

Burnt Store Isles Association , Inc.

Annual membership Meeting

March 8, 2016

The meeting was held at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church and was called to order by President John Gruca at 7: 10 pm. All members and non-members were welcomed. Approximately 175 neighbors attended the meeting.

All Veterans and families along with police and fire veterans were asked to stand. John thanked all for their service and asked them to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance, lead by our Veterans, was recited by all.

John thanked all visitors for attending and stated in one of our previous surveys many asked for informative , but shorter meetings. John stated that in previous meetings officers, directors and committee leaders did not have the opportunity to give their presentations. Neighbors were leaving because of the longer meetings. John stated there would not be a guest speaker tonight allowing all our dedicated volunteers to have their presentations heard.

Presidents Comments: John stated, watch for changes in our entry ways and Monuments, removing dead trees and plants, new plants, lighted Palm trees, giving us a more inviting look as you enter our Beautiful Neighborhood. Security cameras are getting closer and will be installed this year. All these improvements are being funded by the 529 members of our association and not by the 1,250 property owners . He asked all members to please ask there non-member neighbors to join and help improve our neighborhood.

Vice President Report: Ian Milne stated our new home builders are submitting plans and fees for a review and approval. 18 new homes are being built. He asked that all homeowners making changes to their home exterior such as color etc. must submit these exterior changes prior to starting their projects.

Secretary: Janie Dunn, Not present. Takes all minutes of meetings which are posted in our weekly News letters.

Treasurer: Connie Higgins, Stated she collects all monies and pays all the associations bills. Budget has always been posted. Asked if there were any questions? None asked.

E Communications: Don Hallman, Not Present. Don is responsible for all communications , giving all of us an opportunity to see what is going on in our community. His service is invaluable.

Legal Liaison: Mirko Vicko stated he keeps us informed as to the legality of our decisions. He stated our association is voluntary where many other associations are mandatory .

Membership: Nancy Granum, Stated we have 529 members. She has Welcome packets for new neighbors. Please ask your neighbors to join and help improve our neighborhood .

Planning: John Forr Monuments up-date with meetings with the City Urban Planning group to assist us in design and going forward. Any work on our Islands require City permits for, signage, tree and shrub removal, etc. We must us licensed professionals and safety signage at the Monaco entrance due to the heavy traffic and safety concerns. We can use volunteers at the one Madrid location because it is off the street. Some of our thoughts are Stacked stone on the columns, Palm tree lighting, New white painted background and anchor painting. New bright plants and better shrubs. There is also the possibility of a strip park at the bicycle rack on Monaco. He can use additional volunteers for help on these projects.

Security: Kathy Williamson, not present . She has been working on the Security cameras and will have more news soon.

Social: Su Miscia. The yard sale was very successful with maps to homes distributed at local stores and areas for neighbors and guests to pick up. She will be planning 2 each year. She asks for more volunteers to help. Please give her a call. Annual picnic is this Saturday with over 120 responses to join in the fun. There will be live music, hot dogs, hamburgers and treats for all.

Special Projects: Doug Paquin :Shredder to be available 2 nd week in May. Will post the exact date , location and time .Cul de sac weeds will be sprayed this month. We are designing a sign which will allow us flexibility for different events.

Standards and Architectural: Melissa Lockhart. We are touring the neighborhood for dirty roofs, vehicle parking, trash etc. Please call if you see any violations.

News letter/advertising: Joanne Ziemer. Not present. Please send items of interest for our next News letter.

Underground wiring survey: Chick Petrosino. The city council gave the go ahead with the straw poll. At this time the city is prepared to install new poles . 53 wood and 16 concrete. They are delaying this procedure at this time. The new Vista switch cabinets are much smaller then the large unit shown at our last meeting at the Church. 6ft x 6 ft x 4ft high and can be landscaped. Approximately 15 boxes total in our neighborhood. BSI is paying for printing and postage. The mail out will be from the city to all owners at their tax bill mailing address. Dates of the mailings will be posted later. Estimate May 10th mail out and June 10th return votes. 50% plus 1 of the returned votes will constitute a positive response. Again this is just for the survey to get all the costs for this project. If approved, it will take 9 months to 1 year for information to be received. Residents who are not here in May will need to forward an alternate address to receive the ballot.

The 50/50 raffle was completed.

John Gruca asked the audience to bring their questions regarding the Perimeter Canal Dredging Project to the Canal Advisory Commission meeting on March 15th at 1:30 pm. The meeting is at the Charlotte Harbor Events Center on Taylor street , Punta Gorda.

A special thank you to Charles Council, Lori Gurr and Rick Doll for all the work they put in our Membership Directory. Charles is looking for someone to take on the work of keeping and bringing in more advertisers. Please contact him.

Neighbors were given an opportunity to ask questions about various subjects.

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 20 pm