

BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 10, 2009

Officers Present

President – Joe Sabatino
Secretary – Theresa Murtha

Directors Present

Planning – Howard Elkin
Community Security – Charlie Council
Membership - Genny Ramachandran
Immediate Past President – Frank
“Chick” Petrosino
Legal Liaison – Terry Miller

Officers Absent

Vice-President – John Kruth
Treasurer – Ben Crosby

Directors Absent

Social Committee – Kathy Kruth
Special Projects – Anne Teichmiller
Community Standards – Phil Zeitz

The BSIA September 10, 2009 Board meeting was called to order by President Joe Sabatino at 9:03 am.

The minutes of the August 7, 2009 Board meeting were approved and accepted. *The minutes will be posted on the BSI Association website.*

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Reports were reviewed and placed on file.

Howard added to his report that he has proposed a school bus stop change from Monaco and Tripoli to Tripoli and Albacete for safety. This issue will be added to next month’s new business.

Cynthia Council (standing in for Kathy Kruth) reported that about 35 people had signed up for the Visani event. Joe suggested doing another Visani event during season. Cynthia also noted the two social events in October, The Edison Concert on the 17th and the Elks Picnic on the 25th. The Picnic will be from 2-5, feature steak or ribs, and be priced at \$18.50.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Community Outreach Update

Joe reported that no new households had been added this month, and that the count of households registered for the program remains at 743.

FPL Power Outages

There were several outages this past month. Joe had sent a note off to Charlotte Miller, and received a response that they were due to lighting strikes affecting the BSI feeder. Ms. Miller also reported that BSI tree trimming is now complete (with the exception of some removals, that need property owner approval). Additional trimming on the feeder in areas outside of BSI will take place through the 1st quarter of 2010. Given importance, item will be carried forward for future agendas.

San Rocco Drainage Update

Howard reported that it is expected that work will start in November. Project awaits SWFMUD approval. He will send out an email report when the City is ready to start.

Use of Villas Clubhouse for BSIA

Genny wrote a nice article for the newsletter asking for volunteers to help with the proposed information center in the Villas Clubhouse. Without volunteers, this cannot go forward, Joe noted.

Liability Insurance Update

It was agreed after Charlie's report that no change in liability insurance was necessary. Joe noted that this should be reviewed every two years.

Nominating Committee for Board of Directors

Sherry Frame has joined the nominating committee with Bob Semer and Bob Fitzsimmons as other members.

Joe requested that Genny generate a list of members who have joined the association in the last eight months.

Charlie Council has agreed to stand for open President position, Theresa Murtha for Vice-President position. Ben Crosby is eligible to stand for Treasurer again. There are five other vacancies for which candidates are needed: Secretary (Officer), Legal Director, Planning Director, Community Standards and Social Director (expected to be candidate from social committee members).

Joe noted that volunteers for the advertising committee were also needed. He also requested that Board Members get their next newsletter article to Stacey by October 15 so that newsletter could be mailed in time for November meeting.

Abandoned/Foreclosed Properties

There has been a complaint from a BSIA member regarding properties on Monaco. Joe noted that the City has changed protocols and is now becoming more aggressive regarding unkempt properties. In addition, code compliance has recently been transferred to Terri Tubbs, who is pursuing these issues very rigorously. Any matters with respect to foreclosed properties not being maintained should be referred to Phil.

August Newsletter

Joe noted that August newsletter had been mailed and thanked members for contributions.

New Business

Florida Friendly Landscaping

Terry researched and reported on the new statue covering Florida-friendly landscaping (FFL). With respect to homeowners' associations, HOAs may not prohibit property owners putting FFL on their land. Further, local governments will be encouraged to amend their codes to limit the maximum allowable irrigated turf under requirements. Terry's complete report is on file.

New Members' Profiles on Website

Genny requested an on-line form for new members to complete their profiles. Howard will look into.

Website Budget Review

Howard discussed his new role as webmaster. He noted while he would do all updating as a volunteer, but that the website would need more expert attention for technical maintenance and upgrades. As the amount originally approved for Dotty Vaivoda's business to handle these tasks, Howard requested that the contract be extended.

The following motion was made by Howard, seconded by Terry and unanimously approved:

To agree to extend the maintenance agreement of SmallBiz Webs for the BSIA website for an additional \$10 hours at a total cost of \$450.

The invoice for this amount will be given to Ben for payment. Other discussion on the website ensued including a recommendation by Howard for a BSIA chatter section. Joe noted that Article 1, Section 3 of the Charter must govern anything we do in this regard. Charlie suggested that current projects which the Association is working on might be good ongoing subject matter for such a section. Joe asked Howard to develop a statement on what this section would accomplish. He also requested statistics on website usage.

Coverage of City Council and LDR Review Meetings

Theresa will cover the City Council meeting (Wednesday, September 16) for Howard. Joe will ask Phil to cover the LDR Meeting (Thursday, September 17). Joe noted importance of BSIA presence at LDR Meeting because of the above-ground pool and spa discussion taking place.

Joe noted that he and Bob Peterson, President of PGICA, will be getting together to start a dialog on common issues concerning BSI and PGI.

Terry Miller Legal Director Status

Terry is moving to PGI in October, and she announced that this meeting would be her last. She will formally submit her resignation in writing to Joe. Joe will ask the nominating committee to find someone to replace Terry, who can be appointed by Joe to serve the remainder of Terry's term and then stand for his or her own 2-year term.

Joe thanked Terry for her long-standing service to the Burnt Store Isles Association (four years).

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. The next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, October 15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa H. Murtha
Secretary