

Burnt Store Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 07, 2011
Regions Bank-1401 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Officers Present:

President- Charles Council
Vice President- Theresa Murtha

Directors Present:

Community Security-Bob Hutt
Legal Liaison-Mike Huston
Special projects-Doug Rhees
Community Standards-Ken Lampkin
Planning-Brian Stirling
Membership-Genny Ramachandran
Immediate Past President-Joe Sabatino (non voting)
Social Chair-Cynthia Council (non-voting)

Absent:

Treasurer-Bill Bareither
Secretary-Audrey Young
Communication Director: (non-board; non-voting.)

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

Minutes of the Sept 02, 2011 meeting were approved and sent to the Webmaster for posting on the BSIA website.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

President: Charlie referenced his monthly report and his earlier discussion with the city re curbside deposit of yard waste. In summary there is no restriction on landscapers depositing yard waste at curb side. However an applicable ordinance notes yard waste may be placed at curb side "no earlier than twenty-four (24) hours prior to scheduled pick-up." Properties in serious and continuous violation will receive a courtesy warning notice from code compliance officers.

There was discussion re the need for such enforcement. Currently property owners may schedule pick up major waste by notifying the city three days in advance.

Again referring to his monthly report Charlie reported on a discussion topic at the 10/05/11 City Council meeting concerning the encroachment of A/C and pool equipment into residential easements. The issue is somewhat confusing and is centered more on PGI where some property side set-backs are 6 feet rather than 7 ½ feet. The city will be reviewing the issue in more detail and we will be tracking any action having possible impact on BSI properties.

Vice President: In Theresa's absence Charlie relayed her request that any newsletter articles from Board members be in her hands by Monday, 11/09/11. This is necessary to assure timely printing and distribution so as to meet the 14 day requirement for publication of the election notice and candidates slate. With the exception of the security position a slate of 2012 candidates is in place

Treasurer: In Bill's absence Charlie pointed out that the 2012 proposed budget was not ready for this meeting. Bill & Charlie will work on the budget in the coming weeks and circulate it to Board members prior to the 11/04/11 meeting. The Board would then review the budget and copies would be prepared for hand-out at the general meeting on 11/07/11.

Social Chair: Cynthia noted that preparations for the general meeting were being finalized. She asked that Board members bring dessert items for the meeting; her social committee will also supply coffee and desserts. All attending members will be asked (notice in newsletter) to bring either a canned or boxed item to the meeting for distribution to the homeless coalition and the St Vincent De Paul food pantry. Cash for the purchase of turkeys will be accepted as well.

Special Projects: Doug reported that he was updating the banners to announce the general meeting and donation of food items. With the holiday season approaching Doug again noted the current decorations were quite shabby. After some discussion of different decoration themes the consensus of the Board was to stay with the type decorations currently in use and authorize the purchase of new items NTE \$250.

The discussion from earlier meetings regarding the replacement of some existing Foxtail palms with Royal palms as to avoid a single crown appearance, resumed. Preparation of the 2012 budget will consider a two year program to add Royal palms and relocate / remove some Foxtail palms. Consideration will be given to adding signs to each entryway citing the joint BSIA/City effort to develop and maintain the entryways.

Doug reported that he has had minimal input from the community re the maintenance and upgrade of cul-de-sacs. Noting the city program to provide mulch, etc free of charge, Doug proposed to detail the city policy in the upcoming news letter. He will coordinate with Theresa.

Community Standards: General discussion re abandoned properties and the recent BSIA policy providing for Association action to enter the property to clean it up, etc. Focus on the house at 259 Monaco. Continuing discussion of ways to address problems: post problem properties in the newspaper; identify a source that lists abandoned / foreclosed properties; list in newsletter. No action taken.

Discussion of two spec homes to be erected on Santander Ct by PGI Homes. Ground was broken without the builder getting approval from BSIA. Ken has worked this out with the builder but we have had the same problem with two other properties. The city will not advise the builders when they submit plans that they need to go to BSIA as well. It was suggested that BSIA send a notice to the County Home Builders Association outlining the procedures to be followed to comply with our deed restrictions. Mike and Ken will work up such letter.

Planning: Brian reported on two items brought up at the recent City Planning Board meeting: the Monaco Walgreens is considering staying open for 24 hrs; some discussion re allowing sheds in the SRO districts. Apparently this idea was not well received. If agreed to by the city our deed restrictions ban such items and would supersede a city ordinance allowing same.

New Business: Consideration of a modified plan submitted by the owner of 3541 Tripoli Blvd for an addition to his current home. The Architectural Review Committee submitted its unanimous recommendation (attached) to the Board that the owners preliminary plans for the addition be approved with the stipulation that formal sealed plans, etc be submitted prior to actual construction.

>Motion to accept the ARB recommendation: By Doug Rhees.

>Second : By Ken lampkin

>Board voted unanimously in support of the motion.

President Council will advise the home owner of the decision.

There was a lengthy discussion of ways to increase Association membership. The consensus of the group was that the best approach would be to send a letter to all BSI residents. This was considered in the past but not implemented. This will be on the agenda for the new Board to implement early next year. Joe Sabatino referred to the Community Outreach program implemented three years ago. One goal of the program was to create bonding among residents in a smaller neighborhood area; whether BSIA members or not. This could be an effective tool to attract new members. Joe will provide additional background at the December meeting.

Final Items: Charlie there would be both a regular Board meeting on 11/04 and the general membership meeting on 11/07. He requested that board members be prepared to make brief presentations at the general meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:55.