

BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 7, 2010  
9:00 A. M.

Officers Present

President – Charlie Council  
Vice President – Theresa Murtha  
Secretary – Laura Felmore

Directors Present

Community Standards – Phil Zeitz  
Membership – Genny Ramachandran  
Community Security – Bob Hutt  
Special Projects – Anne Teichmiller  
Social Committee – Cynthia Council  
Legal Liaison – Mike Huston

Absent

Treasurer – Ben Crosby  
Planning – Bill Bareither  
Immediate Past President – Joe Sabatino

President Council called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Anne Teichmiller introduced Joan LeBeau and thanked her for all of her help. Joan is the Chief Planning Manager for the City of Punta Gorda. She and Anne have been working on our medians and cul de sacs. Joan explained her job with the city. She deals with setting up all landscaping for the city. Her job deals with greenery for buildings, parks, walkways, cul de sacs, etc. Our population has grown to 18,000 and it is expected to rise to 25,000 by 2012. Budgets have been cut and so services have been as well.

Three options that Joan has set down for us to choose from are:

1. Entrance medians – leave as they are for right now and see how they grow back. The city maintains.
2. Redesigning is not a part of her job but she can give us advice. Monies are short so the city would not supply the plants but would be able to help so that prices would be better.
3. BSIA can take over the maintenance of these areas. We would have to hire contractors to do this.

No matter what we do we will have to get permission from the city.

A discussion about taking some of the stones out of the areas took place. The stone

causes more work to plant anything because it takes so much more time. We could use some of the stone in other areas. Foxtail palms were discussed for use rather than the types of palms that are in now. Joan will come back to Anne with answers to the various questions that arose in our discussion.

Cul de sacs were discussed. The city provides weed spraying, fertilizer, mulch and initial set up, Public Works is the final answer.

### **San Rocco Drainage update**

Charlie discussed the latest update. SWFTMD is the hold up. The city has to plan a retention pond for drain off. This is hopefully going to be taken care of soon.

### **Community Outreach**

Theresa says that the program is moving along very nicely. We are getting the leaders in place and have made plans for how we are going to progress. A Welcome Committee is the item in the forefront.

### **Community Survey**

Theresa sent out 50 copies to those who do not do email. There were 30 responses from this group. Most important to responders are Deed Restrictions and Cul de sacs, keeping up the appearance of the community. Social Events were not at the top of the list. People are anxious for BSIA to keep a good contact with the city. The question about the newsletter and how it should be distributed is not clearly settled by this questionnaire. We will present a summary of this at the General Meeting.

### **Re-write of Deed Restrictions on Web Site**

Mike reports that deed restrictions are complete and he is working on the by-laws to be sure those are correct as well.

### **Community standards/deed restrictions**

Phil reports that a couple on Bastia Court wants a 4' picket fence for protection for his grandchildren at the back of the house at the canal. The couple is asking for a variance. Phil feels that we should grant it. We will check with the immediate neighbors to see if they are opposed. Motion was made by Bob Hutt - we allow a 4 foot fence provided that the adjoining developed property owners have no objection. Seconded by Anne. Theresa voted against. Motion carried.

Phil spoke about the foreclosed homes. The city is running out of monies to care for the grass etc. It costs \$73.60 per cut. Grass is cut when it gets 12" or taller. There are 3 homes owned by banks. Motion was made by Mike – BSIA pursuant to Paragraph 20 of the deed restrictions shall exercise its rights with respect to foreclosed properties and mow lawns that are 10" or higher no more than twice per month and treat weeds in driveways and beds surrounding the home to keep up a neat appearance. Seconded by Theresa. Motion carried. A landscaper recommended by Phil will be hired at \$20 per cut and spray for \$12. Mike will send letters to the 3 banks who own them informing

them that we are doing this.

### **Social Activities**

Cynthia reports that the picnic went very nicely. The golf outing in conjunction with BSIBC is moving along nicely. The mixers with BSIBC will be held monthly at Twin Isles on the first Friday. Casino Trip to Immokalee has limited space. Bus will leave from the Muscle Museum.

General meeting will be held June 14 at Laishley Crab House. Cost is \$16 per person (BSIA is subsidizing \$5 per person to keep it at that price).

We are partnering with BSIBC for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Party. September will be a night at the Charlotte County Races.

### **June General Membership Meeting**

The meeting is set for June 14<sup>th</sup> at Laishley Crab House agenda etc. will be discussed at our June BOD Meeting. A discussion of banners to be put up about the meeting followed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SCCC: New Punta Gorda sub committee**

Charlie reported that a smaller group has been formed to concentrate on issues affecting the 4 surrounding areas. This group will bring this information to the major group.

#### **Appropriate use of BSIA name and masthead**

A gentleman, Doug, contacted Anne about using it for facebook platform. He unfortunately already used BSIA masthead without permission. Charlie spoke to him. We need to see if what he has in mind is appropriate for us. He had an interest in running classes about facebook. In the next week or so Charlie will send us some thoughts and we can all respond.

#### **General items of community interest**

Canal commissions of PGI and BSI have voted not to change the billing formulas for these areas.

FPL issues will be closely watched, but everyone feels that we have been getting good cooperation from them in the recent past.

#### **Cul de sacs**

Anne feels that we should wait until our June Meeting when we have more information from the city. Mike feels that we must have the correct questions to ask so that we get proper direction. Theresa feels that we need to have an idea of the amount of money that we are willing to spend on this issue. Charlie feels that we should consider option 1 as presented by Joan today but with the city considering doing upkeep on the finished product. The design issue is also necessary to have in mind as

we begin with the maintenance also in controlled price. Our greatest desire is for the city to continue the responsibility of cost for upkeep.

**Other-**

Mike reports that the man who is doing some changes in foreclosed property that he is buying and wants approval from us. It appears that he is doing everything correctly and we have agreed that we will review his plans.

The Newsletter will be out in about 2 weeks.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 AM.