

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 2, 2009**

Officers Present

President – Joe Sabatino
Vice President – John Kruth
Secretary – Theresa Murtha

Directors Present

Community Standards – Phil Zeitz
Legal Liaison – Terry Miller
Planning – Howard Elkin
Community Security – Charlie Council
Special Projects – Ann Teichmiller

Social Committee Chair – Kathy Kruth

Officers Absent

Treasurer – Ben Crosby

Directors Absent

Immediate Past President – Frank
“Chick” Petrosino
Membership – Gail Kapp

The BSIA January 2, 2009 Board meeting was called to order by President Joe Sabatino at 9:09 am.

The minutes of the December 5, 2008 Board meeting were approved and accepted. *The minutes will be posted on the BSI Association website.*

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Reports were reviewed, approved and placed on file.

The following were reemphasized or noted as addenda:

Sect. 15 Condo Meeting

Joe S. discussed the meeting with BSI condo groups in particular the effort to obtain CERT forms from condo owners and renters, the Cyber Citizens for Justice Program (discussed later in meeting), and condo standards enforcement (more restrictive). *Joe to give Phil contact numbers for deed restriction issues.*

SCCC – South Charlotte County Coalition

Joe mentioned (for benefit of new board members) that this group meets every 4th Thursday of the month at the PGICA building. Next meeting is January 22 at 9 AM. Board members encouraged to attend, if possible. *John Kruth will email agenda.*

Other Boards

Joe encouraged Board Members and members at large to look into belonging to city/county advisory boards, e.g., Joe belongs to Utility Advisory Board.

Community Standards

A question regarding davits was referred to BSIA Canal Maintenance Group. Regarding gaps in bylaws with respect to landscaping and hurricane shutter issues (see Phil Zeitz report), Joe advised Phil to meet with urban design personnel on code gaps like this.

OTHER ADHOC ITEMS

New Board Photos were taken. *Since we need a group photo, all members are encouraged to attend next meeting for photo.*

Joe informed Board that Gail Kapp had verbally resigned her position as Membership Chair. He expects written confirmation to follow. Joe will be contacting candidates for a possible replacement. He solicited the Board for recommendations.

A Thank you note was received from the Hughes family regarding donation to CHEC in memory of their daughter Karen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDER

Boil Water Notice

Joe reviewed this issue. The UAB reviewed the water pipe/boil water issue at their December 22, 2008 meeting. It was noted that, unfortunately, despite invitation, no one from the general public showed up at this hearing. The City is following up on the issue. The City will use GIS Maps and try to predict problem areas based on previous breaks and develop a long-term preventive maintenance plan, because a total preemptive fix would be a multi-million dollar project. We will continue to work with City regarding the issue and use of Code Red as primary method of notification.

Community Outreach Update

Joe reviewed progress of completion of CERT forms (complete report on file). A total of 655 forms out of 1173 residences have been completed. A suggestion was made to use the Welcome Wagon group to help get forms completed. Joe indicated that team of CERT volunteers were being asked to note instances where Snow Birds haven't returned yet so these could be followed up at a later date. The team was also being asked, if at all possible, to get forms filled out on visits rather than just leaving the form or when leaving a form to follow up a few days later by phone. ***Joe is to write letter for distribution that will illustrate using some volunteer examples how important this project is to the community.***

Website Redesign Update

After much discussion regarding main and subordinate buttons, it was decided to have board members send Howard feedback by Monday, January 5, on which 6 headings should be covered by main buttons, and to recommend and prioritize subordinate buttons. ***Board members should get back to Howard by Monday with comments.***

San Rocco Drainage Update

Howard noted that this project would not be started until right before rainy season pending receipt of environmental permits. ***Item was tabled for progress review at April meeting***

Abandoned Home/Deed Restrictions

Terry Miller noted that we now have fewer abandoned homes, and we are not aware of any short sales or foreclosures in BSI right now. One issue now resolved was a successful short sale on Monaco, and another on San Massimo, the owner moved in and restored home to live-in condition. Joe indicated importance of keeping this on the radar screen given the current economy.

Joe stressed to Terry the urgency of scheduling a meeting with State Rep. Paige Kreegel no later than Thursday, January 8 to discuss the need for possible new legislature to address this problem.

Social Calendar 2009

The number of reservations for January 22 Visani event is at 53. Snook Haven event has been cancelled.

New members' welcoming wine and cheese is to be scheduled at the villas. Joe asked Kathy to check with Bob to get names of new members who joined since last wine and cheese for invitations. All Board Members and spouses attend. ***Kathy will work with Bob Fitzsimmons to come up with a date for this party.***

Joe asked Kathy to provide an up-to-date list of events to Howard for the website.

March membership dinner meeting discussed – see below under new business.

Advertising

Joe noted that for this year all print advertisers will be given free advertising space on a rotation basis on the new website, frequency to be based on print spends. Board members encouraged to ask retail and other businesses they use to advertise.

NEW BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

General Membership Meeting

Joe announced that the general meeting will be March 16th at Twin Isles Country Club at 7 o'clock. The General Meeting will be preceded by a dinner with cocktails at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner at 6 PM, and meeting at 7. (Dinner attendance is not mandatory.)

Discussion on lower cost menu, possible subsidizing, banner cost took place. It was left that Kathy would review these issues with the social committee and come back with a recommendation in February.

Joe will develop speakers list, board members should submit any suggestions they have.

City of Punta Gorda Boat Maintenance Permits

The LDR Committee has asked for input on concerns that have arisen regarding City Code with respect to Boat Maintenance Permits. See Howard Elkin memo.

Joe S. noted that current code is not an issue for BSIA right now.

After much discussion, **a motion to leave Code as is was made by Theresa Murtha, and seconded by Ann Teichmiller. Motion was passed unanimously.**

Holiday Light Winners 2008

Howard noted that next year he will send an email in advance of the judging. It was also suggested to include this in the November newsletter. *Theresa will send a note to Stacey for her calendar.*

BSIA 2009 Goals and Objectives

Discussion tabled to February meeting so that 2008 Goals could be circulated for meaningful review.

Cyber Citizens For Justice

Joe and Terry attended session of this new group which is proposing the need for new regulations for mandatory homeowner and condo associations. Frustration with mandatory association groups and management groups was expressed and legislative support received. Joe suggested that a Board Member become a member to keep BSIA informed of activity here. As Charlie is joining for his condo association, it was agreed he would keep BSIA Board briefed.

Florida State Legislative Schedule

Joe noted that we have been notified that on January 21st from 2-5 at the PGI Civic Association Building, there will be a Charlotte County Legislative Delegation Meeting. Delegation members include State Senators from Sarasota and Bradenton and State Representatives from Green Acres, Cape Coral, Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda. The primary purpose of this meeting is to consider proposed legislation of local application. The deadline for filing local bills with the delegation is 5PM Monday, January 12. All local bills must be accompanied by completed paperwork required by the Florida Legislature, including original signatures of the legislative sponsors, and need to be forwarded to Rep. Page Kreegel, 410 Taylor St., Punta Gorda.

Bob Starr Kitchen Cabinet

Joe Sabatino, as BSIA President, was invited to participate on Bob Starr's (County Commissioner) Kitchen Cabinet being set up to obtain more citizen involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am. The next Board meeting will be on Friday February 6, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa H. Murtha
Secretary