

8/7/2025 Marine Multigenerational Education District Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Bob Benishek - Neighborhood
Robin Brooksbank - Marine Mills Folk School
Tim Casey - Planning Commission
Kitsi Vadheim - At Large
Lisa White - Planning Commission

Not Present:

Bill Miller - City Council
Julie McGarvie - Marine Mill Folk School
Cari McGlynn - Marine Village School
Dan Willenbring - City Council

The committee has an opening for an at-large member. The city has posted the open seat on the website. Citizens are encouraged to submit a letter of interest.

An earlier proposal to hold a public hearing on October 4 was reevaluated. The committee would like a few more weeks to work on the presentation to community stakeholders. Robin reported that Saturday availability of the Town Hall is limited to afternoon/evening use due to prior reservations. A proposed public hearing on Saturday, October 25 from 1-3PM (set up noon-1PM, clean up 3-4PM) will be discussed with city staff.

Robin connected with city staff regarding the possibility for the public (not related to MMFS or MVS) to rent the outdoor space at the school site. City staff believe that this situation would likely not be approved, largely due to existing leases between the city and MMFS and MVS.

City Resident Survey

The committee focused the discussion on fine-tuning the survey to be sent to city residents. It was agreed that the survey should be provided in a digital format with a link in the city newsletter. City staff will be contacted to determine if there are other methods to provide a link to residents.

The survey introduction was discussed. An intro will be written and reviewed by the committee in the next few weeks, so that the survey can be live in advance of the city's fall newsletter publication. Finalized survey questions are as follows:

1. What activities currently take place at the school property?

Select all that apply:

- Elementary school (Marine Village School)
 - Arts and crafts classes (Marine Mills Folk School)
 - Community events and activities
 - Public green space
 - Public playground
 - Sports and recreation (e.g., ball games, tennis, pickleball, skating, frisbee)
 - I'm not sure
 - Other (please specify): _____
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2. Would you support additional or expanded indoor or outdoor uses at the site, if they complement current activities?

Select one:

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

No matter what your response, we invite you to share your ideas at the public hearing on October 25, 1–3 PM at Marine Town Hall!

3. Are there any concerns related to current uses of the site?

Select all that apply:

- Traffic
 - Noise
 - Parking
 - Lighting
 - Dogs
 - No concerns
 - Other (please specify): _____
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4. What should the City consider if new uses are proposed for the site?

Select all that apply:

- Traffic impacts
- Noise levels

- Parking needs
 - Zoning or land use changes
 - Tax implications
 - Other (please specify): _____
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5. Currently, there are no plans to use public tax dollars for improvements at the site. Should the City consider this in the future?

Examples might include parking upgrades, playground changes, storage, or building improvements.

Select one:

- Yes
 - No
 - It depends on the specific improvement
 - I'm not sure
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6. What new or different outdoor uses should be considered for the site?

Open response:

7. How important is it to you that the City retains ownership of the site?

Select one:

- Very important
 - Somewhat important
 - Not important
 - I'm not sure
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Public Hearing

The committee plans to hold a public hearing on October 25, 2025 from 1-3PM at the Marine Town Hall to communicate with and gather information from all stakeholders to better

understand their interests and expectations regarding the site. To that end, the committee plans to:

Create a slideshow, posters, and interactive displays that might include:

- Introduction
- History of the school property
- Basis for the formation of the MMEDAC Committee/Charge
- City Zoning Uses Defined
- Tax Parcel/Site Map
- Infrastructure Map
- Current Use of the School Property
- Input from local subject matter experts (public works, fire/rescue, city engineer, etc.)
- Comprehensive Plan/Survey Results
- Committee Ideas for Future Use
- Community Ideas for Future Use
- Community Concerns about Current and Future Use
- Next steps

The committee will utilize visual assets and information from presentations provided to citizens before the purchase of the school property in 2019. Numbered stations will guide stakeholders through background information before asking for their ideas and concerns via sticky notes.

The next meeting will focus on laying out the flow of the public hearing, organizing existing presentation materials, and identifying any additional materials or information that should be included.

Next Steps

- Robin - ask Suzanne about holding public hearing on October 25, 2025 from 1-3.
- Robin - draft survey introduction for committee review.
- Lisa - coordinate with city staff on the best methods to deliver the survey to stakeholders.
- Bill - provide Lisa with presentation assets.
- Lisa - upload all relevant information and assets to Google Drive.
- *Open opportunity* - begin to organize information and assets for use at the public hearing.

Next Meetings: **Tuesday, September 9, 2025 - 5:00PM - Marine Town Hall**
TENTATIVE: Thursday, October 2, 2025 - 6:00PM - Marine Town Hall

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