

Burnt Store Isles Association Board of Directors Meeting

Held via Zoom Conference Call

June 5, 2020

Called to Order 9:00 a.m

1. UPDATE: MAYOR NANCY PRAFKE

The Mayor updated us on the civil rights protest scheduled for today and a scheduled prayer meeting next week hosted by the NAACP along with the Unity Task Force. They expect both to be peaceful.

The city is continuing the process of hiring a new City Manager. They have narrowed the candidates down to 6.

2. ROLL CALL

Officers Present

Bill Courtney, President
Faith Ferris, Vice President
Bill Page, Treasurer
Libby Strong, Secretary

Directors Present

Rick Allen, Community Standards
Jenny Anderson, E Communications
Joe Meyer, Legal Liaison
Ken Williams, Membership
CJ Metcalfe, Neighborhood Security
Donna Nowak, Social
Mary Ann Gilroy, Special Projects

Ian Milne, Past President

A quorum has been established.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Bill Page moved and Rick Allen seconded the approval of the minutes dated May 1, 2020. Motion carried.

4. OFFICER'S REPORTS

President – Bill Courtney

The City Council at its May 6th meeting accepted BSIA's recommendation to not continue with the underground wiring after the "straw ballot" failed to get enough votes to pass.

Many of the BSIA recommendations for traffic control were accepted by the City Council over the past couple of months. The City is in the process of implementing the changes such as reducing the speed limit to 25 mph on Tripoli between Madrid and Monaco.

Reminder to Vote on the USA Today survey on 10 Best Reader's Choice Awards for Small Town Food Scene. It is an online survey.

Vice President – Faith Ferris

Faith had one new home builder start construction on a new home. Faith has sent the owner's information to Ken Williams so he can send BSIA information to the owner.

Treasurer - Bill Page

Bill reviewed the financials. BSIA had 3 CDs that rollover to another 9 month term. The new rate is 1.4%. Interest from the CDs for June is \$722 and will be posted on the June financials.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Update on traffic calming measures:

- Additional speed limit signs posted throughout the community.
- Changed the speed limit on Tripoli between Madrid and Monaco to 25 mph.
- Added "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" sign on corners of Madrid and Monaco
- Repainted cross walks to make them easier to see

Update on solicitation material

BSIA requested City Council change their regulations regarding solicitation material. The request was denied. They cannot legislate city wide, but individuals can post signs on their homes. "NO SOLICITATION" stickers are available at Comfort Storage free of charge for anyone wishing to get a sticker.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of suggested revision to city permit building legend regarding deed restrictions

Libby Strong moved and Faith Ferris seconded to send a recommendation to the City of Punta Gorda building permit office to change the legend on building permits to state “CHECK CURRENT COMMUNITY DEED RESTRICTIONS BEFORE STARTING PROJECT BECAUSE THIS BUILDING PERMIT IN NO WAY NEGATES DEED RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY.” The motion passed.

Discussion of whether the model home fee should be an annual or one-time payment

2007 Procedures & Policy stated that a \$500 fee per year should be charged to any builder that has a Model Home in BSI. The board recommends that the responsibility of tracking the billing and payments should fall to the Vice President who is in charge of building applications. The BSIA building application should be modified to state that the fee is an annual fee.

Bill Page suggested that Faith contact PGI Homes because they have a Model Home in our community and let them know that since they were not notified earlier, BSIA will waive the fee for 2020, but will expect a payment in 2021 if the home continues to be a Model.

Preliminary discussion of the FDOT US41 Corridor Vision Plan

Bill will set up a call with Board Members to discuss how to respond to the letter from Vice-Mayor Lynne Matthews regarding US41 Corridor.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Community Standards – Rick Allen

It was a slow month. He had one application for a pool/spa cage, an inquiry about removing a palm tree and 1 roof replacement application.

Communication – Jenny Anderson

Jenny will be sending out the Bulletin on Tuesday. If the Board has anything they would like to include in the bulletin, send it to Jenny prior to Sunday.

Legal Liaison – Joe Meyer

BSIA continues to have a problem with the builder on Albacete Court paying the appropriated fee for an application review. We are likely going to need to take legal action to resolve the matter. **Bill Courtney moved, seconded by Faith Ferris that if we get no reaction from the demand letter that we take the legal actions recommended by our attorney. The motion passed.**

Membership – Ken Williams

Ken had been postponing sending out letters to new buyers in BSI since the records are not currently being updated. He did send some out to “Current Resident” and did get 2 new members that way. Currently we have 496 members. This number does not include the 2 new members.

Neighborhood Security – CJ Metcalfe

Security Cameras on Madrid and Tripoli failed. Equipment will be replaced.

Resident called police at 3:45 am because they notice people walking behind their home with flashlights. The police said it was 2 young men claiming to be looking for a place to fish. The men did not have poles with them. Their names were recorded and they were released.

There were a number of cars broken into again last month. The message remains the same...LOCK YOUR CARS!

Social –Donna Nowak

Donna thanked everyone for their participation in the food drive. The Social Committee is going to have another food drive on June 18th. **Donna Nowak moved, seconded by Faith Ferris to give \$100 to St. Vincent DePaul as a donation as well. Discussion was had and the vote taken. Motion failed 3 yes 5 no.** The Board is going to look at other ways to donate in our community.

There will be a joint dinner July 4th for BSIA and BSIBC at the Captain's Table. The City of Punta Gorda has cancelled fireworks, but the group decided to continue with the dinner.

Special Projects - Mary Ann Gilroy

Mary Ann is working on getting another Shredder Day set up. She is going to try to get it set up for June 27th. She needs to clear it with TICC and the shredder people.

The front center islands need weeding, some bushes need to be replaced and maybe fertilizer needs to be applied. She is going to talk to our landscape company to get that done. She is also going to discuss with them having an annual contract to make sure this gets done on a regular basis. Bill Page said that she has a landscaping budget of \$1,000 to could cover some of the costs.

Past President – Ian Milne

Ian is going to participate in the Citizen's Panel June 23rd that will interview the candidates for the City Manager position. Ian will be representing BSIA. If the Board has any questions they would like Ian to ask the candidates, let him know.

8. NEXT MEETING FRIDAY JULY 3RD VIA ZOOM

The Board needs to start planning for the November Annual Meeting. Bill Courtney is going to try to reserve the PGI Civic Center again for this year. It was also suggested that we try to get a date earlier in the month.

The Board also needs to start looking for nominations to fill upcoming Board Member vacancies. Libby Strong was volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee.

Bill Courtney is going to form a sub-committee to review current and past Policy and Procedures.

9. GUEST COMMENTS

A member inquired about changing his house color and wanted to know if we posted a color palette. BSIA has not posted a color palette. He was told the best way to get a color approved is submit the color sample with the application. If it is similar to other homes in the area, he should be fine.

10. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted by Libby Strong, Secretary