

Manchester Community Advisory Committee

Minutes Tuesday February 7, 2023, 6:30 – 8:00

Manchester Library Meeting Room

Members in attendance: Carol Malmquist (Chair & Northern Neighborhoods), Ray Pardo (Friends of the Manchester Library), Susan Shaw (Port of Manchester), Janelle Overton (California neighborhoods)

Members absence: Kari Corey (At-large)

Excused absence: Carrilu Thompson (Manchester Community Association), Ana Langone (Business) Amber Brown (At-Large),

Guests: Joe Rutan, Christy DeGues from the county, James Brewer, Debra Knodel, Shawn Douty, Gentry Brierly, Sharon Holst, Ron Mora, Joyce Mora, Deylene Morgan, Bob Ballard, Rashmi Ballard

The meeting was called to order by Carol Malmquist at 6:30. Joe Rutan and Christy DeGues were introduced and spoke with a group of residents from the Dakota Street area regarding concerns for roads in and out of their area. Plans were discussed for the residents to present to the county their goals and priorities regarding the area. It was agreed that the group would contact the county once this was accomplished.

Jim Brewer, guest, asked about how speeders might be encouraged to slow down on Beach Drive's 25 MPH section. The county traffic reps said there are no easy answers as the restrictions and rules regulating stop signs is quite detailed and specific with speed not being criteria.

The minutes for the January meeting were passed with a change made. Ray motioned, Susan Seconded and minutes passed with one abstention.

There was a vote to pass the 2024 Work Plan with one change made. The change was under the heading—Work with county on land use issues & 2024 Comprehensive Plan. The category was 'encourage & monitor adherence to Manchester Comp Plan'. Rather than saying 'on hold' for progress, we changed to 'in progress' with a high priority rather than a medium priority.

The Open House for May 2, was discussed. We have already lined up several county and local groups to be present. More details will be discussed at our next meeting.

A letter was read from Brian Davis from the Fuel Depot regarding the route the trucks take. We are being assured that hence forward, all large trucks will use Colchester as their route, rather than Main Street. There was discussion about the recent truck dunk into the water off the Port pier and the implications that may need to be addressed by the Navy as to possible structural damage.

Two members have resigned their positions. The group is working to recruit members.

Ray Pardo and Janelle Overton's positions are up in March and both have said they would like to remain on another term.

Ray gave the FOML report about their recent board changes. The Friends are planning their plant sale the last two weeks in April with plants also being at library for sale on the honor system. The Salmon Bake is still on for Father's Day.

The cleanup of graffiti around the stormwater park and port was applauded, especially Bob Ballard's helping with it. And a hearty thanks to Manchester Water who also took on the cleaning.

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting is March 7.