

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 5, 2009**

Officers Present

President – Joe Sabatino
Secretary –Theresa Murtha
Vice President – John Kruth
Treasurer –Ben Crosby

Directors Present

Planning – Howard Elkin
Community Security – Charlie Council
Community Standards – Phil Zeitz
Special Projects –Anne Teichmiller
Immediate Past President – Frank
“Chick” Petrosino
Social Committee Chair – Kathy Kruth

Officers Absent

Directors Absent

Membership - Genny Ramachandran
Legal Liaison – Terry Miller

The BSIA May 1, 2009 Board meeting was called to order by President Joe Sabatino at 9:04 am.

The minutes of the May 1, 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. The following were noted regarding or in addition to written reports on file:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

FPL Power Outages

Prior to the representatives of FPL joining the meeting at 9:30, per Joe Sabatino’s request, a discussion took place with respect to FPL recent actions. As a result of BSIA’s persistent follow-up on the outage issue, FPL has agreed to performing a tree trimming at FPL expense (this is normally done every three years). Some Board members are still skeptical that the trees are the primary cause of the outage and think there may be a problem with the feeder lines.

Phil also reported that FPL had left door-hanger notices with regard to tree trimming or removal on community members' residences with trees at issue. It was also learned that a letter was to be mailed to all BSI residents with respect to FPL community tree trimming and removal program. This was done despite BSIA's request that any communications to residents regarding this issue be worked through the Association. Chick also expressed astonishment that FPL was only now looking at the feeder line issue when he had brought this up to FPL representatives at the Board Meeting three months ago.

Two representatives from FPL joined the meeting, Dennis Duwe, an operations supervisor who is very familiar with the FPL configuration for Burnt Store Isles, and Charlotte Miller, Area Manager, Southwest Florida, External Affairs. Ms. Miller also attended the BSIA Board meeting in March.

The FPL representatives were questioned on their recent communications as well as the issue with the feeder line. The feeder line comes into the BSI community on Madrid and then onto Tripoli. FPL does not believe this to be main cause of the problem explaining that any issue, even one on a secondary line, could potentially cause a blip in the rest of the community. It is still FPL's contention that the tree issue is the primary problem. It was noted that underground wiring could reduce the blips by 50% but would not eliminate them entirely. It was also noted that FPL could legally remove a tree in the Right-of-Way if that tree was creating a significant problem for the entire network.

In summation, actions to be taken include:

1. FPL will do an immediate tree trimming or removal (with owner notification) of most serious problem trees.
2. FPL will place doorhangers on residences of trees interfering with power lines indicating why and when they will be trimming/removing trees.
3. A complete and aggressive BSIA neighborhood trimming will be done next year at FPL expense (ahead of schedule) with an objective of obtaining a 10-foot clearance from power lines.
4. Mr. Duwe and staff will continue to patrol feeder lines for potential problems
5. A copy of the letter regarding the tree trimming program that has been already been sent to all BSI owners will be sent to the Board (Joe Sabatino)
6. All further communications to BSIA residents will be sent to the BSIA Board prior to release including the letter that FPL is requesting that the City of Punta Gorda initiate.

Directory Update

The BSIA directory has been mailed.

Membership Discount Card

Howard is working on getting a special page on the website to include businesses that are participating in the membership card program. Dottie Vaivoda will design a button for the front page to direct website users to that page.

Neighborhood Watch Program

Charlie noted that 9 new members had signed up, but that he had lost some members going north for the summer. Charlie will discuss the program at the general meeting.

Charlie's safety and security report will be emailed to the membership each month by Howard.

June General Membership Meeting

Discussion of agenda and speakers took place, and agreement was reached on speakers and a Website presentation. Theresa and Joe will develop the agenda and email it to Board members.

Use of Villas Clubhouse for BSIA

Howard, Charlie, and Ben will work off line to determine how the clubhouse could be used. Suggestions are to be sent to Ben.

NEW BUSINESS

Website Address on BSI Sign

Most board members agreed that the website address would be a good addition to the sign. After discussion the following **motion was made by Howard, seconded by Ben:**

Motion:

The BSIA will go ahead with the proposal to place the web address of the Association on the signs at Monaco and Madrid, quotes to be obtained for Option 2 (addendum to Minutes). Passed with 2 abstentions.

Annual Meeting November 2009

Joe noted that neither the Punta Gorda Civic Association nor Twin Isles Country Club would be available for the November meeting. Anita Sabatino has tentatively reserved the fellowship hall at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church for November 11 and 18. The cost to the Association for renting this hall would be only \$150. It was agreed that the

Fellowship Hall would be a good location for the meeting. A. Sabatino was authorized to finalize annual meeting venue.

Nominating Committee for Board of Directors

Joe pointed out that there would be several positions to fill on the Board next year. His position of President, John Kruth's position of Vice-President would need filling. Also, the Treasurer position and Secretary position are one-year terms and both Ben and Theresa will have to decide if they want to run again. Current Director positions that are up for reelection are Legal Liaison, Planning, Community Security, and Social Committee. Terry, Howard, Charlie, and Kathy will need to decide whether they plan to run again for their respective positions.

The Filkins and the Petrosinos also plan to step down from their respective roles on the Advertising Committee, requiring volunteers to replace them.

Joe requested that Board Members send him recommendations for the nominating committee.

Median Landscape Proposal

After some discussion regarding the proposal developed by Anne who noted that the Association would buy the materials, and the City of Punta Gorda do the work, a motion was made.

Motion: A motion was made by Anne, seconded by Charlie, as follows

Proceed with plan to spend up to \$600 to buy materials to enhance the landscaping of the medians at Monaco and Madrid. Approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, rather than Friday, July 2, 2009 due to the holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa H. Murtha
Secretary