



Manchester Citizens Advisory Council

**Minutes of November 5, 2019 MCAC Meeting
Manchester Library
6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Carol Malmquist at 6:30 pm

Members in attendance: Carol Malmquist, Carrilu Thompson, Robert Cairns, Scott Billingsley, Paul Nuchims, Rachelle Byrd, Frank Gilbert and Mark McKay

County representatives: Jennifer Haro, Angie Silva, Darren Gurnee, Carmen Smith, Sgt. Ken Dickinson and Jeff Shea

Guests Included: Christy Morgan, Ron & Joyce Mora, Susie Gorzyuski, Linda Linderman, Fred Depee, Gwen Warren, Wendy Stephens, Jennifer Lewis, Jenny Bloom, Ray Pardo (FOML & MCA), Christy & Wendell Finley, Jerry Clark, Frank Tweten, Diane Richmond, Jaan Carter, Carol Kowalski, Dan O'Shaughnessy, Michael Bean, Sandra Blain

Carmen Smith, Planner with the Department of Community Development (DCD), talked about a current project to update zoning use tables. Angie Silva, Assistant Director of answered questions from the audience and addressed concerns Manchester residents brought forward. Many residents expressed discontent and confusion with current zoning laws. DCD is working to clarify and update zoning laws so it is easier for the community to follow. On November 14, 2019 an open house is being held for more information about the zoning table project.

Sheriff's Office Sergeant Ken Dickinson and Jeff Shea from Public Works answered and addressed audience questions. Most audience members were concerned about traffic safety in Manchester and the lack of police presence. The residents of the Manchester area desire safe walking routes for the community, especially children. Audience members brought up the pedestrian problems on Beach Drive as well as California, Colchester and Alaska. Lots of discussion about traffic safety took place. Sgt. Dickinson and Jeff Shea said there isn't much that they can do at the moment with so little staff and funding, but if there are specific areas of concern, they can look into it.

Manchester Elementary principal, Rachelle Byrd, spoke about school parking issues and the upcoming playground improvement in the spring, as well as the upcoming school performance of "Jungle Book."



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Ray Pardo touched on the Salmon Bake which will be discussed further at the January meeting. They are looking for volunteers for key positions for next year.

Carol Malmquist moved the discussion to the MCAC 2020 work plan that will focus largely on walkway and land usage. More discussion will occur at the January meeting.

Paul Nuchims moved to pass October minutes and Bob Cairns seconded. The vote passed unanimously. From there, members shared updates since October's meeting.

Paul Nuchims is planning to meet with Commissioner Garrido about houses affected by stormwater.

Carrilu Thompson shared the successes of Oktoberfest and the increase donations for wreaths for veteran graves.

The Manchester Library Trunk or Treat was a huge success, 193 kids attended.

Scott Billingsley and Mark McKay walked the trail discussed in previous meetings and have hopes to finish the trail by summer of 2020. Unfortunately they were unable to get the permit that they sought after the October meeting, but they plan on reaching out to other organizations like Kiwanis to partner on the permit, as a nonprofit needs to apply for the it.

Extra Information:

Seasonal events are approaching such as the wine tasting December 9, 2019, tree lighting December 1, and Kiwanis weekly meetings at the Manchester Library.

The next MCAC meeting will be January 7, 2019 at 6:30 in the Manchester Library.

Carrilu Thompson motioned to end the meeting at 8:07 p.m. and Scott Billingsley seconded the motion.

Carol Malmquist