

Marrowstone Island Community Association (MICA)
Board Meeting Minutes October 14, 2024

Attendees: Jessica Lowe/President, Gary Rowe/Past President, Radha Newsom/Vice President, Bob Jaffe/Membership Chair & Secretary, Jackie Canterbury/Member at Large, Colleen Ebken/Member at Large, Vigo Anderson/Guest.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

1. Topics: Opportunities for Improvement – Vigo Anderson joined the MICA Board Meeting to present some ideas for improvement for the Island:
 - A. The "Welcome to Marrowstone" sign: Vigo inspected the sign and stated it needs to be refurbished. There is an option to create a new sign, he has aged cedar for free. The cedar would be stained, and the lettering painted with the same style. Or the existing sign can be refurbished, and repainted. He suggested a roof and light and solar power be added. Estimated costs: \$400-1,000.
 - B. Nordland Garden Club sound system – Vigo suggested a new sound system for the Garden Club: Those that are hearing impaired/wearing hearing aids have reported difficulty hearing at meetings. MICA has a history of assisting the Garden Club with upgrades such as the present screen and prior electrical improvements. Vigo requested MICA consider assisting with a new system Estimates it would be \$2,550-5,000.
2. Updates re: November community meeting scheduled for November 26, 2024.
 - A. History of Marrowstone – Karen Russell has asked for 45 minutes for her presentation.
 - B. Following up on aging topics (issues brought up at the April community meeting - transportation assistance, shared housing, speed limits, health issues) Bob Jaffe and Radha Newsom will discuss ways of getting those interested to sign up in small groups to meet in the future.
 - C. Ft. Flagler Park Ranger, Aaron Terada will give update about the dock at Mystery Bay as well as updates regarding Fort Flagler.
3. Dr. Jackie Canterbury will present on the Christmas bird count at the January 2025 MICA Community meeting. Keeping the lights off – there is interest in working to reduce light distractions to birds during migrations.
4. The 2025 Marrowstone Island Talent show – The Board selected Saturday, February 8th, starting at 2 pm for the next talent show. It will be held at the Old Nordland Church Community Hall, 7120 Flagler Rd, Nordland WA.
5. Treasurer's report: Nancy Nuerenberg reported the General fund as of (9/30) is at \$5,476.
6. Membership report: Gary Rowe will join Bob Jaffe on the membership committee. MICA currently has 93 members.
7. The 2025 Strawberry Festival is to be held Saturday, June 21 at Fort Flagler State Park . MICA will make a deposit to reserve the same spot as 2024 – across from the Beachcomber Café.
8. Island speed limits – Bob Jaffee and Jackie Canterbury volunteered to see how issues can be addressed to reduced island speed limits.
9. Announcements:

The next MICA Board meeting will be December 9th, 5 PM at Gary Rowe's house.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Jaffe

MICA Board Secretary