



***Water Island Civic Association, Inc.***

One Water Island  
St Thomas, VI 00802-7800

**Notice of 2019 Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Water Island Civic Association will be held **Saturday, February 9, 2019** at the Fire Hall, above the Flamingo Bay Marina. Registration will begin at 8:30 am, and the Meeting will commence at 9:00 am.

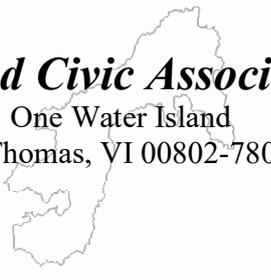
Please find the following attached:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Summary of 2018 Treasurer's Report
3. Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting
4. Proposed Slate of 2019 Officers and Members-at-Large / Voting Proxy Form and Ballot
5. Projected 2019 Budget

It is very important that any member who is unable to attend submit a proxy, which designates an individual who will represent them at the meeting. A quorum of voting members must be obtained in order to hold the meeting. Please refer to the attached Proxy form.

Please contact any EC member if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Julie Northup,  
Secretary



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**Agenda - 2019 Annual Meeting - February 9, 2019**

Call to Order

Opening Remarks - President David Roselle

2018 Annual Meeting Minutes – Julie Northup, Secretary

Treasurer’s Report – Mercy Blosser, Treasurer

Auditor’s Report

Committee Reports:

1. Abandoned Vehicles - David Roselle
2. Auction - Mercy Blosser
3. Beach – Millie Lovett
4. Beautification – Teri Pearsall
5. Government Liaison - Joanne Bohr & Mary Dunakey
6. Membership - Bob Blosser
7. Outreach - Mercy Blosser
8. Roads & Docks – David Roselle
9. Roadside Maintenance – David Roselle
10. Security – Joe Mancino
11. Website- Jim Wilkinson

Old Business

Announcement of Voting Procedures/Introduction of Tellers

Report from Nominating Committee: Proposed 2019 Slate of Officers

Election of 2019 Officers and Members-at-Large

Introduction of New President

Remarks by New President

New Business

Presentation of 2019 Budget/Dues, and Vote

2019 Nominating Committee

2019 Committee Chairs

Announcements

Adjourn



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Treasurer's Report - Year Ending as of 12/31/2018

**Banco Popular**

**Opening balance as of 01/01/2018** **\$8,330.02**

Income: (+)

Auction	970.00	
Adjustment check	100.00	
Donations from members	770.00	
Greenlee's memorial	726.00	
Membership	13,950.00	
Miscellaneous	170.00	
Removal of Vehicles	750.00	
Reimbursement for mailing	6.70	
Transfer from Vanguard	15,000.00	\$32,441.70

Expenses: (-)

Administration	1,906.99	
Beach	1,800.00	
Community Outreach	1,000.00	
Insurance	4,105.99	
Reimbursement	6.70	
Roads and Dock	1,272.99	
Roadsides	13,516.00	
Waste Management	1,910.00	<\$25,518.67>

**Ending Balance as of 12/31/2018** **\$15,253.05**

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**Vanguard Prime Money Market Auction Account**

**Opening balance as of 01/01/2018** **\$73,439.25**

Income: (+)

Dividends (January through December)	1,183.13	
Transfer from General Account	4,977.22	
Transfer Dividends from General Acct.	2.65	6,163.00

Transfer to Banco Popular Acct. **<\$15,000.00>**

**Ending Balance as of 12/31/2018** **\$64,602.25**

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**Total All Accounts**

Banco Popular	\$15,253.05
Vanguard Auction	64,602.25

**Total Checking/Saving** **\$79,855.30**

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**Auction Summary as of 12/31/2018**

Income: (+) \$970.00

**Net Income \$970.00**

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Respectfully submitted,

Mercedes Blosser  
Treasurer

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## **Proposed Slate for 2019 Executive Committee**

President .....Joanne Bohr  
Vice-President .....Mary Dunakey  
Secretary .....Julie Northup  
Treasurer .....Mercy Blosser  
Member at Large .....Millie Lovett (serving 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 year term)  
Member at Large .....Amy Dempsey (serving 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 year term)  
Member at Large .....Beth McConnell (1 year term)  
Member at Large .....Rachael Ackley (1<sup>st</sup> of 2 year term)  
Member at Large .....Barry Wherren (1<sup>st</sup> of 2 year term)

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## **Proxy and Ballot**

As a Member in Good Standing of the Water Island Civic Association, I hereby appoint

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with the power of substitution by proxy, to attend and vote on my behalf at the Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, February 9, 2019.

Member signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to cast a vote for a specific candidate(s), please circle the appropriate name(s) above and your proxy representative will cast that vote on your behalf.

**Please note:** Nominations can be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting. If a specific choice is indicated on this ballot, your proxy representative may not vote for any individual nominated from the floor for that position.

Please indicate below any additional instructions for your proxy representative:

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***Your vote is very important!***  
***Please return this completed form as soon as possible, or go to the Member's Section of [www.WaterIslandWICA.com](http://www.WaterIslandWICA.com) and fill-in & submit this Proxy on-line.***

## *Water Island Civic Association, Inc.*

### PROJECTED BUDGET FOR 2019

WICA fund sources:   Banco Popular - Checking Account  
                               Vanguard Investment - Auction/Capital Improvement Account

Projected 2019 revenue: \$15,000.00 (100 WICA membership dues @ \$150.00)  
                               \$7,000.00 (Auction proceeds) <sup>9</sup>  
                               **\$22,000.00 Projected Total**

Line Item	2018 Budget	% of Budget	Actual Expenses 01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018	2019 Budget (Projected)
Administration <sup>1</sup>	2,000.00	95%	1,906.99	2,000.00
Auction <sup>9</sup>	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00
Beach <sup>2</sup>	2,000.00	90%	1,800.00	5,000.00
Beautification <sup>3</sup>	1,000.00	0%	0.00	1,000.00
Community Outreach <sup>4</sup>	1,000.00	100%	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance	4,500.00	91%	4,105.99	4,500.00
Public Safety <sup>5</sup>	1,500.00	0%	0.00	1,500.00
Removal of Vehicles/Boats	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00
Roads/Docks <sup>6</sup>	10,000.00	13%	1,272.99	10,000.00
Roadsides <sup>7</sup>	18,000.00	75%	13,516.00	12,000.00
Waste Management <sup>8</sup>	1,400.00	136%	1,910.00	1,400.00
WISAR Donation	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00
	<b>\$ 41,400.00</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>\$25,511.97</b>	<b>\$ 38,400.00 <sup>10</sup></b>

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- 1** Administration expenses include Membership Mailings; Website, Office Supplies, 2017 & 2018 Breakfast for Annual Meeting, Tote Bags for members.
  - 2** Beach expenses for daily cleaning of the bathrooms.
  - 3** No Beautification expenses for 2018.
  - 4** Community Outreach donation to Lucky Paws Foundation.
  - 5** No Public Safety expenses for 2018.
  - 6** Roads/Docks include cost of filling pot holes and grading Deep Water Dock Road.
  - 7** Roadside expenses include roadside cutting as necessary.
  - 8** Waste Management includes weekly removal of trash from mail depot and cleaning dumpsite on Water Island.
  - 9** All Auction related Revenue/Expenses are applied to the Vanguard Investment – Auction/Capital Improvement Account
  - 10** Proposed dues to remain at \$150.00 per family membership. The Bylaws provide for: “In exceptional circumstances, the Executive Committee may authorize the expenditure of funds over and above the aggregate amount of budgeted items”, by resolution this amount for 2019 is not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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**2018 Annual Meeting Minutes**

On Saturday, February 17, 2018, the Annual Meeting of the Water Island Civic Association was held at the Water Island Fire House. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Joanne Bohr confirmed that a quorum was represented, with a majority of voters represented by attending members and proxies received. All 2017/18 presiding Officers and At-Large members were present, with the exception of Renate Hauser, 2017 Treasurer and Mary Dunakey, Member at Large.

Fred Northup offered an invocation, including a remembrance of Water Island residents, visitors, and family who had died during 2017.

David Roselle, President, opened the meeting with a welcome to attendees and a reflection on the past year. David gave a recap of the Hurricane Irma and Maria experiences and acknowledged the tremendous efforts expended by members of the community. He expressed particular recognition of the members of WISAR, led by Rachael Ackley. David also recounted the 2017 WICA accomplishments:

- WICA purchased and installed of new ferry dock lighting, making the area much safer.
- Under Linda Gidley's leadership, WICA made a \$1000 donation to Lucky Paws foundation, resulting in the spaying/neutering of 47 cats.
- 43 abandoned vehicles were removed from Water Island. We were successful in collecting \$3,250 to defray the cost of \$6,400.
- With the support of DPW and Stuart Butler and his tractor, we were able to obtain and spread 10 loads of reclaimed asphalt and pave the deep water dock road. We hope to be able to repeat the effort this year.
- WICA kept roadsides neatly cut in spite of no governmental road crew support.
- WICA made a \$10,000 donation to WISAR, which capably spearheaded post-hurricane recovery and has assumed responsibility for disaster preparedness.

2017 Annual Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 28, 2017 were presented. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written.

2017 Year-End Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Renate Hauser, Mercy Blosser presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the report as submitted. The 2017 Treasurer's Report is available on the WICA website.

Audit: Mercy Blosser, Julie Northup and Diane Zimmermann conducted audit confirming that the 2017 financial records as presented were accurate and in accordance with standard accounting practices. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the audit as presented.

## **Committee Reports**

**Abandoned Vehicles:** David Roselle, chair, reported the removal of 43 vehicles in 2017, at a net cost to WICA of \$3,150.

**Auction:** Mercy Blosser, speaking for chair Marion Wilkinson, thanked contributors, volunteers, and bidders for making the 2017 auction a success. The net income was \$14,994.71. Due to the current post-hurricane situation, no formal auction will be held this year, which will have a substantial impact upon WICA income (but see New Business).

**Beach:** Millie Lovett reported that Royal Caribbean donated 50 beach umbrellas post-hurricanes to replace the palapas which were destroyed. Volunteer groups participated in the beach clean-up on an on-going basis. Some concern was expressed with the conditions of the beach bathroom pipes and with the ongoing problem of leashed and unleashed dogs on the beach.

**Beautification:** Teri Pearsall reported that she had done research and formulated a plan for plantings at ferry dock, but the project was put on hold due to storms.

**Government Liaison:** Joanne Bohr reported that she, Linda Gidley, and Mary Dunnakey were in communication as to the repair and restructure of the swim buoys, but that project appears to have been placed on the back burner. Jim Zimmermann, Amy Dempsey, and others indicated that several discussions have been had with both J. P. Oriol, Director of DPNR and Assistant Commissioner White of SP&R, regarding buoy placement. There is ongoing confusion about the status of the permits, with both parties denying receipt of the permit applications despite multiple submissions, and other apparent inter-departmental issues. As far as the hotel plans, Beth McConnell relayed that the developer representative told her that the developers are waiting to see what happens with desired amendments to the TIF and the Hotel Development Tax before proceeding further. Both proposed amended statutes have passed and been vetoed by the governor, but an override is possible.

**Membership:** Bob Blosser reported that as of the date of the annual meeting, there were a total of 96 paid memberships for 2017, including 7 new members and 3 returning members. Of the 2017 members, eleven did not renew their WICA membership; of that number, two are deceased and a third moved away. Fred Northup suggested that WICA members be identified as such in the Water Island Directory, and a motion to place an asterisk by members in future directories was made, seconded, and passed. Several ideas for increasing membership were brought forth, including publicizing how to join on the WICA webpage and social media and acquiring the ability to pay dues or make contributions online (see New Business below).

**Outreach:** Linda Gidley coordinated WICA's donation that enabled neutering 47 cats, at a significant cost savings per procedure.

**Roads and Docks:** David Roselle reported that Stuart Butler, Cliff Moore and Murph Murphy had brought equipment to the deep water dock recently in an effort to improve the condition of the road and hopes that WICA can again acquire reclaimed asphalt to patch the road. Millie Lovett inquired about the procedure for repairing the dinghy dock at the ferry. DPW and FEMA

were mentioned as possible sources of funding for road/dock projects. Jane Wherren has sent a list of projects to a FEMA representative.

Roadside Maintenance: David Roselle reported that, as approved at the last annual meeting, WICA had hired Patrick Williams to perform debris removal and roadside trimming. WICA will continue to seek DPW roadside crew services and otherwise minimize expenses in this category.

Security: No report. [Joe Mancino not present].

Website: David Roselle reported that Jim Wilkinson has agreed to maintain the website even though he no longer lives on Water Island. The website report, submitted separately, indicated that in 2017 the website had 8,265 visits, 4,359 visitors, and 21,869 page views. The “News” section of the website is used to update happenings affecting residents and visitors, and the “Members” section posts WICA meeting minutes and more sensitive membership information. Jim Wilkinson has received comments from part-time residents often expressing appreciation for being able to stay in touch with Water Island happenings and encouraged ideas for improving the website.

### **Old Business:**

Water Island Search and Rescue (WISAR): Jim Zimmerman recognized the tremendous effort expended by WISAR, under the leadership of Rachael Ackley, during the hurricanes and expressed the gratitude of the entire community. He also stated that donations had poured in and especially noted the \$10,000 donation to WISAR from WICA and the \$5,000 donation from the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas. Persons interested in becoming WISAR members need to attend WISAR meetings and training. The next meeting is February 24, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. Rachael Ackley has written a summary of WISAR’s hurricane response that is available on the WISAR section of the WICA website.

### **Election of 2018 Officers**

Beth McConnell presented the Nominating Committee’s slate of officers, and no nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept all proposed officers, as follows:

President: David Roselle

Vice-President: Elizabeth (Beth) McConnell

Secretary: Jule (Julie) Northup

Treasurer: Mercedes (Mercy) Blosser

Members at large: Norman (Chuck) Gidley (2nd year of 2-year term); Rachael Ackley (2nd year of 2-year term); Glen Petit (1 year term); Amy Dempsey (1st year of 2-year term); Millie Lovett (1st year of 2-year term)

Departing Executive Committee member Joanne Bohr expressed WICA’s appreciation for the dedication of Mercy Blosser, who served for Treasurer for 9 years and has again agreed to serve in that capacity, and David Roselle, for his perseverance and accomplishments before, during, and after the storms.

## **New Business**

David Roselle noted that in the coming year he hopes for continuing improvement despite decreased revenue and encouraged individual contributions toward making that happen, such as keeping each resident's own roadside cut.

The Nominating Committee for 2017 will be Beth McConnell, Pam Mange, and Leigh Fletcher.

Committee Chairs: David Roselle requested that all 2017 committee chairs continue in their roles for 2018. No objections were expressed.

The following items related to potentially increasing revenues:

- (1) Sue Bubb and Mercy Blosser volunteered to coordinate an informal tag sale in lieu of a formal auction, with possible involvement of a St. Thomas auctioneer and potentially minimal WICA funding for refreshments.
- (2) Sue Bubb proposed the possibility of memorials or donations for funding palm trees on the beach given the current age and appearance of the trees, with WICA promotion of the concept. She agreed to get bids and make a proposal to the Executive Committee.
- (3) Ann Page volunteered to investigate and present a proposal for a house and garden sale to benefit WICA.
- (4) Katie Eyre volunteered to explore with other property managers the possibility of having owners donate the rental income from a certain week to WICA, and present a proposal to the Executive Committee.

Jitka Munzar raised the issue of reparations to the Crum Bay dock and restoration of the former sign indicating that the dock is intended for Water Island residents, a project Rachael Ackley volunteered to support. Island Administrator Potter has been contacted for assistance but as yet there has been no response. Contacting Collette Monroe regarding any permitting or other requirements may help.

Millie Lovett brought up the possibility of addressing increasing problems with vandalism and theft at the ferry dock by installing a security camera. She will investigate and present a proposal to the Executive Committee.

Terry Learmont proposed providing an easier way to pay dues or donate to WICA. WISAR has a "donate" button on its section of the WICA website. Rachael Ackley volunteered to contact Jim Wilkinson, webmaster, regarding placing "join" or "donate" options for WICA.

Steve Rampino reported that he has met with police department representatives regarding the cost of having a police officer on island from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on a daily basis, preferably the same individual so that a relationship can be established.

A discussion initiated by Jitka Munzar demonstrated the possible need for WICA to communicate the ongoing efforts by its leadership and members to seek governmental assistance and

recognition of island concerns. Joanne Bohr pointed out that governmental contributions in the past have been significant, including the purchase of WISAR's boat and fire truck, and noted that other parts of the territory also have pressing problems.

### **2018 Budget**

Chuck Gidley led a lively discussion on the proposed 2018 budget given the substantial shortfall due to the hurricane damage, no auction, and governmental priorities that have resulted in WICA assuming financial responsibility for items formerly paid for by the government and the necessity for reaching further into our "rainy day" reserves. The following modifications were made to the initial proposed budget, which is available on the WICA website:

- Decreased Beach by \$3,000 to \$2,000
- Increased Public Safety by \$500 to \$1,500, to incorporate the donation for cat neutering, which was removed from the Outreach category
- Reduced the WISAR donation by \$5,000 to \$0 (with WISAR approval given its current financial situation)

There being no further business, upon motion the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jule S. (Julie) Northup  
Secretary