

Dear Marine on Saint Croix Mayor and City Council,

The Marine Multi-Generational Education District Advisory Committee has been meeting since January 2024 in an effort to fulfill the charge as directed by the city council at the November 9, 2023 meeting.

To date, the committee has accomplished the following points in the charge:

1. The committee has had some changes in membership since January 2024. At present, the committee exists of:

- 2 members of the Council (Bill Miller, Dan Willenbring)
- 2 members of the Planning Commission (Tim Casey, Lisa White)
- 1 Citizen at Large (Kitsi Vadheim)
- 1 MVS representative (Dawna Gregory)
- 2 MMFS representatives (Robin Brooksbank, Julie McGarvie)
- 1 Neighborhood representative (Bob Benishek)

2. The Committee's primary focus has always been on the Marine Education Site at 550 Pine Street, Marine, consisting of approximately 8 acres.

3. The Committee has provided the following outcomes:

a. Understand the interests and expectations of citizens regarding the site

This was accomplished via a citizen survey and informational open house. *Findings and report attached.*

b. Communicate and gather information from all stakeholders

This outcome was completed via input from committee membership, citizen survey, and informational open house.

c. Communicate with other local educational organizations (for example, arts education and environmental education organizations) to avoid duplication of potential uses and identify potential future collaborative partnership

Knowing the Council recognizes it is not the role of the Council or any Council-initiated committee to ensure the economic feasibility of any business or organization, the Committee is suggesting the Site Management Plan include wording to address this outcome. The wording could suggest any entity proposing site improvements or changes, or any new proposed uses, provide an analysis of any costs associated with these changes and funding sources to cover these costs as well as funding sources for the entire project, along with identification of the public good resulting from these proposed changes (especially if a new use or code change is being proposed). The Council would then include an analysis of this information, as part of their decision-making process.

d. Confirm the current zoning and infrastructure limitations for the property

The committee has reviewed current zoning and infrastructure limitations and looks forward to working with the city planner to confirm its findings and incorporate this

information into a master site plan. *Current infrastructure maps are attached (provided by Bolton & Menk).*

- e. Create a master site plan which will include but not be limited to the following:**
- i. Site plan**
 - ii. Infrastructure analysis**
 - iii. Funding considerations**
 - iv. Use parameters**
 - v. Recommended factors to be used when evaluating proposed new uses of the property**

At this time, the committee is requesting the assistance of the city planner to complete this final outcome and create a master site plan for the Marine School Site.

The committee would like to submit the following to the city planner:

- MMEDAC Charge
- Education District site/plat plan
- Results of the survey and open house
- Recommendations listed above

After submission, the committee requests an initial response from the city planner within a month (December 2025), notifying the committee if there are any other documents or information that they need. The committee also requests an approximate timeline for a completed master site plan that would be available for presentation to the committee and city council and a confirmation of cost.

We look forward to continuing our work to complete a master site plan for the consideration of the city council.

The Marine Multi-Generational Education District Advisory Committee