

BSIA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, March 4, 2016

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

Not Present: Connie Higgins, Treasurer

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

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

Mirko Vicko, Legal Liaison Melissa Lockhart, Standards Nancy Granum, Membership

Chick Petrosino, Underground Wiring Joanne Ziemer, Newsletter

Visitors: Mark: Len Harris Charlie Council

The BSIA Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, March 4, 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 February 5, 2016 minutes; there were no objections. Melissa L. moved to accept the minutes and Kathy W. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved and Don H. will publish them on the BSIA website.

President's Report

John G. and Kathy W. met with a camera installation company manager to again discuss security cameras. They found a neighbor at the lock willing to allow us use of 12- volt electric service from his boat dock at \$3.00 per month, until a meter could be installed. The price of the cameras remained the same, but a 20% reduction in the maintenance cost was offered. The service would benefit all 1350 households, but only 529 are members of BSIA are paying for it. The poles will be 12 feet high and 3 feet in the ground; cameras will set at 9 feet. A box will be mounted on the pole at the lock and boxes at Madrid and Monaco will be mounted so they can be moved while work is being done on the monuments. These cameras give us what we need, filming boats entering and leaving the lock. Cameras have zoom capability to assist with license plates. (Cameras specifically for license plates cost \$30,000). Kathy W. said signs will be added to the Neighborhood Watch signs stating BSI now has 24-hour surveillance. The tapes will run for 30 to 45 days before taping over; the Police can access the tapes at any time, but privacy for residents is assured. Costs are \$8500 for installation, \$1100 for maintenance, \$36 electricity at the lock, and \$200 hardwiring.

A motion to move ahead with the cameras was made by Mirko V., seconded by Kathy W. and approved by all.

Vice President's Report

Ian M. reports he is working with several new construction projects; one of those houses has not yet made an application. He also indicated a report that a house has used purple paint, but he does not have the address. (Melissa L. got a report the house is on Toulouse Dr. and is investigating.)

Membership 's Report

Nancy G. reported the current membership is at 529 active members and 123 inactive; she is not sure how many of the inactive members still live in BSI. Chick P. stated a 2014 Mayor's Report showed 1249 residences in BSI and with condos the number came to 1469. The 2016 Directory is due out over the next few days. Charlie Counsel has worked diligently for years finding advertisers, which off-sets the cost of the Directory. He is looking for someone to take his place with that endeavor after next year. Nancy G. asked for a second person to assist her at the sign-in table for the General Meeting on March 8; Ian M. volunteered.

Legal Liaison's Report

Mirko V. commented on a mailing titled "BSI Directory" recently distributed in the area, which lists Punta Gorda addresses, not BSI. He will contact the marketing group listed in the pamphlet and ask they "cease and desist" using the title, so people do not confuse it with the BSIA Directory.

Treasurer's Report

John G. gave the report for Connie H. and a copy was previously provided via email. A motion to accept was made by Mirko V., seconded by Kathy W. and approved by all.

Security's Report

Kathy W. received a call at 6:15am complaining about workers making noise on Tripoli; the city ordinance prohibits work before 8:00am. Kathy W. asked everyone to email her when problems occur so she can keep a record of complaints and responses.

Planning's Report

John F. reported the city has 3 boats surveying sea walls at this time. He met with the city regarding the monuments, which were last updated in 2009. A landscaper gave his estimate for Monaco and Madrid to be at \$13,000, which John believes is too high to consider. He, John G. and Ian M. offered a simpler plan using stacked stone on concrete sheets purchased at Home Depot. John is waiting for estimates on reusable signs. They also looked at the new signs at Buttonwood for ideas. The city says working on the monuments is too dangerous for volunteers, due to the heavy traffic, and we will have to hire a professional landscaper and get a "MOT" permit. There was some discussion on asking the city to develop a park on city property at the old fire station; various benefits were considered, but Chick P. recalled past discussions that cited the conflict of having large groups congregating in a residential area.

John announced he will be traveling during the next few months and wants new volunteers to attend the meetings he will be missing. Don H. was asked to put out an email for people to serve.

Underground Wiring

John G. congratulated Chick P. and his committee for getting the city to send out ballots for voting on the survey. BSIA is paying for the printing, but ballots will go out from the city. Chick hopes to see this happen in the next few months.

Newsletter's Report

Joanne Z. is soliciting ideas for the next newsletter, asking members to email suggestions. She received a question about mold on the anchors; John G. responded that they will be painted during the landscape work. Also, there was a complaint about real estate signs being removed; a check with the city found the signs were in the right of way. Joanne will include this information in the newsletter.

Social Director's Report

Su M. reported the February Mixer's Pre-Super Bowl theme did not have great participation. The next mixer is tonight March 4 at TICC. Don H. mentioned he was unsuccessful in getting a menu from TICC ahead of the joint Mixer with the Boat Club.

Forty residents participated in the Semi-Annual Yard/Garage Sale on Saturday, February 13. Site maps were available at the Burnt Store Grill; and a thank you card will be sent to the restaurant owner, Bob Mignault. The Social Committee plans to schedule 2 sales in season next year, and to consider ways to prevent parking problems

The BSIA Annual Picnic on Saturday, March 12 at Ponce De Leon Park from 11:30am to 3:00pm will include hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns; members will be asked to bring beverages and side dishes to share; 108 people are registered to attend. John G. is in charge of cooking and John F. and Charlie Council will assist. Further details are included on BSIA email.

Su found the Boat Club now offers CPR classes once a month, so no further action is planned on forming a class. The General BSIA Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8 at BS Presbyterian Church; 129 are registered to attend, John G. asks speakers to tighten-up presentations so everyone gets heard; and there will be no guest speaker.

Su is leaving for New Jersey in one month and asks for an assistant to take over her duties in her absence.

Additional Questions/Comments

Leonard Harris explained the work of the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) which makes recommendations to the County Commissions regarding spending tax dollars for education, law enforcement, material and construction. He also acknowledged the work done over the years by BSIA to ensure the wellbeing of the neighborhood and believes residents who aren't members need to be informed of those efforts. He said BSI Concerned Citizens Committee agrees with dredging, and reminded us of the March 15 meeting at the Charlotte Event Center to hear both sides.

Kathy W. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Melissa L. and approved by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Dunn

Secretary