

BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting
August 4, 2006

Officers Present

President – Frank “Chick” Petrosino
Vice President – Joe Sabatino
Secretary – Laura Felmore – sub secretary
Immediate Past President – Bill Hughes

Officers Absent

Treasurer – Tom Murphy

Directors Present

Community Standards – Terry Miller
Legal Liaison – Jeff Nilsson
Membership – Bob Fitzsimmons
Neighborhood Security – Jim Townsend
Planning – John Gioia
Social – Claire Phelen

Directors Absent

Special Projects – Bob Semer

The meeting was called to order by President Chick Petrosino at 8:35 A. M. The minutes of the July 7, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President – Chick Petrosino’s report was submitted. Chick will attend the August 8th meeting in Gordon Bower’s office. The topic is to be the business condition of downtown Punta Gorda. The Harbor Inn project was discussed.

There are 37 lawns to be considered with the mowing program. Chick has been working on the list to dwindle it down. He is going to write a letter to “push” the people that need it.

Berson Construction has asked for approval of plans for a home on Palermo. A motion was made by Claire Phelen and seconded by Joe Sabatino that we add in the policy and procedures book the procedures for approvals to be handled and include the cost of each. Motion carried.

Vice President – Joe Sabatino did not have a report because he was away on holiday. His newsletter article was a good report. Communications is the main thrust of that article.

Treasurer – Tom Murphy’s report was submitted. Tom is on vacation. Report is accurate through July 31st. Report will be filed for audit.

Secretary – Carolyn’s article in the newsletter was wonderful. We will get a trophy or gift of some sort for all of her hard work. Chick will look into it.

There was a discussion about remembering those who are ill or die and how we recognize these events. We would like to put something into policy and procedures (this can be put into the job descriptions) that the secretary and social director take care of this and at least send cards. There will be a concerted effort to recognize anyone who still lives in the community.

Immediate Past President - Bill Hughes cited his article on TEAM Punta Gorda. The site where the Price Pirate was is going to be a bank and other commercial and residential buildings. The LDRs were discussed. Signage on 41 and other places is an issue. Joe

Sabatino expressed that SCCC should not be the spokesperson for Punta Gorda. He feels that we must work as a unified group rather than individuals. The question was asked as to the situation with the existing Wal Mart. Bill says that TEAM Punta Gorda is still a very viable group. There will be a meeting this week with “The Loop” people. Bill will let us know how that meeting goes. Bill spoke to Mr. Katz about the property at 41 and Monaco. Mr. Katz is out of that now.

Community Standards – Terry Miller reported that she got a letter from the home office of Wal Mart asking if they have to ask us about changing the color of the store. Joe Sabatino feels that we should follow up on this. We may have some control over the old building?? Terry will follow up on it. There was a Van with for sale signs on it on Madrid the signs have been removed. The orange van on Tripoli is still sitting there; Terry will keep on top of this issue. Chick will attempt to get a meeting of the various associations within BSI – Mondovi, The Villages, and Viscaya. Terry has handled several calls about homes in poor condition – need paint, yards need to be mowed etc. She has sent several 21-day letters and has been getting a good bit of cooperation. The “Pepto Bismol” House has two satellite dishes in the side yard, a clothesline on the lanai, they still have no landscaping, the owner is talking about putting up a fence because the golfers are messing up his grass, etc. Terry is dealing with the whole situation. There is a pile of stone on Tripoli near Monaco. Terry will look into it. John Gioia is concerned about the loss of sidewalks on the Monaco side of the new villas. There are going to be hammerhead driveways and the sidewalk will be replaced. The light pole on Monaco is still not replaced since Charley. The Washingtonians on Monaco are to be replaced with Royal Palms. We need to check the minutes to be sure that the contractor is supposed to do this (Bill Hughes is pretty sure that it was during his reign and there should be something in the minutes about it). Chick and Joe will get together with Frachette and discuss these various issues. Joe Sabatino feels that we are making real headway with the various issues in the community. If we keep up with all of these issues we feel that they will begin to police themselves.

Legal Liaison – Jeff Nilsson has had an issue with upkeep of landscaping. His article in the newsletter discusses that we must create a way to stay on top of this. Chick pointed out that many communities have a very uniform landscaping ideal. All residents of these communities however, are members of their associations and pay a monthly fee. We do not have this advantage. Jeff feels that we inform everyone that we are going to be on top of this situation. The board and a committee (possibly the cul de sac group) armed with a list of specific standards goes out and to remind residents that these standards must be kept. Claire Phelen suggested that perhaps in the next newsletter we could show a good and a bad picture to stimulate interest in keeping up with the standard.

Membership – Bob Fitzsimmons feels that perhaps we should invite guests to come to the September 15th meeting. After some discussion Chick will ask the publisher of the newsletter to rework some things so BSIA members may invite neighbors (this may indeed glean some new members). An email will be sent about the meeting.

Neighborhood Security – Jim Townsend reported that the Neighborhood Watch Program is in operation but has been a little slow because of the season. We are getting good reactions to the program from the people in the neighborhood. The job that would have taken Jim away from our area for a while has not come to pass so we will have him around.

Planning – John Gioia reported about the Harbor Inn Development. John feels that this is a good project. The project comes before the council on August 23rd. There seems to be some objection to the project. The Inn will consist of 90 hotel rooms and 24 sale condominiums (the change from the first permit is the 24 condos were rental before), a five story parking garage, meeting rooms etc. This was before the council before and the objection was that they wanted more hotel space. Claire Phelen stated that there are five new hotels on the drawing board for the county. We will send an email announcing the August 23rd meeting and the fact that the BSIA Board backs the project.

Social – Claire Phelen spoke of the September 15th meeting and we will do a 50/50.

Special Projects – Bob Semer was not present. Chick would like the Newcomers Welcoming Committee on the agenda for September.

New Business –

Wotitsky is ready to review the deed restrictions and by-laws.

We will be doing a new set of deed restrictions. Anyone who buys new will go under the new restrictions. Those already in the area will get to opt to new or stay in old. At the March meeting Chick brought up this up and there seemed to be no negative response. We must get this information to the members before the November meeting so they can vote knowing what is happening. Chick's idea is to bring this vision into focus ASAP.

Much discussion concerning the by-law change to allow the board to use \$4000 without having to go for approval. Bob Fitzsimmons feels that November would be too soon to ask for the by-law change from \$1500 to \$4000. Jim feels that we need an email to get the info to everyone before the meeting. Chick is looking for input from the meeting in September. We need to keep re-written by-laws open enough so that they can be easily interpreted.

The agenda for September 15th meeting was discussed and a skeleton agenda was set up.

Introduce Dignitaries

Mr. Cerullo will speak and there will be a question and answer session.

Introduce the Nominating Committee Chair and ask for volunteers for the committee.

Bring up the deed restriction letter and look for input from the attendees. Also introduce the by-law change. We must remember that a letter must go out 15 days before the vote is to take place.