

Marrowstone Island Community Association (MICA)

January 18, 2022

Meeting Agenda

7:00 – 8:30 PM, on ZOOM

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>
7:00	Call to order and Introductions	Linda Secord
7:05	Committee Reports and Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer’s Report• Cemetery Committee• MIF• FoFF• Update on Kilisut Bridge Naming	Susan Petek Bruce Carslon Bud Ayres Mark Secord Patricia Earnest
7:30	Citizen of the Year Award (s)	Vigo Anderson
7:35	Cardiac Health Program for Women	Cheryl Brunette
7:40	Housing Solutions Network Initiative	Justine Gonzalaz-Berg
8:10	Concluding Remarks and Adjourn	Linda Secord

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Meeting Minutes

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- Meeting was called to order by Acting President Linda Secord at 7:02 PM. The meeting was conducted via ZOOM due corona virus epidemic health safety measures. The meeting was recorded for later posting on NextDoor and MarrowstoneIO. Linda welcomed all that were signed on via ZOOM. Linda expressed that the board was still looking to include new interested members to the team. Linda started the meeting with a tribute *with a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr, and his legacy, by the writer Toni Morrison*

Committee Reports and Announcements

Linda introduced the new interim board secretary Colleen Ebken and asked her to say a few words to the group which Colleen did and indicated she was looking forward to supporting the community in this capacity.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Petek reported the MICA General Fund balance of \$1,687, Cemetery Fund balance of \$11,765, and the Cemetery CD balance of \$15,024. Four new MICA members have joined for a total of 77 current members.

Cemetery Committee

It was noted that Bruce Carlson was not in attendance, so no committee report was given.

Marrowstone Island Foundation (MIF)

Bud Ayres spoke about the Island Fire Department complex new building status. He reported that there was not a lot of new information on the status of the permitting process. Building delivery is still on schedule for the middle of August this year. There was no new information on the which contractors have been interviewed and/or picked for infrastructure build but it is possible that infrastructure efforts may be able start earlier with the some newly identified help. MIF has recognized that the cost of the effort may have risen slightly due to increasing lumber prices and taxes and a minor fund raiser may be necessary to meet the goal. The amount needed will not be known until 45 days prior to the build and outreach will occur at that time. Bud happily reported that a new granddaughter was born and the birth to home time was at record speeds!

Friends of Fort Flagler [FoFF]

Mark Secord confirmed that 2021 was a great year for FoFF accomplishments. Greater accomplishments are anticipated in 2022. Great success was had in the legislative advocacy arena. Mark explained that FoFF would stay supportive of the supplemental parks budget in support small scale efforts for maintenance in 2022. Last year's construction of the Mystery Bay Picnic Structure was highlighted including the addition of the final roof material. The 20-natural history-oriented walks, and talks noted by Mark were another great accomplishment. Two upcoming virtual talks were outlined; the first on 26 January by Greg Frankfurter on sea lions of the Salish Sea and another on 9 February a talk about river otters will be presented. Mark suggested looking at the FoFF website for the list of all the 2022 talks and walks. This report was closed with request for new and renewing members to update memberships for 2022 hoping to meet the 150-membership level achieved in 2021.

Update on Kilisut Bridge Naming

Patricia Earnest opened her comments indicating that there was not a great deal of additional information on the bridge naming in the past year but that there had been some progress on naming the water under the bridge. Patricia briefed that the S'Klallam Tribe would meet in April with the transportation board regarding the proposed name "passage through" (a rough translation of the S'Klallam language representation with no pronunciation either in S'Klallam or English) for the water under the bridge. Kevin Long of the North Olympic Salmon Coalition and Dan McKernan project engineer for WSDOT communicated to Patricia that they hoped that Marrowstone Island residents participate in the naming the bridge. Patricia conjectured that this should also include the S'Klallam people. Janet Welch wanted to clarify that there are two different processes for naming the passage and the bridge. The application for the naming of the passage did not go to the board for review yet as it didn't meet the requirement that it has an English written name and pronunciation. April is the next time that this can happen. If the S'Klallam Tribe does not make this application deadline Patricia and Janet would be prepared to make this happen. No update on the process or timeline for naming the bridge was presented.

Patricia requested support from residents in this effort and she would accept this help readily.

Citizen of the Year Award (s)

Vigo Anderson reported that the Citizen of the Year selection committee had to delay the in-person meeting planned for January because of Omicron COVID variant in the area. The committee tried to conduct a meeting via ZOOM, but the members ultimately agreed that an in-person meeting it was desirable for the final selection process. This will occur when it is deemed safe to meet in person again. Patricia Earnest queried if the first meeting would be for the 2020 selection and a later meeting for the 2021 selection. Vigo responded no and stated that the next meeting would include both years so that the selection process could be caught up for this calendar year. Vigo clarified that the membership of this committee includes past elected Citizen of the Year (still living on the island) and two MICA board members. Linda stated that all are anxious for this to happen as soon as possible.

Cardiac Health Program for Women

Linda reminded attendees that February is American Heart Month, and that MIF has scheduled a virtual meeting on 17 February at 7:00 PM about this subject. Linda introduced Cheryl Burnett a Mayo clinic trained heart health expert and the survivor a heart attack who talked about the upcoming program. Cheryl affirmed that heart disease is a major concern and that women were actually impacted at a higher rate than men. She emphasized that the purpose of meeting was to raise everyone's awareness of the prevalence of this disease and how to be more proactive in recognizing, preventing, managing, and use of tools related to this disease. Linda confirmed that Cheryl will post the date and times and ZOOM information for this meeting on MarrowstonIO and NextDoor.

Housing Solutions Network Initiative (HSN)

Radha Newsom introduced Justine Gonzalaz-Berg the Director of HSN, she also serves as the Board Secretary for Homeward Bound Community Land Trust and is the co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of Strait Up Magazine and a multitude of other volunteer activities.

Justine expressed her excitement to share a bit about the housing crisis in Jefferson county with MICA, potential solutions, and what HSN does to support affordable housing. Justine emphasized the crisis was huge in the county through these highly level points:

- 0 - 1% availability of rental units in the county
- median range wage earners could not afford the median price of houses
- small inventory of homes actually up for sale
- house price inequity for locals versus purchases by outside-the-area buyers with larger incomes
- number of vacant homes in county makes the housing crisis a use of resources issue (of about 19,000 total homes in county approximately 3,300 vacant) and on Marrowstone Island 30% of homes vacant as determined by last census
- people/families are forced to leave the area or live in substandard housing

At a high-level Justine's presentation disclosed many areas where the HSN website offers more information, links and support ideas. The areas that Justine presentation touched on were:

- Create and ADU
- Connect to renters and rentals (Housing Link)
- Home-Share
- Fill and empty house
- Lease land to a tiny house
- Policy and Code changes in the county
- Turning AirBnB's into local long-term housing

In summary Justine asked that Jefferson county residents' help to empower solutions by reaching out with ideas and options to shift the dynamic to open up more affordable options in the county.

Linda thank Justine and Radha for making this excellent and informative presentation to educate MICA members and promised to have the contact information and links for Justine and HSN posted on MarrowstoneIO and NextDoor as soon as possible.

Concluding Remarks and Adjourn

At approximately 8:10 PM Linda closed the meeting and stated the next meeting will occur in March and that she would post the agenda and the time and date in advance.