

MCA MEMBER MEETING MINUTES Aug 25, 2025

Meeting started at 6:07 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by : Dave

Board members present: Carol, Tammey, Stephen, Judd & Kathleen via zoom.

Treasurer Report: Read by Tammey: As of Aug 19, 2025

WF: \$7,155.07; Savings \$22,816.32 @ 4%; 1 membership deposit, \$14.26; Expenses of \$112.00 for Cube Smart; CD \$30,042.00 @ 4.11% 3/months. Total: \$54,717.01 **a check of \$3000 from LCEC for the beautification grant and a private donation of \$2000 also for the beautification program have been received and deposited. This will be reflected in next month's report.

Civic Partners: GPICA/Christina B shared a public announcements and happenings on Pine Island

Committees: **Park-** Dave gave park update: Sea Grass: Carol gave a short update from Charlotte Harbor

Aquatic Preserve for Matlacha Pass Grasses. **Neighborhood Safety:** community discussed and shared ideas.

MCA Storage: To get shelves for unit to keep items organized. Stephen has extra shelved he is willing to give the MCA. **Events & Happenings:** as below

July 4th Potluck: An excellent outing. Hot Dogs were grilled; potluck was shared & ice cream floats were dessert. Games were played, 3 leg race, egg race, sack race and trivia.

Matlacha Hookers: School supply drive the MCA collected in July & dropped off supplies, continue here at the Blue Dog.

Art Walk: Congratulations to Jennifer on her grand opening with CC Chamber and to another successful art walk. Next art walk is Sept 12th, 5-8 pm. MCA board voted and approved to donate \$200 to Jennifer to purchase signs for the monthly art walk events. Artists, live music, come out to this successful event.

Yucatan: announced Dog Days, Aug 16 & 17 was canceled due to the heat.

Beautification Day- MCA would like to thank LCEC along with GPICA for their enormous support. Thank you, Fox 4 reporter Bella Line, Island volunteers who came out on 6/27 to plant and assemble benches. Gonzalez Nursery and their team planted 4 palms, bushes and ground cover throughout Matlacha. Our volunteers have not stopped painting pots, benches, murals and Dragon fly bee box. Thank you everyone who helped.

Hurricane Damaged Building: Lee County update- Open bids June - July 23rd closed. New county updates are below.

FDOT: email received confirms the orange barrels will be removed by end of July, which they were.

FIBER: Carol gave an introduction presentation of Matlacha Parking and resilient PDF to the LC HPB & a 30 minute presentation time was approved by the county at their next meeting. Date and time TBA.

Other: The Matlacha new idea planning offered 4 options that were given at last month's MCA meeting, please refer to the minutes for more information. We will present these options and gather your feedback at our Sept, Oct, and Nov meeting.

Motion to accept old minutes by Stephen 2nd by Leo & Patti
NEW BUSINESS

Facebook: Stephen spoke about meetings are live on Facebook for 30 days and minutes are posted on the MCA website monthly. Reminder to speak loud and clear so those attending on Facebook can hear and understand you.

Civic Partners: GPICA Aug 5th meeting- discussed 2 issues; 1) a new industrial tract that includes open & closed storage across from Publix at Betsy Pkwy. 2) A 150 ft communication tower on Stringfellow & Barrancas, the tower will be easily seen from the road with fenced ground equipment. Both were voted down by the community. The community voted to look for another location. The current property for the tower is being rented to the company wanting to put up tower. Question came up as to how the county knows what was voted on. The minutes from the meeting will need to be brought to the county for proof of voting.

Committees: **Membership:** Our target is 500 members. MCA will be handing our door knockers in Matlacha and Matlacha Isles to encourage people to join the MCA. Posts on Facebook and the MCA web page will be posted as well as a bulk email will be sent out.

Dues are due, to pay go to <https://matlachacivic.org/> scroll to bottom of page to pay online, at meetings you can pay cash or scan the QR code. Reminder the dues are \$15 for the year.

A suggestion was made to encourage people to join was to keep the MCA main page for members only.

Park: Dave gave update: Electrical installed, Bat House Park painted with fish.

Lee County Demo: Bids were closed the end of July and are in a 30 day review, then passed to the procurement

dept then to the commissioners for approval. Demo will NOT start end of Sept as we were advised. Along with working the Lee Co, Bonnie & Carol are working with B Donalds' office for assistance. Their follow up call is 8/26/25. Currently there have been some tear downs: the house on Matlacha Ave & 2nd & the building on the N side of PI RD before the marina.

Lumes: These are the electrical lines you see around Matlacha with a bunch of wires sticking out of the ground. They used to have green covers on them. Lumes is the company responsible for taking them down. These were old landline cords. Carol talked to the FCC which stated that Lumes is responsible for removing these. Carol notified Lumes and have not heard back from them.

New Business in Matlacha: Marianne attended our meeting and spoke about her new Boutique. She has been in business for 4 years doing pop ups and vendor events and she has decided to try a local business. Her clothing is from Italy and a men's line might be coming soon.

Events: **Peace Day** PI Jennifer from Island Flair: Held Sept 20th, from 2-8pm at the St James Civic Association building. Live music, 40+ vendors, community painting, kids activities, food trucks and umbrella man will be there.

Halloween 10/31: MCA will put out Halloween signs along PI Rd to promote Halloween in Matlacha.

Stone Crab Fest: Put on by the PI Chamber: 11/9/25 in the Winn Dixie Shopping lot. The Football game will be shown and beer will be available to not excuses! LOL

Christmas Tree Forrest & Downtown decorating: 11/22/25 MCA will be putting up 4' – 6' Christmas trees in Williamson's lot. **ASKING FOR SPONSORS, \$30 PER TREE:** You can decorate, or MCA will decorate. You can pick a theme if you would like. Also asking for volunteers to help put up and decorate trees.

Christmas Tree Lighting: 11/29/25 Sat at sunset in the Williamsons' lot. Come see Santa, hot chocolate or ice tea, cookies and carolers. The Sheriff officers will be there to help with traffic.

Light Up Matlacha: MCA will be asking that the businesses in Matlacha to decorate their property to attract people to Matlacha. MCA will be hanging 26 Christmas wreaths throughout Matlacha with bows to celebrate the holiday season.

MCA Christmas Village: Dec 7th, Sunday, in Mr Ono's lot. There will be local artists and vendors, food truck, raffles & prizes. **Volunteers wanted to help with set up that morning.**

Matlacha Home Owners: A suggestion of having a Matlacha Home owner Christmas decoration contest in which a 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner will be announced.

The topless Hooker building in Matlacha is getting a new roof, work has already begun.

Meeting adjourned at : 7:03 pm motion to adjourn by Carol 2nd by Stephen