

Melrose Business and Community Association
Minutes
September 1, 2021

Meeting Called to order by Tom Germano at 6:05

Members present:	Members Absent:	Membership present:
Tom Germano	Pat Ward	David Jones
Linda Osborne	Mandie Jones	Nansea Markham
Rebeca Richardson	Deb Massie	
Mark Scarborough	Olivia Clulow	
Joe Rush		

Treasurer's Report: Rebeca Richardson reported that MBCA beginning balance = \$5,487.49; expenditure of \$10.00 to Clay Electric; ending balance \$5,477.49. Melrose Bay Park – beginning balance = \$276.70; Donations totaling \$402.07: expenditures -\$100.00 to Clayton for park mowing, \$160.54 to Gottago; Ending balance = \$418.23. Rebeca added that typically membership begins for the new year 2022 after The October general meeting.

Tom reported that he would contact Mandie Jones to send out the Board Nomination Form to the membership by Thursday 2nd or Friday 3rd. Nomination forms are for individuals who have an interest To serve on the board (Officers and board members at large). General meeting scheduled for Oct. 12, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Meeting will be held at the Melrose Beach Park, weather permitting. In case of bad weather the meeting will be held at the Homemaker's Club. Voting for board members/officers will begin October 1st and end at noon on October 12th. Ballots should be sent to the MBCA website.

Melrose Beach Park: Joe Rush reported that the swim area had been extended, 75-100 feet larger. There have been 3 new picnic tables added due to the generous donations of businesses in Melrose (Gator Baits, Blue Water Bay, ACE Hardware and Williamson's Grocery). Labor Day security: no paid Security - will rely on the good citizens and board to assist with any issues that arise. Tom Germano Stated that he had spoken with the sheriff's department and was told that deputies would cruise the area (land and water).

Christmas Parade: Joe Rush, chairperson reported that the process has started to contact agencies; Dept of transportation, fire department and police department. Judges and volunteers are needed the day of the parade. In a previous board meeting Kate Gallagher volunteered to be a judge. Next item of Business is to select a theme. Judges will be judging on 1) best representation of theme; 2) best overall decoration (person/float). David Jones suggested a theme: "Charles Dickens Christmas". Tom Germano will include in his email suggestions from the membership. Parade date: December 11th. Rebeca Richardson has applications for parade participation. Contact ASAP.

David Jones: Business Committee Chair- David began by saying he appreciates the opportunity to be a part of MBCA. He outlined his goals/focus. 1) Identify and recruit new members; 2) reach out to local realtors; 4) address empty store fronts; 5) asking business members to participate in after hour social and brainstorming session; 6) welcome baskets; 7) recruit new businesses.

Meeting adjourned: 6:45 Next Board meeting – October 6, 2021
Minutes submitted by: Linda Osborne, secretary

