

Marrowstone Island Community Association (MICA) Bi-Monthly Meeting

January 17, 2023

Meeting Via Zoom

Attendees: There were approximately 63 attendees signed into the ZOOM Meeting over the evening.

Just before 7:00 PM Linda Secord announced that the meeting was about to start. This meeting was recorded and is available for replay. Meeting minute details are reported at a high level because of the recorded option.

Meeting recording can be accessed at: <https://marrowstoneisland.org/announcements.html>

Presidents Introduction

Linda opened the meeting and stated that she was surprised that this had to still occur via ZOOM after so many years. Hopefully the next Bi-Monthly meeting in March could be live at the Garden Club. Linda said it was traditional to ask if there were new attendees. Stacy Toner said she was new and previously lived in Juneau, Alaska and has been here about a year. Linda welcomed Stacy. Linda opened the business meeting. She stated that the presentation about Tsunamis would occur after the business meeting and that the meeting would close with the Citizen of the Year announcement.

Treasurer Report

Susan Petek encourage past and future members to pay 2023 dues. The address to mail dues is in the CHAT box of ZOOM. She clarified that paying dues was not a prerequisite for attending the meeting. MICA Funds:

- \$1085 – general MICA fund
- \$8732 – general Cemetery Fund
- \$15,132 – Cemetery CD

MICA submitted the paperwork for Federal 501 C status on 6 September 2022 with no results returned yet. The government has 6 months to respond to this paperwork. This status is required to purchase liability insurance for the officers. Cemetery Liability insurance was purchase on 22 November 2022 for approximately \$600 – this will be a yearly expense.

Cemetery Committee Update

Kathleen Waldron introduces Lisa Freiss is a new member of the committee and that she has already shown herself as a great asset because of island knowledge and organizational skills. Lisa stated that she was new [living here now] and not-new [visitor] to the island as her

grandparents have lived here since 1890 and she would visit the island often. Lisa wants to get to know her island and neighbors and to keep the cemetery well tended for her grandparents.

Kathleen announced that the committee officially raised plot prices to \$500 per plot. The plot policy is one casket and 1 or 2 urns; or up to 4 urns may be interred per plot. One or two headstones per plot. Section E of the cemetery is now open with 137 plots available.

All plots are now electronically recorded because of the work accomplished by Bruce Carlson and Lisa.

Friends of Fort Flagler [FOFF] Update

Mark Secord report 5 items regarding FOFF:

Item 1: Natural history presentations are going to occur: Northern Elephant Seal, Bioluminescence, and Cougars in Jefferson County

Item 2: New Benches being built and installed at Fort Flagler. A total of 22 benches are planned.

Item 3: Advocacy still important as Governor Inslee did not include the Theater and old Endicott Buildings renovations in the budget. FOFF is still optimistic to get these items covered.

Item 4: FOFF plan to build on the Jamestown and S'Klallam tribes canoe journeys stopping at the island. There will be a new booklet about the Indians history on Indian Island and Marrowstone Island soon.

Item 5: As always Mark wanted to pitch that new and renewed membership needs to occur in 2023.

Marrowstone Island Foundation Update and EJFR Lift Levy

Bud Ayres stated that he would give a short update since December.

- Three CPR classes offered and full – hopes for more classes in summer and fall
- Bud wanted to thank all who contributed to the funding of the new crew quarters
- Open house is being planned for September 2023
- There is a new committee forming for bringing new biking and hiking trails on the island
- Desire to reinstate the island resilience committee in case we are cut off from the mainland

EJFD has been holding meetings to explain why the levy needs to be passed to maintain fire and EMS services. The department has seen an increase in calls, overlapping calls and costs since the last levy in 2010. Bud encouraged everyone to research and vote yes on the two levies.

Linda thanked Bud and MIF for their ongoing efforts to assure emergency services for the island.

Causeway Bridge Naming Status Update

Patricia Earnest reported that tribal groups were responding to the naming request. She also stated there is a detailed process that must be followed to make the final naming official. Patricia will report future updates and status as they become available.

Nordland General Store Update.

Linda reported on Anna Watts' behalf that she is officially pulling her name from the project. Anna published an explanation on NextDoor and that she and others are looking for people to help move this project forward without her.

Business Meeting adjourned by Linda

Tsunami Presentation by Daniel Eungard

Doug Moore arranged for Daniel to present a detailed presentation on impacts to Marrowstone Island from potential tsunamis. Daniel is the subsurface lead and tsunami hazards program data manager at Washington State DNR Division of Geology and Earth Resources. Daniel presented a 45-minute detailed presentation about risks and probabilities of this hazard to the local and broader area. Please refer to the recorded presentation for the details of his talk.

[<https://marrowstoneisland.org/announcements.html>].

Linda and the other ZOOM attendees thanked Daniel for his excellent and informative presentation.

Citizen of the Year 2022 Announcement

John and Carol Gonnella last year recipients of the COY award co-chaired this announcement. They stated that Bud Ayres was nominated by island resident and awarded this honor by past COY winners. Bud's numerous accomplishments and good deeds was the reason that he has contributed to the Marrowstone Island community over the past 10 years were explained and applauded by John and Carol. Please refer to the recorded presentation to hear the details about all that Bud has done

[<https://marrowstoneisland.org/announcements.html>].

Bud accepts the award and appreciates that people have noticed his contributions and efforts.

Meeting adjourned by Linda