation of agenda for the evening starting with a short presentation by the Jefferson Land Trust Executive Director, Richard Tucker and Sarah Spaeth Director, Conservation and Strategic Partnerships.

Richard gave a brief summary of projects currently being developed by the JLT. Richard described the current fundraising project to acquire a large undeveloped parcel on Marrowstone Island and adjacent waterfront property (Fite Property) to create a community nature preserve. The property is located next to Twin Vista Ranch and Sound View Cemetery. This property is currently used by Cedar Root School and would continue as an educational source with walking trails through a lush forest and wildlife habitat. Richard stated that 80 percent of funds have been raised and it is scheduled to close in mid-October.

Questions and concerns from Island residents included accessibility, parking, could the waterfront later be sold, maintenance, and impact on Island community.

Richard and Sarah answered questions and concerns. There would be limited parking spaces and trails would be rough. They will work with hiking and bicycling groups from the island regarding the trails. No permanent buildings would be built on property, but possibly a bird viewing area. The Land Trust has been known to sell off properties, but in this case, the Deed would be written that the land would remain as a reserve in perpetuity. The property will be maintained by the Land Trust for use by the community. It would also be open to the public.

Richard also thanked the Island residents that participated in doing a biological survey of the property. Richard and Sarah again thanked all that have already donated to this project and asked for continued support to reach their goals. You can read about the project at www.saveland.org.

Carol introduced Mindy Walker and she thanked everyone for allowing her to attend our meeting and gave a brief presentation. Dan Toepper, running for District 3, PUD, gave a brief presentation and answered a few questions. www.mindywalkerforjudge.com and www.electdantoeppe.blogspot.com

Sheriff Stanko asked for support for his re-election. He discussed concerns about funding the sheriff's department and strategic planning involving county employees and the community. Community concerns revolved around drug/substance abuse, mental illness, response time and number of deputies on duty at any given time, engaging the community, relationship with ICE. www.davestankoforsheriff.com Joe Nole, a candidate for Sheriff, was unable to be present due to another speaking engagement in Brinnon. www.joenoleforsheriff.com

Michael Haas and James Kennedy, running for County Prosecutor, gave a brief background presentation including years of experience in the legal field, management experience, and accessibility to the office. They asked that you visit their websites: www.voteforhaas.com or www.kennedyforprosecutor.com

Greg Brotherton and Jon Cooke, Commissioner District 3, gave brief background and community involvement. Greg Brotherton focused on education and broadband for rural communities by looking into Kitsap County pilot program. John Cook focused on revenue needed through smart growth by getting the sewer system in Port Hadlock which would bring more businesses such as small manufacturing and more jobs. www.votegreg.us and www.electjoncooke.com

Yvonne Otterness announced that the U.S. Postal Service was once again auditing the number of letters/packages being mailed from the Nordland Post Office this week. Make sure you do all of your mailing from Nordland.

The MICA Board is in need to two Islanders to serve as Nominating Committee for this year. It is very important that we have these two positions filled. Please contact one of the board members to discuss the position. Thank you.

The candidates stayed around to talk and answer questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.