

MBPA general membership meeting

July 6, 2014

631 Lakeshore Drive 9 a.m., Daley residence

1. Call to order by Brendan Riley (MBPA President)

2. Roll call of MBPA board members – Marijeanne Rende (Secretary).

Board of Directors in Attendance: Brendan Riley, Scott Smith, Piper Smith, Ryan Davis, Marijeanne Rende, Greta Atkinson, Ron Borsos

Board of Directors Absent: Shon Ledin, Steve Lathrop

2. General Introduction of Marla Bay residents in attendance

3. Review of secretary's minutes – Marijeanne Rende

- MBPA members were asked to review minutes prior to the general meeting
- Marijeanne reviewed highlights of 2013 General Meeting and asked if there were any questions or corrections – (none)
- Mike Riley made motion to approve minutes, Donna Hawksford second, All approved

4. Guest Speaker, Larry Werner, Douglas County Water Manager

- Larry provided history/background on Water Consolidation Plan
 - March, 2014, board of county commissioners selected scenario to consolidate water districts
 - Met with MBPA representatives, three iterations, no plan yet
 - Original plan had inequities, talked about focusing on Operations & Maintenance(O&M) but plan still inequitable because of differences between ZWUD, Skyland and Cave Rock water systems
 - Even without considering past/future debt, there are still inequities under proposed O&M plan – but there is time to look at other options
 - County general fund could subsidize ZWUD O&M rate as an option
 - Variation in rates
 - Benefits to consolidation, grants, federal funding, etc. as opposed to small independent systems
- Questions to Larry from MBPA audience:
 - What's the problem with different rates for different areas?
 - Answer: not a problem in Larry's opinion, still open for discussion.
 - (Mike Riley) Never received answer on other GID's (KGID, Round Hill) couldn't be included in consolidation?
 - Answer: County cannot include them because they are separate and operated independently of county government. Example, Minden, same issue; Had GID taken over water responsibility vs county, this conversation with ZWUD wouldn't be needed
 - (Dick Barnard) Enterprise funds include direct costs that vary by individual districts; also there are common administrative costs; is there an option to differentiate between distinct and common costs?
 - Answer: That is correct and this is an option; we can sit down and talk about it, agree with concept but works for commissioners; Commissioners have been dealing with this for years, still working through it.

- (Donna Hawksford) I never received answer about who was on the planning committee?
 - Answer: Never worked with that group. Understood that staff did most of the work; supported idea of consolidation; objective to make sure system is reliable and properly funded, properly operated;
- (Mike Riley) How is county funding for infrastructure?
 - Answer: Funding is good, but still some issues in regards to roads, but general activities funding is good.
- (Scott Smith) We should be credited for upgrading ZWUD water facilities in 1990s?
 - Answer: County recognizes problem with unfairness.
- (Cathy Westerbeck) Have you explored bonds to other districts to upgrade those systems?
 - Answer: yes, other systems need to be improved; costs of improvement will be borne by those individual districts but that's 5-6 years down the road.
- (Jack McQuirk) Please ask Karl Rushmeyer about Marla Bay 11 who didn't get shutoff valve?
 - Answer: That problem has been identified. It will take capital which doesn't exist today. That problem hasn't been forgotten.
- (Jim Zeleski) Why didn't consolidation plan develop based on simple business approach?
 - Answer: Decision to consolidate was reached a few years ago.
- (Maggie Tracey) Is the issue of future debt still under discussion for the August meeting?
 - Answer: County position that present and future debt will be borne by individual water districts.
- (Brendan Riley to audience) We are discussing with Fred Schmidt, utility attorney, to help represent us and in negotiations and discussions
- (Donna Hawksford to audience): Please attend meeting July 17 at Transportation building at Stateline, NV (time, TBD) – water consolidation not on the agenda; August is final adoption, July meeting opportunity for public comment.

5. Status Reports from other Board Members and Subcommittees

A. Status Report from Water Committee - Roy Pike

- Roy provided brief background of issue:
 - Number of folks attending consolidation discussions with county since January
 - Work group had no representation from Skyland, and one from ZWUD who didn't publicize ongoing discussions at County in regard to Water consolidation.
 - Three districts involved: Zephyr Cove Water Utility District(ZWUD), Skyland, then Caverock/Uppaway
 - Impact of proposal is neutral to Skyland residents
 - There is one intake at "Hidden Woods" for Skyland/Caverock/Uppaway with treatment plant for all
- Been talking with attorney Fred Schmidt who identified last week that there isn't a connection between ZWUD and the other systems
- ZWUD is essentially subsidizing \$30/month for each household in Caverock/Uppaway
- There is another meeting next week with Zephyr Cove; but representation on these discussions from Zephyr Heights/Zephyr Knolls has been a problem

- Question from Carol McQuirk: Aren't we all connected in regard to public utilities?
 - Answer (Roy): Through Sewer system yes, but sewer system is different than water system; our water systems are not connected.
- Water District Commissioners, no representation from Lake, all from Carson/Minden Valley;

B. Treasurer's report - Piper Smith

- Cash on hand, \$22,779 in general fund; buoy fund \$16,250 but holding \$8,750 in reserve in the even at a future date TRPA may start charging annual fees.
- No debt
- Total \$30,279 equity
- Profit/loss: breakout of general fund from buoy fund
 - General fund income, member dues currently \$7400 but anticipate about \$11,000 when all dues paid
 - Contingency expense is accommodated in budget
 - Buoys , collected \$9,600
- Mike Riley motion to approve, Phyllis Pike second; All approved

C. Status Report on GID activities - Jack McQuirk

- GID members (Roy Pike/Carol/Ann Barnard/Donna Hawksford) meet once/month
- GID is separate from MBPA; GID funding comes from State of Nevada
- Due to second consecutive light year of snow, approved use of GID money on streets(crack seal) and MBPA area cleanup
- Board can request GID to put in speed bumps
- Common Area(entrance island/sign) – updated flowers but the sprinkler system is old – meeting with sprinkler company to upgrade
- Piper Smith: We are a Protective Association, our membership is optional
- Question from audience: Why is MBPA involved in water issues?
 - Answer (Ryan Davis): we have broad responsibilities/authority; our authority is to protect/save-guard community to preserve easements, to take proper action to make properties save/desirable, etc.

D. Buoys Committee Status Report - Carol McQuirk.

- Carol is retiring from position
- One available buoy position for assignment
- Guest buoy, E6; if you have guests, use form for up to 2 weeks (has mooring line)
- Buoy committee collects/cleans buoy heads when buoy field dropped; at beginning of season – work to get everything back to the beach and into the buoy field
- There are at least 6 guest tenants in Bay; please remind all boaters that approach to beach/buoy is straight in, straight out, no wake when you're transiting field
- Haven't seen buoy field report yet from High Sierra Marine
- Have two folks willing to co-chair Buoy Manager/Secretary position and replace Carol on Buoy committee: volunteers, Pendletons, Linda Lisbakken, (Ryan Davis co-chair);
- Scott Smith announced that MBPA got our Nevada State Lands renewed for 10 years!(no increase in fees for 10 years)

E. MBPA Website Report and Roster Update - Scott Smith

- Make review and ensure that your names are spelled correctly; current phone numbers, email addresses

- Please make sure you add your information to Roster if you are new
- Email addresses are most important
- Neighborhood rules and Beach rules – will get current copy from Greta Atkinson
- Question from Roy Pike: Could you delete old items too?
 - Answer: We try to keep history; can adjust to archive older versions if desired
- Request from Maggie Tracey: please add link to website to “Dark Skies” website; suggestion on use of dark skies lighting fixtures

F. Swag Status Report - Scott Smith

- If you want MBPA items [shirts/burgees/hats/etc.], please contact Scott
- We can get hats, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts
- The swag order form is on the website, mail it to Scott with a check; order will be consolidated before end of summer
- Question from Roy Pike: What’s status of burgees?
 - Answer: just a few
- Piper Smith asked if there was anything else people would like to order? E.g. canvass bags, beach towels, throw blankets

G. Report on Post-Fireworks Beach Cleanup - Ron Borsos

- Did cleanup on July 5 in association with PineWild; very little debris found.
- Keep any fireworks debris you may find in the future separate so we can turn in to the Fire Department.

6. New Business

A. Report on Use of Security during July 4th Holiday – Brendan Riley

- About 1600 people turned away due to security on July 4th
- Little traffic on July 5th, sent security folks home earlier than planned
- Comment from Dennis Farnessi: security was very friendly, positive feedback
- Comment from Scott Smith: extraordinary amount of folks in the Tahoe Basin due to drought and that other lakes have little water
- All communities on East shore had security

B. Status for upcoming Marla Bay Days - Scott Smith

- Saturday, July 12; 9 am quick beach cleanup
- **5 pm** convene at 638 Freel (Smith residence) for ribs and chicken, music/dancing-
- Look to website for potluck assignments re: what to bring
- Need help with setup at 9 am
- **Action:** Scott will send reminder email about what to bring

C. Annual Board of Directors Membership Review/Election – Ryan Davis

- No board vacancies currently exist, although three board members intend to step down later this year.
- There are 9 members on board, elected by membership to 1 year terms
- Requires majority of association to elect board; Quorum required to elect, need 50 homeowners present to elect board
- Will ask membership to elect board as a slate

- Question from Jack McQuirk: Are there resignations?
 - Answer: Yes, there are members of board intending to leave later this year; vacancies are filled by Board for remainder of year, ratified at next general meeting; expect to have three vacancies on board during the year
- Motion by Mike Riley to accept existing slate of board members; second Pat Paulson-White; All approved

D. Other new business – Brendan Riley.

- Phyllis Pike: anyone who would like to serve on board, please let us know.
- Question from audience re: “No Dogs on the Beach” sign – can sign be moved closer to stairs?
 - Answer: yes
- Reminder that construction hours, 7 a to 7 p
- Question from audience: Any information/update on clams?
 - Answer: (Ryan Davis) CA passed revenue bill to direct funds to aquatic invasive effort; continuing program \$360,000 allotted for the year for inspections, etc.
- Phyllis Pike: new residents introductions, Weirs; Harringtons; Gary and Mary Handelin, Cathy Westerbeck

7. Special recognition And Closing comments - Brendan Riley

- Thanks to Greta Atkinson – award thanking for years of service
- Thanks to Roy Pike – taken lead on H2O committee President

8. Adjourn to next general membership meeting, Sunday, July 5, 2015

Motion Mike Riley to adjourn, second Phyllis Pike; All approved 10:58 am