

Melrose Business and Community Association
General Meeting at Melrose Beach Park
October 12, 2021
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:10 pm by Tom Germano, president.

Board Members present:

Tom Germano

Linda Osborne

Deb Massie

Rebeca Richardson

Joe Rush

Board Members Absent:

Mandie Jones

Pat Ward

Mark Scarborough

Olivia Clulow

Treasurer's Report: Rebeca Richardson reported that the MBCA beginning balance was \$5,477.40 with Clay Electric debit of \$10.00 and membership deposit of \$20.00 with an ending balance of \$5,487.49. Melrose Bay Park: Beginning balance of \$418.23 with expenditures of \$100.00 to Clayton for park mowing. Ending balance of \$318.23.

Christmas Parade: Joe Rush has received approval from the Putnam County's Sheriff's office and permit Sent to Larry Harvey (BOCC) for approval. No grand marshal selected to date. Theme: Be True to Your School Spirit: Past, present, future. Deb Massie stated that she wanted to invite Ochwilla School to participate and other comments regarding schools. All schools are welcome to come and set up a booth. After parade: Booths will be set up at Heritage Park and contact Bob Bird for info. Also suggested that the marching band from QI Roberts High School be asked to march. Posting will appear On Facebook, Melrose Word of Mouth, emails to members and flyers posted around Melrose. Send an Invitation to county commissioners. Applications to participate in the parade can be obtained at Ameris Bank.

Comments regarding Melrose Bay Park: Recent meeting of the Lake Sante Fe Lake Dwellers regarding EPA boat dock permitting; complaint that the beach park extended onto someone's property; and boat anchored in the swim area. Any infractions should be reported to local sheriff's office. Discussion about date to remove the Porta Potty. Tentative removal date was within a week of Oct. 12, 2021. After considerable discussion about the removal and the cost of \$400.00 for five (5) months, Linda Kemp volunteered to pay the \$400.00 to keep the porta potty. Reasoning was that park goers were used to having the convenience of the porta potty and not having such might result in some unpleasantness. Motion by Joe Rush, second by Rebeca to keep the porta potty year- round for 2021-2022. Picnic tables for the park: Several businesses have donated/pledged monies to build/furnish picnic tables and that those businesses should be recognized. Suggestion to put a plaque on the entrance sign recognizing those donors. Request voiced by William Chiappini on behalf of Mark Chiappini for permission to keep the park open on Oct. 29th for a midnight kayak event. No motion, but the consensus of the group was to accept.

Election Results: There were 6 nominees for At-Large Board members. No nominees for president or secretary. If necessary a special election would have to be held to elect a president and a secretary. However, in the absence of an elected president, Joe Rush, vice president would assume the role of president. Joe Rush stated that the slate of six nominees for board members be seated. No official motion, but members present agreed.

David Jones, Chairperson - Business Liaison Committee commented that he is working diligently to engage and revitalize businesses to be active members in MBCA.

Meeting adjourned: 12:45 pm

Minutes submitted by: Linda Osborne, secretary