

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 7, 2015**

Officers Present

Directors Present

President – Doug Rhees	Social – Judy Vanderweele
Secretary – Mary Drummond	Special Projects – Doug Paquin
	Membership – Lori Gurr
	E-Communications – Don Hallman

Officers Absent

Directors Absent

Treasurer – Connie Higgins	Standards – Melissa Lockhart
Vice-President – Jayne Perkins	Legal Liaison – Mirko Vlcko
	Planning – John Forr
	Security – Kathy Williamson
	Past President – Gene Murtha

The BSIA Board meeting held on August 7, 2015 at Twin Isles Country Club was called to order by President Doug Rhees at 9:03 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Paquin and recited by all present.

Roll call was held to account for Officers and Directors present. There were not enough Board members present to constitute a quorum. Also in attendance were several visiting members: Joanne Ziemer, Doug Holmes, and John Gruca.

The minutes of our June 5, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed and there were no objections. Approval of the June minutes will be deferred until our September meeting since there is not a quorum present today. There was no July Board meeting held.

President's report

Doug R. asked those present what Board positions need to be filled for 2016 for those vacancies which will be created at the end of 2015. Board positions that need to be filled are: President, Vice President, Secretary, E-Communications Director, and Social Director. Lori plans to remain in her position as Membership Director, but she would like for the Board to line up a replacement for her for 1/1/17 so the person could be trained during the 2015-2016 winter season this year. We need to appoint a Nominating Committee Chairperson and suggest to the committee a few names for filling the positions which will be vacated on December 31, 2015.

Nancy Prafke and Doug R. met with FDOT, City, and shopping center representatives earlier this week to discuss the traffic situation on Tripoli. Nancy will give us details when she arrives at our Board meeting today.

Treasurer's report

Doug R. presented the Treasurer's report as of 8/4/15 provided by Connie. Cash balance is \$67,999. \$36,800 of this amount is restricted for our legal fund. The Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

Social report

Judy reported that the Social committee needs money for a number of items. She needs checks for the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church fee and for supplies for our general membership meeting scheduled to be held there on Nov 10. She will need a check to secure the Ponce Picnic permit for March 2016. She will need a check for advertising in the Charlotte Sun the Community-Wide yard sale to be held Oct. 2 and 3. The Board approved these expenditures. The Social committee is planning to award prizes for holiday decorations this winter – Best Front, Best Back, and Best All Around. For the Best Street, an honorable mention will be made. Doug suggested giving local restaurant awards to the winners. Judy says her group will need judges and signs advertising the contest. Our old signs are probably stored at someone's home. Judy commented about the great success of this year's school supply drive – wonderful job, ladies! Our group collected two or three times the normal amount of supplies for needy students.

Membership report

Lori reported that membership now stands at 494. She questioned the logistics of instituting the membership incentive which began on June 17 for new construction and new property owners. This was the date the free BSIA membership program was announced at the realtors' meeting which was held at Twin Isles Country Club. Lori will need to have a completed membership application from new property owners before she can enter them in our system for them to receive the free membership. The free memberships will begin Jan. 1. New builds are eligible for a two-year free membership, and new property owners are eligible for a one-year free membership. Doug would like to see us make a concerted effort to welcome new residents to our community. He would like to see us re-establish a Welcoming Committee so that we integrate new people into our community and pique their interest in becoming involved in our Association. Doug would like for Don to send an email to all members asking them to be proactive and talk up membership to existing neighbors and inform new residents or property owners about the free membership we are offering. We need to encourage new neighbors to complete the membership application to give them the free memberships. Doug would like us to focus us on increasing our membership to 750. Could builders present welcome packets to new builds? Visitor John Gruca offered to assist with this. The Saturday classified section of the Charlotte Sun newspaper contains a list of property transfers which were made during each week, so this is a good source of information for names of new

residents. Doug would like to see us host quarterly pot-luck dinners for new property owners in an effort to get them interested and involved.

E-Communications report

Don asked about advertising the Community-Wide yard sale to be held in October in an email. The hours each day will be 8-5. Judy plans to create a spreadsheet of participants, but we need to determine a way to disseminate the yard sale information to the general public (address locations and map). Don will also advertise for people to fill vacant Board positions in an email to the membership.

Special Projects report

Doug P. asked what could be done regarding vacant lots that are badly in need of mowing. A yellow dot indicates that the lot is not under the City's mowing program. Nick, in City Code Compliance, should be contacted if a lot is not being cut for whatever reason. If the City must come out to mow a lot three times, then it becomes mandatory for the owners to participate in the City's mowing program. Doug P. said that he will continue to take pictures of well-maintained cul-de-sacs and will ask the Board to choose which one to honor.

BUSINESS

Underground Wiring Committee

Doug Holmes, representing our Underground Wiring Committee, says that the Committee plans to organize and hold informational meetings this fall on weeknights when the greatest number of people would be able to attend. FPL representatives will be available to answer questions at these meetings. The Homeowners Associations in BSI have been contacted regarding the Committee's work and will be invited to attend these educational meetings. The Committee hopes to have a BSI-wide straw ballot vote by July of 2016 to determine if there is significant community interest in the underground project. If enough interest is displayed by the vote, the Committee will address City Council in August regarding adding the \$75 fee per property for the engineering study to BSI tax bills. Hardening of our community will be delayed until we have the results of our straw ballot vote next year.

Tripoli Traffic report

Nancy Prafke was in attendance to report the outcome of an Aug. 5 meeting to discuss traffic issues on Tripoli and the possibility of northbound egress from Madrid. FDOT officials, City manager Howard Kunik, City engineer, two representatives of Kite Realty (who owns the shopping center), Doug Rhees, and Nancy attended this meeting. FDOT would like an origin-and-destination study to be performed during season when traffic is heaviest to determine where traffic on Tripoli is originating. Much of this traffic is not

internally generated. Doug Kirby, Kite representative, says that egress is their issue because traffic cannot easily exit and travel north. He said that he can probably get Kite Realty to pay the consultant for the traffic study. Kite plans to improve the traffic flow in the shopping center parking lot. Doug Kirby would like to see installation of a traffic light to stop the southbound lanes on 41 and allow traffic to cross over into a northbound 41 merge lane from the Madrid shopping center area.

Newsletter

Joanne Ziemer, BSIA newsletter editor, was commended by Doug for the fine newsletter, and he thanked all Board members who contributed articles for the most recent publication. Joanne suggested sharing it with neighbors who are not members. She will highlight the BSIA's website address in the next newsletter to make it more obvious. Also, a comment was made that the City is being more lenient about single bags of garbage being left at curbs on the morning of garbage pick-up days after feedback from residents.

Realtors' meeting June 17

The meeting to promote BSIA and Twin Isles was a success - 50 realtors attended. In John Forr's absence, Judy stated that the meeting was well orchestrated and the realtors were very receptive.

Rim Canal Dredging

Doug received a letter from a resident questioning the need to dredge the BSI rim canal. Doug reiterated the fact that this canal wasn't properly dug out to begin with when the community was formed, and it has been a problem ever since. It is necessary that we correct the shallow water issue for the residents unable to make use of the canal because of its depth.

Edging of vacant lots

Visitor John Gruca, who resides on Portofino, inquired whether vacant lots owners are required by City Code or BSI deed restrictions to edge their lots along any sidewalk and/or the street alongside their property. The City lot-mowing program does not address edging, according to Nancy Prafke. John thinks we should make residents in BSI (and the City) aware of the need to edge our property before the streets are repaved (or resurfaced) in a couple of years.

Nominating Committee

Doug asked the Board for suggestions for names of members who might be willing to be on the Nominating Committee or hold an office that will be vacant Dec. 31. We need to be giving some thought to the November general membership meeting agenda.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 4 at 9:00 at Twin Isles Country Club.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:58.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Drummond
Secretary