MCA General Meeting Minutes 10/27/25

Meeting Started at 6:04 pm At Blue Dog Restaurant
Pledge of Allegiance Led By: Dave
Board Members present: Carol, Terry, Kelly, Tammey, Kathleen, Mike H., Judd, Stephen, Bonnie & Dave H

Treasurer Report: Read by Kathleen $61,170.90 Treasurer report motion to approve by Kelly 2nd by Stephen

Old Business: Read by Tammey motion to approve by Kathleen 2nd by Dave H
Home Flood Dams Presentation: Thank you Judd, Bonnie & Vendors & Tri Co Construction for the workshop
Guest Speakers: CHAP-Arel Taylor/ Kathy Jennings- PI Fish
Civic Partners- SJCCA GPICA updated were given
Committees-Membership Drive: planned for Oct. **MCA Storage**: ty Kelly P donated 2 new storage shelf units
P&R: Dave gave civic bldg. update. Kori our park director relocated to NFM. **Sons & Daughters of Betsey Ross** will be decorating the lot & island for the tree lighting on 11/29
Lee Co- Approved the budget for demo of dangerous buildings. Permits have been pulled **Lumis**- We are still working with LUMEN to clean up unsightly wires.
Mangrove Clean up- a FLDEP inspector is dispatched & update coming.
UF/FIBER: Mike Hannon spoke & a resolution offered for Matlacha & the Lee Co HPB was not passed

New Minutes:

Food Drive: Oct 27th & Nov 24th- Just before Thanksgiving please bring canned & nonperishables (Post Office)

Civic Partners: SJCCA- Bingo 11/7 GPICA- next meeting Tues Nov 4th
Committees-Membership/Event Calendar as below. Welcome Joe the New Menagerie Owner. Art walk-Jen B
MTL Sons/Daughters of Betsy Ross: Flags will be displayed 11/10 Marine Corps Birthday & 11/11 Veterans Day

Hazardous Waist Day: Nov 15th 8am-noon at Phillips Park
Island Clean Up: 11533 Island Ave tore down by Honc. Honch will be demoing brown house and DDD will demo the old gift shop. East side Mangroves/Old Fish House and West Island: FLDEP & SWFL conservancy will work on mangroves. Kathleen to present to concern of Island Pho & Old Fish House to the HBP, to expedite the process. 2 35 day process by MCA notified owner of damaged property. HPB is responsible per the HPB code to notify property owners. The 2 story light yellow cottages are being cleaned up now. **Matlacha Park**: Buildings should be open next month
Guests: Mike Amado & Steve Salano- New restaurant where Gulf Coast Kayak was. They are working on rezoning for parking and remodeling the existing building also adding a second floor. Restaurant will be a contemporary, open air, Island style food, fresh seafood (local). They will have a full liquor bar with 117 seats inside, 40 seats outside. Mike was the previous owner of Overtime Pizza in Cape Coral. Looking to possibly open May or June of 2027 and may be adding boat slips later. Mike Shevlan is working with them on the use of the dock next door.
Nautical Eagle: Steve & Anthony write children's books and own a golf company in NW Cape. They are looking to hold a mini golf event here in Matlacha.
Guest Speaker: Nancy MacPhee-Lee County Tourist Center Destination Development Manager. The tourist taxes are used for marketing, Matlacha Pier, Bat Park and sports development, Caloosa Blue Way are paid by tourist taxes. Any 501.C-3 can apply for marketing money to promote their non profit. Application dates are Oct 1,2025-March 1st, 2026 for the 2026-2027 year. New Art & Culinary marketing will feature Jesse Tincher from Blue Dog Bar and Grill. You can also post any MCA events on their website for free, LeeVCB.com for more information.
Guest Speaker: Megan Sorby & Red Fish- Megan is a Marine Biologist with aquaculture and a CEO of Red Fish Fisheries. This is an aquaculture growing red fish in tanks. They work with local fisheries and is a no waste organization. The fish waste is used to grow mangroves and due to the selection of mateing the red fish cannot be released into the wild. Their goal is to have 50,000 mangroves in a nursery and they want to hold planting events. They are located just past the VFW on the opposite side of the road. You can contact pineredfish.com for more information.

FIBER: Thurs Oct 30th 1pm at 2202 2nd St they will present the Matlacha options for rebuilding to the HPB. These are 4 visual boards with 4 different options to help with flooding, hurricanes and high tides here in Matlacha. #2 is lifting up shops 3' and connecting them with a boardwalk, the buildings will be removable, ie: shipping containers, #3 is Buildings lifted 9'-11' with under building parking or vendors, a boardwalk, elevators and parking in the rear, #4 like #3 but building are at back of property. MCA is asking members what option they like and the reasoning behind their choice.
Misc: Bonnie to contact Kevin Ruane's office to get a meeting to discuss Matlacha.

Workshop: Nov 3rd the board will meet to discuss the FIBER ideas that will be presented to the HPB. This workshop is to organize, prioritize and highlight the major factors that MCA wants to present. Carol will meet with Jeff from UF/FIBER, Collaboratory, HPB and follow up with Lee County.
Holiday Tree Committee: George Williamson will be moving his bus from the property so we can set up a U-shaped design.
Halloween: posted on Facebook, prospect and yard signs.
Proposal: Mike H created a proposal to present to the HPB regarding what HPB should be doing to help Matlacha rebuild via grant money. MCA Board will be working on a plan on how to present the needs to the HPB and once completed will request to be added to the HPB meeting agenda.

Happening Events:

10/27- MCA Community meeting- food drive for PI Food Pantry drop off at Matlacha Post Office
10/31- Island Halloween trick or treat night
11/9- Sunday PI Stone Crab Fest at Winn Dixie. Stone Crabs, vendors, live music 1 day event
11/15- Hazardous waste materials & products disposal at Phillips Park-5675 Sesame Dr, Bokeelia
11/22- Matlacha & Tree decorating will start early. We need tree decorators & tree sponsors. TY to Jim Peters and Barb Miley for donation for Christmas Trees. Thank you to Kathy for donating a Santa, Corgi and Present blow ups.
11/24- MCA Community Meeting-food drive for PI food pantry, special Angel Award night
11/29- Sunset tree lighting & Santa Con, hot chocolate or ice tea, cookies and carolers.
12/7- Matlacha Christmas Village with local artists, vendors, food truck, raffles and prizes.
12/14- Matlacha Yacht Club lighted boat parade, this will not conflict with the PI parade.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tammey, 2nd by Steve adjourned at 7:39pm