

Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 05, 2011
Regions Bank-1401 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Officers Present:

President- Charles Council
Vice President- Theresa Murtha
Treasurer-Bill Bareither

Directors Present:

Community Security-Bob Hutt
Legal Liaison-Mike Huston
Special projects-Doug Rhees
Community Standards-Ken Lampkin
Planning-Brian Stirling
Immediate Past President-Joe Sabatino (non voting)
Social Chair-Cynthia Council (non-voting)
Communication Director: (non-board; non-voting.)

Absent:

Secretary-Audrey Young
Membership-Genny Ramachandran

President Council called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM, noting the presence of a quorum.

Minutes of the July 01, 2011 were approved and sent to the Webmaster for posting on the BSIA website.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

President: Commented briefly on the summaries of the 2012 budget process prepared by the City Manager and Larry Friedman and circulated to the Board for information purposes. He reported that an annual contract had been entered into for the outside storage of BSIA records. To date files and materials relating to the activities of the Secretary, Treasurer and Planning Dir. have been stored.

Treasurer: Bill circulated the P&L thru 8/04/11 reflecting a net loss of \$2,828.75 for the period. The loss is prompted by the expense of \$6,000 for the upgrade of the Monaco and Madrid entranceways. These monies came

out of general revenue for the period. Total assets as of 8/04/11 are \$56897.76. He drew the Boards attention to the fact that expenses for social activities exceeded social income by \$500. Understanding that the Association's policy is that social events are to be self sustaining it was pointed out that shortfall resulted from the \$5/member subsidy for the March membership meeting and the meals provided free for City officials and special speaker at the March and June membership meetings.

Vice President: Theresa Murtha reported that the next issue of the newsletter has gone to the printer and should mail to all members by August 19. She thanked all contributing Board members for their input and noted that there was a strong advertiser presence in the issue.

Community Standards: Ken Lampkin reported on the status of new & upgrade construction within BSI: The new home on the corner of Andora & Tripoli (Rock Hard Homes) has been completed with the finishing of the driveway and installation of the driveway to come. Towels Corp has begun construction of a spec home on St Florent. They had provided plans and specs to the Board for approval. The expansion project on the property at 3524 St Florent (Fero Construction) approved earlier after modification of the original plans by the owner, has started.

The more recent construction projects identified a problem and prompted broad Board discussion. While contractors may file the necessary plans, etc with BSIA and secure approval by the city they have begun site prep and some construction prior to receiving formal approval by the Board as required under our by-laws. Notwithstanding that the plans would likely be approved Board members feel strongly that our by-laws be followed. The ARB will consider additional steps to insure that in the future contractors are fully aware of our requirements and receive Board approval prior to commencing any construction activity.

There was additional discussion regarding the posting of signs at construction sites: size, duration, etc. It is believed a policy regarding this issue was developed several years ago. Charlie will research Board records to see if such guidelines exist.

Charlie commented on complaints received from several residents regarding the terrible condition of an abandoned property at 359 Monaco. He noted that he had been in touch with the city and they reported numerous contacts with the mortgage bank in an effort to clean up the property. While the city will cut the grass if it exceeds 12 inches they do not trim trees/bushes nor kills weeds in the driveways of abandoned properties. The Board addressed a similar issue in 2010 and while it voted to fund a clean-up, outside counsel

cautioned the Association not to get involved. BSIA by-laws appear to clearly support Board intervention. The prior legal opinion will be reviewed and at the same time criteria will be developed to narrowly define conditions to support BSIA involvement. Charlie will review the criteria used by the City to determine if a property is abandoned. The issue will again be addressed at the September Board meeting.

Special projects: Doug Rhees noted that while the basic project work for the upgrade of the entranceways has been completed, the Board might want to consider some additional work on the medians. While not necessary the following would enhance the current layout and result in a more mature appearance: Replace existing queen palms and replace with royals as well as relocating several foxtails and replacing them with queens. The price for the above would be \$6,250. Treasurer Bareither noted that while our spending to date was slightly under the original amount approved for the upgrade project, our budget would not accommodate an expenditure of this amount. It was decided to place this item on next month's agenda for further discussion.

Communications Coordinator: (Donna Aveck) Donna provided an overview of *Constant Contact*, an alternative service to manage our outbound e-mail network. The current trial of the service has proven to be a great improvement over *Go Daddy* and the plan is to have the new service in place by the fall. *Go Daddy* will be continued for web page management and repository of our domain name. Donna requested approval for a new contract with an outside IT consultant to manage more complex interaction with our website. The new contract would be for a block of 10 hours at a fee of \$450. A motion was made by Doug Rhees and seconded by Theresa Murtha to approve the new agreement; the motion was approved by unanimous vote. Looking ahead the Board feels that we should develop in-house ability to fully manage the site and rely on outside help only on a more limited ad-hoc basis.

New Business: Charlie noted receipt of the city for input to the city's 2012 Strategic Plan. Last year a request was sent to the membership requesting input and the resulting suggestions were developed as the BSIA submission to the city. Charlie said he would do the same this year.

Charlie will prepare and submit for Board review the text of a request to BSIA membership requesting input for a city ordinance to define the maximum allowable space in home in the Residential Overlay Districts which could be considered as garage space. Such input would be used to urge the City Council to consider such ordinance.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.