

Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
October 6, 2006

Officers Present

President – Frank “Chick” Petrosino
Vice President – Joe Sabatino
Secretary – Nancy Brewster
Treasurer – Tom Murphy

Directors Present

Immediate Past-President – Bill Hughes
Community Standards – Terry Miller
Planning – John Gioia
Neighborhood Security- Jim Townsend
Social – Claire Phelen
Special Projects – Bob Semer
Legal Liaison – Jeff Nilsson

Directors Absent

Membership – Bob Fitzsimmons

The meeting was called to order by President Petrosino at 8:30 a.m. The minutes of the September 1, 2006 meeting were approved and accepted and will be posted on the Association website.

Reports of Officers and Directors

President: Mr. Petrosino’s written report was received and filed. In addition he reported that we have had a complaint of roofs that need to be cleaned. He and Bob Semer will look into this and start the process of notifying those whose roofs need to be cleaned. A complaint was also received about speeding boats along the canals. Dr. Phelen directed “Chick” to Joe Gil and the PGPD in regard to this. In regards to the letter from Speath Engineering, Mr. Petrosino reported that they are a “big time player” in Ft. Myers. A report was sent to Ed Wotisky for review along with our comments attached. This will be discussed later in the meeting in executive session.

Vice President: There was no written report as Mr. Sabatino has just returned to town. He reported that Dr. Dave Phelen has sent out a list of contractors to be published to BSI residents. This will be discussed further regarding liability issues. This will be fine tuned before publishing. Mr. Sabatino will address this in his article for the newsletter. Mr. Petrosino suggested that the contractor’s license number be placed with their name for verification. Jeff Nilsson recommended that there be a bulletin board on the web site, also. Mr. Sabatino reported that there is a Fire Extinguisher Safety seminar in October and November. Mr. Sabatino recommended we send out an announcement regarding this. Tom Murphy reported that he spoke with John Jokerst regarding this and it was announced that this was arranged only for boat club members at this time. This is something the Association will look into for the community.

Immediate Past President: Bill Hughes reported that as of 10/09/06 the Event Center is on hold until FEMA clarifies the Velocity Zone question. He asks that all watch this project closely. He

reported that FDOT has announced plans to replace all the light poles on the 2 bridges crossing the Peace River. Mr. Hughes announced that TEAM Punta Gorda will hold its Annual Meeting on November 9th, 2006 at the PGI Civic Association Building.

Special Projects: There was no written report for this meeting for Special Projects. Bob Semer reported that he has not had a meeting with Randy Cole at this time regarding lot mowing. Terry Miller reported that she received a letter forwarded by Councilman Phelen where the City may force a mandatory program for non-compliance on the lot owners in the city of Punta Gorda. Mr. Sabatino recommended that we have a ride around with Randy Cole in BSI. Terry Miller reported that she has done this once and would like for it to be done on a monthly basis. Mr. Semer reported that under \$200 was spent for the additional plantings around the sign at Madrid and Tripoli. He stated that approximately \$600 will be spent for rocks around the sign. He reported that six yards of rock will be required for the entry sign on Monaco. Tom Murphy recommended that we collect the \$1000.00 from Mr. Frichett at The Villas that was promised for landscaping. It was also noted that Mr. Frichett will replace the palms along Monaco with royal palms. Mr. Murphy will send an e-mail to start the communications regarding this.

Treasurer: Mr. Murphy stated that we should disregard the original report he sent out and accept the latest report sent. The report was accepted and placed on file for future audit. Mr. Sabatino asked if the \$2000.00 to the city will be called in and that is not known at this time. Mr. Murphy stated that Bob Fitzsimmons has done a very good job with membership bringing in some extra monies. Mr. Murphy stated that he does not see very much additional money going out this year. He recommended a very strong membership drive be done this year and that we not raise the dues at this time. Mr. Petrosino stated that we need to announce to the membership that we are trying our best to reach our goals this year with the money that we have on hand. Mr. Sabatino stated that he feels we need to look long and hard at our dues because of possible legal challenges. Mr. Petrosino asked for comments at this time. John Gioia recommended we not raise dues at this time as there is so much apathy in the neighborhood at the present time due to all of the things going on within the City. Mr. Sabatino suggested that we really push to have new people join the Association. It was agreed that we need to make a diligent effort to get new members for this coming year. Mr. Sabatino recommended that we need to make a push for ads in our newsletters as we are down from previous years. Mr. Sabatino stated that he feels we need to start "planting the seeds" in the event we need to increase our dues and asked Mr. Murphy to reference this at the November General Membership Meeting. Bill Hughes noted that according to by-laws we need to have next year's budget ready for the General Membership Meeting. Mr. Murphy is working on that and will present at the November Board Meeting.

In other business, Mr. Murphy reported that there were 9 participants on the radio test this month out of 42 that he has been able to identify. He asked for a replacement for a radio coordinator or discuss if we wish to discontinue this program

Mr. Murphy's written report for BSIA Website improvements were placed on file. Mr. Murphy reported that Winton Rigg is looking at taking over the web-site for the Association at the end of this year. Mr. Murphy stated that he is questioning the amount of time but is interested in pursuing further and incorporating it with the computer club that he is very involved with. There was discussion regarding realtors being involved on the web site. This will be looked into further. Tom reported that we have currently had 350 hits on the web site within the past 30 days and that was mainly due to the announcement at the symposium.

Community Standards: Terry Miller's written report was received and placed on file. There was discussion regarding the driveway on San Pietro (refer to written report for details). A request was received from a new resident in reference to portable basketball goals in the driveway.

Discussion was held regarding broken tiles in the driveway at 3336 Tripoli. Work is now being done and will soon be completed. Terry reported on several other addresses and issues that are being addressed and completed at this time. She will continue to check on these and make sure that all come into compliance.

Legal Liaison: There was no written report for this meeting. Jeff Nilsson stated that he needs language for by-law changes that will be presented to the General Membership at the November meeting. Bill Hughes will search his records from last year for the correct language to use.

Membership: Bob Fitzsimmons written report was read and placed on file.

Neighborhood Security: Mr. Townsend's report was accepted and placed on file. There was general discussion regarding neighborhood security. Mr. Townsend was thanked for the excellent job he is doing.

Planning: There was no written report from Mr. Gioia. Mr. Gioia reported on the City Planning Meetings that he has attended and gave a brief verbal on what is going on at this time.

Social: Mrs. Phelen's written report was accepted and placed on file. The bar-b-que at the Elk's Lodge was briefly discussed. She reported that \$104.53 was spent for coffee and cookies for the September 15th symposium. She also suggested that we serve coffee and cookies for the November General Membership meeting. All agreed. Bill Hughes suggested that we have three winners at this meeting for the 50/50. All agreed.

At 10:15 a.m. the Board of Directors went into Executive Session to discuss Legal Matters. At 10:50 a.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and continued with the agenda.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Petrosino reported that the Nominating Committee will have the following nominations at the General Membership Meeting: Treasurer, Jane Washburn; Secretary, Sherry Del Sasso and Social, Stacey Scarrow. It was suggested that we have a Parliamentarian present at the November General Membership Meeting. Bill Hughes recommended Nancy Dauster. Mr. Petrosino will contact her to make this request. Mr. Hughes noted that a proxy is needed for the upcoming Newsletter. Mr. Petrosino will take care of this. He reminded all that the by-laws state that there has to be a 14 day notice prior to the General Membership Meeting. Mr. Petrosino stated that he will start an agenda for the November General Membership Meeting and that we should all send any recommendations to him.

New Business: A plaque of appreciation for the sign at Madrid and Tripoli was discussed. Bob Semer will order and take care of.

The Lighted Boat Parade within the community was discussed. A notice will be sent at the appropriate time encouraging all to decorate the back of the houses. Contact will be made with the Boat Club to encourage cooperation between the two clubs in this regard. Tom Murphy and John Gioia will work with the boat club to see what they are planning and then present at the General Membership Meeting. Bill Hughes recommended that an article be put in the upcoming newsletter about the lighted house decorations and judging.

Mr. Petrosino suggested that we invite Dr. Donna Witmeyer, School and Community Relations, to give a 10 minute presentation at the GM meeting. All agreed.

By-Law and Deed Restrictions were discussed. It was agreed that this will be moved to next year to work on further. Two sets of deed restrictions will be looked at. Mr. Petrosino stated that we will need approval to re-write.

The Speath Engineering Letter/Assisted Living Facility was discussed. It was agreed among the Board that this is not something that BSI would want in the community. Mr. Petrosino will check with Mr. Wotisky regarding legalities and then respond to the letter.

There will be a joint BSIA, PGICA and SCCC meeting on October 21st, 2006, to meet the candidates for the upcoming elections. A notice will be sent via email to announce and ask for attendance.

There will be a joint City Council and County Commissioners meeting on October 13th at Murdock. An email is to be sent asking for attendance.

Terry Miller stated that an application for model home signs had been received. Terry Miller, John Gioia, Jeff Nilsson and Bill Hughes will form a committee to study model home signs further. Mrs. Miller will wait to respond to the application until the committee has met.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:29 a.m. The next Board meeting will be on Friday, November 3rd, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Brewster, Secretary