

BSIA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, April 1, 2016

Officers Present: John Gruca, President Ian Milne, Vice President Janie Dunn, Secretary

Connie Higgins, Treasurer

Directors/Committees Present: Kathy Williamson, Security Su Miscia, Social

Don Hallman, E-Communication Doug Paquin, Special Projects John Forr, Planning

Melissa Lockhart, Standards Nancy Granum, Membership Joanne Ziemer, Newsletter

Not Present: Mirko Vicko, Legal Liaison Doug Rhees, Past President

Visitors: Chet Sliski Bill Courtney Nancy Prafke, City Council and Special Guest

The BSIA Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, April 1, 2016 was called to order by President John Gruca at 9:00am. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John G. and recited by all.

A roll call was held to account for Officers and Directors present, as noted above. John G. asked for any objections to the March 4, 2016 minutes; there were no objections. Nancy G. moved to accept the minutes and Su M. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved and Don H. will publish them on the BSIA website.

President's Report

John G. announced the landscaping project is on budget and work begins at the entrances tomorrow, April 2, when dead trees are being removed and 60 new plants added to Monaco; also 4 stacked stone columns are being installed. On Madrid, shrubbery will be replaced by rocks and stones with stacked stone edging; 50% of the plants will be native to Florida and 50% non-native, and the smaller 4 islands will be cleaned up. Due to the dangerous work site, no volunteers can be used and all work must be done by contractors. John F. praised John G. for completing and obtaining all the various permits required. Nancy P. commented the city requires permits to remove trees as a way to keep the city from losing the tree canopy. John G. stated the city had been very helpful in working through this project, and he is hopeful residents will see the results and be motivated to get involved with BSIA. Don H. suggested a sign go up when the project is finished saying "If you like what we're doing, join BSIA".

Nancy P. also commented on plans for Publix to tear down the current building in October and then rebuild with an "old Florida" style. The impact of additional traffic on Madrid was discussed and Joanne Z. said this was a good opportunity for BSIA to get involved in the discussion of proposed changes. Nancy P. suggested residents can attend FDOT meetings; John F. said we need a committee to participate in keeping up with these meetings and report back to the Board. The social website "Next Door BSI" was discussed; Don H. agreed to contact the "Lead" in charge of the site, Winston Rigg. The site has no connection to BSIA.

Vice President's Report

Ian M. reports 5 new applications for construction have been filed; 76% of BSI is built out and 81% of PGI is built out. Nancy P. added 50% of our population turns over every 8 years, so we will need to continue to attract buyers in the future. Ian asked for comments on the request for a metal roof; several options were discussed and it was agreed as long as the roof looked like tile, metal would be acceptable. Eight lots on the north side of Madrid have recently sold and 48 two-story condos are planned. Nancy P. suggested contacting Don Kirby, Senior Project Manager, to discuss traffic concerns; John G. will contact Mirko V. for follow-up.

Membership 's Report

Nancy G. reported there are 535 members in BSIA; she discussed simplifying the application to have a 1-year free membership, which is a calendar year and not pro-rated. It was agreed to include a request for a name tag at an additional \$15 charge, as well as an option for donations for special projects. A motion to accept the changes was made Don H., seconded by Kathy W. and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Connie H. provided everyone a copy of the Treasurer's Report; she pointed out \$27,000.00 is in savings.

Security's Report

Kathy W. stated she has interviewed additional camera companies, and likes Secure Pro in Port Charlotte, a local company. They can provide 4 cameras with night vision capability and a DVR that records movements. The package price is \$9,942.08 with 2-year warranty and 1-year parts and labor, and \$100 fee for a technician coming out when needed. Signs regarding the camera will be attached to the current Neighborhood Watch Signs. This price is \$1442.08 over budget, but is the best package available. A motion to accept was made by Don H., seconded by Su M. and approved by all.

Newsletter's Report

Joanne Z. has the Newsletter ready to go; it should be out within 2 weeks. She has agreed to take over the job of finding advertisers. John G. expressed appreciation for Joanne Z.'s willingness to take on the additional work to benefit BSIA.

E-Communication's Report

Don H. received word from GoDaddy requiring that a new website be created. He worked some 20 hours to construct the new site, which had to be 30+ fewer pages. Everyone agreed the new site is remarkable and John G. called for a round of applause for Don H. After all the effort, Don H. stated the new site has some advantages and should be a positive change.

Special Projects' Report

Doug P. discussed the continuing expense of banners; he has \$300 budgeted, but has already had to spend \$500. Several options were discussed, including the need for 6 banners for recurring events, and Nancy P. suggested contacting Steve Bair of Rapid Graphics. Doug P. agreed to get pricing from Rapid Graphics.

Social Director's Report

Su M. reported 106 RSVP's for the General Meeting on March 8, and 150 residents attended.

The BSIA Annual Picnic held on Saturday, March 12 at Ponce De Leon Park had perfect weather; 120 people attended, with 10 to 12 visitors. There was more than enough food and she was able to make a food donation to the local Homeless Shelter; non-perishable food was given to St. Vincent de Paul, and the 50-50 raised over \$100 for the Peace River Wildlife Center. We filled the gas tank for the shuttle van from Palm Auto, which was donated and much appreciated. The park has been reserved for next year on 3/11/17, at a \$64 charge; the theme will be "gourmet burgers", which we will advertise, since the burgers this year were not as large as we ordered. We will also announce the shuttle services so people will know about it.

On April 22, 2016 at 5:30pm a "Tour of Fat Point Brewery" is planned. It is located off Hwy. 17 near the Elks Club; dinner will be available after the tour and additional information will be sent out on email. Su M. stated she will be leaving soon and has not found a replacement; John G. and Chet S. volunteered to attend the next committee meeting, 9:00am, 4/4 at 3387 Tripoli.

Additional Questions/Comments

John G. asked Nancy P. to discuss issues before the City Council; she stated the next meeting will be April 20, 2016 and they will discuss the dredging budget; the official budget in July sets the millage rate and a final hearing will be held in September, always done on the first Wednesday in September at 5:01 pm. Two weeks later, a second hearing is scheduled and the public is allowed to comment for up to 3 minutes at any meeting. It is also permissible to meet individually with any council member. Currently most of the comments coming in are in response to the development on Aqui Esta. Dredging permits have been approved for the Alligator Creek "Birds Section Cut Through", but it will still be several years for additional study and permitting to be completed. Don H. asked about the effects on BSI canals, since PGI and BSI have different tide schedules. Nancy P. agreed to let us know the next time the subject is discussed by the city council and encouraged people to speak out now about their concerns. John F. expressed concern over sand build-up at our canal entrance; Nancy G. asked what would be the impact on our canals? Nancy suggested emailing questions/comments to Howard Kunik, City Manager at citycouncil@pgorda.us or citymgr@pgorda.us as a way to stay informed. John F. suggested BSIA and BSIA Boat Club should establish a position on these issues; Nancy P. encouraged everyone to make their concerns known before city signs contracts with the engineering firm.

Nancy P. was also concerned about a new Bike Path plan for the area that included a change in the 2-way left turn on Monaco, being altered to one lane to allow for a bike lane. All agreed such a change would result in traffic back-up; Nancy P. agreed to pass on our concerns.

Nancy G. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ian M. and approved by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Dunn