

Marrowstone Island Community Association (MICA)

November 21, 2023
at Nordland Garden Club
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Attendees: an official count of attendees was not made but meeting room at the Garden Club had all 40 chairs filled and additional chairs were added. Attendees encouraged to make name tags and pay MICA dues.

YouTube Videos from the three presentations at the November 21 MICA General meeting are now posted on the MICA website.

They can be viewed here: <https://marrowstoneisland.org/announcements.html>

Presidents Call to Order

President Gary Rowe opened the meeting at 7:00 welcoming the attendees to the November MICA meeting.

Gary asked if there any new people attending the MICA meeting for the first time. Five responded in the affirmative: Evangeline and Ward Medford, Frank Shuri and Sharon, Mary Smith, Tony and Andrea Barnett, and Claudia Andrews. Gary welcomed all to their first meeting hoping that they would come again.

Gary asked for a show of hands on the number of years attendees have lived on the island. There were people that have lived on the island for over 10 years, 20 years and even 30 years.

Introduction of Guests and New MICA Board Member

Gary introduced Adam Bernbaum, Legislative Aid to Sen. Van de Wege. As legislative assistant, he was here to listen to people in our community about issues and activities on Marrowstone Island. Adam said he would remain for the entire meeting and was available to talk to after.

Bob Jaffe expressed interest in supporting the MICA Board during the summer. MICA bylaws state that a voice vote of support is required for him to serve. Gary took a voice vote and Bob is now our second official at large member.

Reports and General Island Information

Treasurer Report

Barry Lerich gave the Treasurer's Report:

MICA Funds:

- MICA General Checking Balance \$1,292.33
- Sound View Cemetery Checking Balance \$9,588.21
- Sound View Cemetery CD Balance \$15,487.80

Cemetery Report

Cynthia Rowe opened the cemetery report stating that the new section is open and that the burial site fees are \$500. Bruce Carlson talked about the damage 1938 cemetery sign [due to age and last year's winter storms] stating that the committee is looking into a grant to replace the sign as part of a historic cemetery program. The committee is seeking bids for 50-year designs to submit to the program. If award the funding would be in 2024. An attendee asked if the same program could be used for funds to move graves back from the bluff. It was not known if this could be used for this purpose.

As an aside a team on the island is looking for additional volunteers to help monitor for shellfish toxins. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or want to participate? Thank you!

Marrowstone Island Foundation

Bud Ayres gave a brief status update:

- EJFR received final approval for crew quarters last week!
- Open MIF meeting on 7 December 2023 @ 7:00 PM in the Nordland Garden Club to review by-law changes.
- See MIF website for the details of by-law changes.

Jessica Lowe asked what the MIF Mission Statement was – Bud answered to assure a safer, better island lifestyle in harmony.

Bridge Naming Committee

Colleen Ebken presented an update on Patricia Earnest behave:

- S'Klallam contacted - waiting for their response and submissions
- Suquamish contacted - waiting for their response and submissions
- Awareness letter sent to Kilmer, Chapman, and others
- As announced, Voting has closed on the Island - Nov 15, 2023
- 53 submissions, some repeats, reaching out to Island only member groups to help cull them down to 3

- native tribe submissions will be added
- Anticipate voting by Islanders in the Spring

Nordland Garden Club Report

President Carol Woodard of the Nordland Garden club give an update on near term activities.

- The annual NGC holiday wreath season is happening soon. Please sign up to secure your wreath purchases in advance of the event.
- A celebration of life festival is being discussed for John Mace – long time island resident.
- A memorial service was held for Heather Tillman

Friends of Fort Flagler

Mark Secord reported:

- Two new board members have joined the team
- Completion and installation of the 21st new bench has happened
- Establishing a new welcome center is underway
- A new campground road repair is planned
- Theater funding is in for a supplemental funding request
- Mark, as always, wants to thank all the volunteers that support FOFF
- Looking for help in fixing the Bank Head trail

Naming of the Bridge Between Marrowstone Island and Indian Island

Colleen Ebken presented for Patricia Earnest about the details of the unique opportunity that Marrowstone Island residents share with the Tribal Cultural Communities and Naval Magazine Indian Island.

Membership Committee

Bob Jaffe gave an update on the work that he and Nancy Nurenberg were doing and their goal to get more people on Marrowstone to join (or rejoin) MICA and get more involved in our community.

- Why join MICA?
- MICA meetings are a great place to meet your neighbors and learn about the issues that affect your lives.
- MICA is an all-volunteer organization and relies on your support to continue our mission.
- We serve as a forum for the Marrowstone Island residents to share ideas and experiences and learn more about community resources. Meetings take place five times a year. So, renew your membership today and consider an additional donation.

Bob and Nancy and others will continue to develop goals and values for MICA membership and present detailed updates at future meetings.

MEIP Update

Pete Hubbard continued his presentations on why it is important to have a Marrowstone Island Emergency Preparedness (EP) and your family's EP plan. This presentation was recorded and can be viewed on the following YouTube link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5Gv-0Uoy_E&t=1s

Friends of Fort Flagler Benches

Vigo Anderson of FoFF told the story how he, Bruce Carlson, and a group of dedicated volunteers [Bill Mosenfelder, Al Ebken, Tom McFarling, John Gonnella, Toni Harris, Mark Secord, David Eddie, Bill Hohnbaum, Vigo's wife Paula and Bruce's wife Andrea also assisted] made the installation of 21 new benches possible. This presentation was recorded and can be viewed on the following YouTube link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6ZOK2CnHkk>

Jefferson PUD Broadband Project Update

Will O'Donnell a Marrowstone Island resident and PUD Broadband and Communications Director gave an update on the status, delays, and next steps of bringing PUD installed and operated fiber optic broadband to Marrowstone Island. This presentation was recorded and can be viewed on the following YouTube link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MZ5_dYUgJU&t=1s

Closing

Gary closed the meeting at 8:30 and reminded attendees that the next MICA meeting would be on January 16th 2024.