

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 1, 2008**

Officers Present

**President – Joe Sabatino
Secretary – Sheri Del Sasso**

Officers Absent

**Vice President – John Kruth
Treasurer – Donna Aveck**

Directors Present

**Immediate Past President – Chick Petrosino
Community Standards – Bob Semer
Legal Liaison – Terry Miller
Planning – Howard Elkin
Community Security – Charlie Council
Special Projects – Stacy Scarrow
Membership – Bob Fitzsimmons**

Absent

Social Committee Chairperson – Kathy Kruth

The BSIA July 1, 2008 Board meeting was called to order by President Joe Sabatino at 9:10 am. The minutes of June 6, 2008 Board meeting and June 11, 2008 General Membership meeting were approved and accepted. The minutes will be posted on the BSI Association website.

Reports of officers and directors have been reviewed, accepted and placed on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deed Restrictions

Terry Miller will write Ed Wotitsky regarding our Deed Restrictions that were renewed in 2001 and 2004 to find out the exact expiration of the renewal. Terry will ask Ed also how long in advance will the next renewal need to be done.

Foreclosures/Empty Abandoned Home Policy

Terry Miller, Bob Semer, and John Kruth worked on the writing of a policy to be implemented to cover foreclosures/empty abandoned homes. The policy was discussed at the Board meeting and it will be fine tuned and it will be sent to Ed Wotitsky with pictures of various properties for examples. Ed will look over the pictures and the policy and then the Board will determine how to implement the policy.

Habitat for Humanity Dedication Building Day

John Kruth is handling this project and is out of town. John will try to schedule a date for October.

Real Estate Open House Signs

Chick Petrosino and Howard Elkin attended a meeting with Terri Tubbs, Dennis Murphy and David Hilston wherein they discussed the "Open House Sign" issue. Chick Petrosino said that it was our intent to have a notation made that would serve to place notice that within a Special Residential Overlay district (SRO) a notation be made to alert any inquirer that this is covered by Deed Restrictions and therefore must obtain a permit from the Association before placing any Open House signs in the community. Chick and Howard knew that this was not possible due to State Law that prohibits a city from directly enforcing any Deed Restrictions. However they suggested that any new ordinance contain language to alert realtors and home owners that Deed Restrictions do apply in these SRO areas. Terri Tubbs was to bring this matter to the city Attorney's attention for his comment and ruling. Chick said as of today he has not heard of any outcome. He will follow up with the City Attorney.

Utility Rate Increase

Joe Sabatino stated that on the rate increase, we are still looking at a revenue shortfall of \$1.1M, plus a reduction of operating reserves of over \$2M. Joe also informed the Board that we will be in deficit by 2010 which will result in a default of the city's bond obligation, unless they can increase revenues, IE, rate increase. The Utility AB spent the bulk of there monthly meeting identifying capital projects which can be deferred so that could help close the shortfall.

Police Chief Recommendation

Joe sent out a letter to the City strongly supporting Acting Chief Arenal be appointed permanently to the position of Police Chief. A copy of the letter will be on file.

Tripoli Sidewalks

Joe reminded the Board that all sidewalks and sod are now installed. Joe did note there were a few issues to be resolved. Joe sent the city a letter which list 3 outstanding issues. They are: 1. dead grass on vacant lots must be replaced; 2. Joe requested that curbing that was removed from all intersections (except Monaco/Tripoli) be replaced; and 3. there are a number of low spots in the sidewalks which have standing water after heavy rains. Joe

will be out of town so Howard Elkin has volunteered to follow up with the city on these three outstanding issues.

Community Outreach Program (EDR Forms)

As of June 29th, 512 surveys had been completed and returned to the Association. Charlie will get back to the Board with a date in August for the next Community Outreach meeting. Possible dates that could work 8/5, 7, or 14 at the Villa's club house. The committee has decided to visit the homes that were vacant. Information will be put onto a disk and copies given to Acting Police Chief Arenal and Fire Chief Hancock. Then periodically it will be updated and forwarded onto the police and fire department.

New Street Light

City has requested that FPL install new light at Monaco and Macedonia which should take place early in July.

Public Works

There were some maintenance issues that were brought up ie, 1. Washingtonian palms on Tripoli and Monaco need trimming. 2. the second street on left side of Tripoli and Monaco the street light is out. 3. The entrance way sign, the light is out on it. Stacy will contact the city to take care of repairs and maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Website – Site Structure & Information

W. Rigg, D. Vaivoda, J. Kruth, H. Elkin was available for a meeting which S. Del Sasso could not attend. The consensus at the meeting was the web structure was old and needed to be updated. At the Board meeting Howard gave a list to every one to review and take sections to update.

Garbage Collection – 1 or 2 Days per Week

Bob Fitzsimmons sent out by email a survey regarding collection of garbage once or twice a week. There were 136 responses. Joe will send a letter to the City recommending

2 days a week, while further evaluating outsourcing and keeping in mind energy conservation and potential cost savings.

Social Committee – Possible Subsidy

President Joe Sabatino gave a one time only subsidy of \$50.00 for the Trolley Tour. The Board had a discussion on the language when send out flyers for social events. There should be a notation on the flyer “price change subject to number of members signing up. The Board reviewed this matter and Motion was made by Terry Miller, **MOTION: The Board adopts a policy not to subsidize social activities. Second by Stacy Scarrow, Motion was passed unanimously.**

SCCC – Candidates Update – A. Cummings & A. Miller

Adam Cummings discussed the up and coming 1 cent sales tax extension and all the benefits we have already received as well as the future benefits if it passes in August.

Alleen Miller talked about the high rating the Charlotte Schools have achieved compared to other schools in other counties, as well as having higher test scores from student population. She also talked about some of the ramifications of the upcoming budget and impact on reduced student aid..

Charlie Council – Update on Assault of Police Officer

At this time the assailant is still at large. The City and Crime Stoppers both are offering rewards for the arrest of the male assailant.

Schedule Meeting – August

The persons that will be away for August meeting will be Sheri, Terry, Kathy, John, and Chick. Joe and Sheri will find a person to take the minutes for the August 1 Board meeting.

Volunteer Board Member to Pick up Mail in Donna’s Absent – Month of July

Bob Fitzsimmons will check the Board mail box for the month and Sheri Del Sasso will handle the check book.

Donna Aveck, our treasurer sent out a thank you letter to Les Totten for auditing the Burnt Store Isles Association books and for filing our 2007 tax return, form 990-N

The next BSIA Board meeting will be on Friday August 1, 2008 at 9:00 am at Region Bank. The Board meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:26 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Del Sasso
Secretary