

Minutes of 6/6/14 BSIA Board Meeting

Called to order at 9 a.m. by President, Gene Murtha

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Connie/Doug P./Don H./Don C./Claire Phelen (for Judy V.)/Frank/Gene

Also in attendance: Invited guest Howard Kunik, City Manager and Nancy Prafke, Council Member

Minutes from May Board Meeting – no comments

Frank made motion to approve; seconded by Don Clark

Financial Statement – no comments/file for audit

General Discussion Item: Increasing Legal Reserves

Gene discussed the \$30K we currently have in reserve for legal counsel. This amount would not get us far today. We should monitor this reserve and adjust it as needed – perhaps \$5K this year and \$5K every other year. No vote today; Gene will bring this up at the next meeting and then present it at the 7/29 General Membership meeting if the Board feels it is wise to increase the reserve.

We invited Howard Kunik to attend today to discuss the 1% tax and how Macedonia sidewalks got on the list of projects in addition to many others.

Tape recording of the various people who attended to express their opinions and ask questions regarding the sidewalk project proposed for Macedonia Drive.....

Back to the agenda of the June Board meeting:

7/29 General Meeting – Sunshine Law is causing problems with candidate nights. There cannot be two candidates in the same room at the same time. We need to find a way to solve this problem before the 7/29 meeting.

Standards – topics include foreclosures and property appearance. Renters who may not be familiar with our deed restrictions are parking on lawns. There is no restriction dealing with that and we should discuss adding it. Jayne is not here today so we will table the discussion of standards issues.

E-Mails – they are not the “be all and end all”. Major issues will be presented in the newsletter. Charlie Council has agreed to continue to prepare the newsletter for the rest of this year.

Shredder Day – Sat. 6/7. Doug needs up-to-date lists of BSIA members plus receipt forms. Connie will deliver the BSIA list and receipt forms to Doug today. The cost for the shredder is \$200/hour for 3 hours. The shredder company will send us an invoice after the event.

Cul-de-sac maintenance – Doug has created a list of people who live near the cul-de-sacs. It is important that the people who volunteer to maintain the cul-de-sacs are here all year long. Gene asked Doug to

put together a proposal for professional lawn maintenance. Gene and Doug will get together to discuss this further.

Monuments – The general feeling is that they have become shabby. It was agreed that for now we will hire a painting contractor to power wash them and repaint them. Doug will get bids and present them at the next board meeting, at which time we will make a motion to go forward with refurbishing the monuments.

Water feature at the entrances – General feeling is that this is overkill. Who will keep it clean? What about leaves and debris?

Credit Cards – Lori, Don Hallman and Connie will meet in early August to test the process all the way through to the bank deposit. Once we are satisfied that it works for us, we will announce it to the members. Gene will announce at the 7/29 General Meeting that the credit card process for dues payment will be ready in the near future.

Lock Widening – The majority of members surveyed said yes to this. Also the CAC (Canal Advisory Committee) had the same response. Gene stated that he believes the lock will be widened.

Dues reduction – Since we have a sizable bank account it was discussed at the last meeting that we might want to consider a reduction in our dues. Connie mentioned that since we are considering increasing the legal reserve, it seems a contradiction that we would also want to decrease dues. We could use some of the dues to increase the legal reserve.

#17 – Resolved

#18 – Wait for Jayne to update us on the status.

Membership goal – Wait for Lori to provide status.

Frank – nothing

Connie – nothing

Doug – nothing

Don H. – E Communications...found a quirk in our reports for the addendum to the directory (the sort for new members). Worked with Rick and now the record is correct.

Don C. – 1 new issue. A member who lives on the golf course is seeing people after hours and on weekend using the course for a “park”. Walkers/bikers/picnics/etc. They are concerned about security. There was a discussion and it was agreed that this is a golf course issue and members who are concerned about people trespassing on the course should call the police.

Social Committee –

The Elks Picnic is scheduled for 6/10 and there are 50 people registered. Nine people are needed to serve food and clean up. However, there were no volunteers. Claire suggested that the \$100 needed to cover the cost for servers and cleaning up after the event would be paid for from BSIA funds. Don Hallman made the motion and Frank Wiechec seconded it. It was also decided that in the future, such costs be incorporated into the ticket price so that members who attend can enjoy the event and not be asked to work.

Claire feels it is always necessary to have a contract for events and Gene offered to review all contracts if requested.

Claire reported that the last mixer held at the TICC was a complete turnaround. Service, food choices and the food were all very good.

TICC wants to have a golf program for both the boat club and the association for this summer. Judy will meet with the course representative and will provide details on this program.

The General Meeting is scheduled for 7/29 and will include “Meet the Candidates”.

School supplies will be collected at the Burnt Store Villas on 6/11 and 7/9.

Claire pointed out that ours is the only local homeowner’s association that has not donated funds for a bicycle to Team Punta Gorda for the Yellow Bicycle program. She asked us to consider making a \$300 donation, which covers the cost of the bicycle, maintenance, helmet and lock. Frank Wiechec made a motion to make a one-time donation to Team Punta Gorda of \$300; Don Hallman seconded the motion. Connie will deliver a check to Claire, who will deliver it to Team Punta Gorda.

Charlie C – Mike Kaiser of Pope Management at TICC spoke to Charlie regarding ads in the Newsletter. He will be placing ads in the next 3 Newsletters and flyers as well. In appreciation for this support, Charlie will upgrade the Newsletter ad from a ¼ page to ½ page.

Gene – He has reviewed the job descriptions and he feels that the “Planning” position is impossible to fulfill. It requires being on top of all legislation, which is too time consuming for a volunteer to do. This needs more thought but other associations have a legislative liaison; perhaps this is what we should do as well as redefining the Planning position. This would be a general membership issue and we will discuss it in more detail at the next Board meeting.

Don C. says that the duties of his position on the board, the Security Director, have been redefined since the information that is currently in the Policies Manual. He pointed out that there are newer job descriptions not in the binders that were recently distributed. We will ask Mary Drummond to provide them at the next meeting.

Association Members in Attendance – Comments:

Nancy Prafke relayed two suggestions she had received regarding the entrance monuments. One was for a water feature and the other was for black granite tiles with gold letters. Gene thanked her for passing on the information and informed her that we have decided to clean and paint the existing monuments for now. Nancy also informed the group that there is a new chef at TICC – Joe Brucker, who was formerly with the Torch restaurant. An email blast will be going out to TICC members shortly. Nancy also spoke to the manager at TICC regarding the topic of trespassers on the course and was told that there would be “no trespassing” signs on the course.

There were no more questions/comments and Doug Paquin moved to adjourn the meeting; Don Clark seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Higgins (for Secretary, Mary Drummond)