

Marrowstone Island Community Association
Board Meeting Minutes
12/07/2021

Attendees: Bud Ayers, Sandy Barrett, Patricia Earnest, Colleen Ebken, Carol Gonnella, Rahda Newsom, Linda Secord

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30 AM board president Linda Secord. There were no minutes from the previous meeting to review as it was documented via a ZOOM recording.

Agenda:

- January Meeting Topics
- Update from Patricia on naming of the new causeway bridge at the south end of Kilisut Harbor
- Radha update on Issues of Interest Survey from MICA members attending the 25 September 2021 meeting

Linda told the attendees that Colleen Ebken had expressed interest in becoming the board secretary and Linda was glad to have someone taking notes. The attendees each gave a welcome to Colleen and a short personal statement about their history on the island. Colleen responded with her past history before moving to Marrowstone Island.

Linda proposed to appoint Colleen as the interim secretary and a non-voting member and that in May she could be elected to the board. All members were in favor of this action.

Following are the discussion points associated with the MICA Meeting January Agenda:

- Linda asked for members opinion if the January 2022 meeting should be a virtual ZOOM meeting or could it return to an in-person meeting format?
 - ◆ Patricia Earnest was in favor of maintaining the ZOOM format because of the new COVID variant
 - ◆ Sandy Barrett would like the meeting to be in-person, but ZOOM is a safer option, and she was curious what Vigo Anderson thought about holding the Citizen of the Year [COY] via ZOOM
 - ◆ Linda said she would check with Vigo and let the board know the results.
- Carol Gonnella said that she would need some technical assistance executing the In Our Midst during January meeting via ZOOM
 - ◆ Linda said she would assist her with ZOOM
 - ◆ Patricia stated that being able to share screen shots of the In Our Midst were key to making the meeting a success
 - ◆ Colleen suggestion that a simple dry run be performed before the official meeting to make sure everything was working was well received
 - ◆ In general, it was thought that 15 minutes was an adequate time allotment for the COY presentation
- Bud Ayers expressed his concern that there were too many items being considered for the January meeting agenda – 2020 COY, 2021 COY, and Yvonne Otterness Person of Interest
 - ◆ Sandy agreed with Bud and it was decided to move Yvonne to a later meeting

- Bud was able to get Vigo to join the meeting so the group could discuss his opinion on COY options for January meeting; the following is a high-level summary of the discussions on this topic
 - ◆ Vigo says he is ok with ZOOM format for COY at January meeting
 - ◆ Vigo has 13 envelopes for the 2020 COY nomination, and he has not opened the envelopes and they will be opened at the January 2022 COY committee meeting
 - ◆ Only 2021 COY nominations are being accepted now, 2020 nominations are closed
 - ◆ Linda stated that two MICA board members need to be present at the nominating meeting – since Bud is still concerned with having two announcements at the January MICA meeting,
 - ◆ It was suggested that Bud attend the COY meeting as a board representation
 - ◆ Vigo is ok with separating the presentations and having them both occur at the January 2022 MICA meeting
 - ◆ Linda has suggested that Vigo and his committee get back to the board about the final time and format for the two COY nominations
 - ◆ Vigo says he and his committee will meet and let the MICA board know the final decision in early January 2022
- Radha suggested the date for the January meeting should be moved from the third Monday to the either Tuesday or Thursday as Monday is a hard day for young families to attend
 - ◆ Reason for day change is based on conversations that she has had with other residents on the island
 - ◆ By-laws allow for a change of date for meetings and the board agreed
- Bud suggests an additional topic be added to the January 2022 meeting
 - ◆ Invite David Carlbom, MD to talk about the procedures that he has written that has earned East Jefferson County EMS honors for having the highest survival rates in the state
 - ◆ 20 minutes should be sufficient agenda time do support his presentation
- Radha thinks the January agenda is too full to have a Housing Solutions Network presentation
 - ◆ Bud suggests that Radha check with this organization to see if they have any time-critical activities that should influence when they are included in a meeting
 - ◆ Linda requested that Radha check with them to see if they can present the third Tuesday in March
- Linda will put together the final timing and agenda for the January 2022 after Vigo reports back to her about the COY decision

Status of naming of the causeway bridge:

- Patricia said the naming of the causeway bridge in stopped at the discussions the indigenous group are having
- State legislators need to sign off on final name
- Indigenous group wants to have a name for the bridge and for the water passing under the bridge and that they should both be indigenous names that can be represented in non-picture formats
- Linda has requested that Patricia give a short [3-minute update] during the January meeting

Last talking point for this meeting was Radha's Issues of Interest Survey results:

- Radha shared a picture summary of the results via ZOOM chat
- The details will be discussed at the next MICA Board Member meeting
- Picture summary attached to these meeting notes

Linda adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM. Board members thanked Linda for running a good meeting.

