

Burnt Store Isles Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association Building

November 18, 2019

Called to Order 6:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Libby Strong, Secretary BSIA announced that a quorum has been established. The meeting can proceed.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION AND VOTING

Nominating Committee Chair, Libby Strong gave report detailing the nominees for each office.

The President, Bill Courtney opened the floor to additional nominations and called three times for nominations for each office being considered.

There is only one nominee per each position on the Board and the bylaws do not require a ballot vote, therefore the chair declared the nominee elected by acclamation. There were no additional nominations from the floor. As there were none, the chair declared the nominees elected.

The Candidates elected were as follows:

Treasurer: Bill Page (second 2 year term)

Community Standards: Rick Allen

E-communications: Jennifer Anderson

Membership: Ken Williams (appointed by the Board Jan. 2019)

Planning: Mary Boeringer (appointed by the Board Jan. 2019)

Social: Donna Nowak

Special Projects: Mary Ann Gilroy (second 2 year term)

3. APPROVAL OF THE 2020 BUDGET

Bill Page, Treasurer presented the Budget. Joe Meyer moved, seconded by Su Miscia to approve the 2020 budget. Budget passed by show of hands.

4. OFFICER'S REPORTS

President – Bill Courtney

Bill reviewed the Activities of Your Association

We are your liaison with the City and other local organizations such as South Charlotte County Coalition, Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, Punta Gorda Police Chief's Advisory Council, District Council Member's Advisory Committee, Burnt Store Isles Canal Advisory Committee, and Team Punta Gorda.

We work hard to keep BSI beautiful by review all construction plans for compliance with Deed Restrictions, ensure Deed Restrictions for existing homeowners are protected and maintain the entrance islands and monuments.

We work hard to get the "word" out about current neighborhood issues and events such as Weekly E- Bulletin Board, BSIA Web site (bsia.net), Quarterly Newsletter, Membership Directory and Facebook page.

We are your point of contact to share suggestions and issues. We facilitate informational meetings regarding issues concerning our neighborhood, we provide information on the underground wiring initiative, canal and Alligator Creek maintenance, new city-wide master plan and US 41 re-development.

We maintain surveillance cameras at each entrance and the canal lock

We provide a wide array of social events for our Members such as mixers at TICC, Christmas Party, annual picnic, Shredder Day, the annual garage sale.

We want to do more but need your support. You as a member can step forward to fill Board position when open or volunteer to work on a Committee.

Vice President – Faith Ferris

Faith reviewed building code procedures. What criteria needs to be meet for new construction approval.

For 2019 there were 14 new construction, 8 final approvals, and 4 tracking from last year.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

E-Communication - Nancy Granum

Nancy reviewed what the E-communications Director does for BSIA. They provide communication to the Membership through the Tuesday Bulletin Board. Communications are primarily made through e-mail. Let us know if you are not receiving the emails

They also process Membership renewals. Renewal invoice is emailed in December. Members may renew tonight.

Membership Directory is published in February and is provided electronically to all members. Printed version available with advance request. Members may sign up tonight or email directory@bsia.net.

Legal Liaison – Joe Meyer

We do research on legal issues in BSIA. For example, rental restrictions (there are none) and deed restrictions (who needs to follow them) and new constructions issues.

Membership – Ken Williams

Membership is increasing. Ken highlighted what the Association does to improve the quality of life in the community. He encouraged member to talk with their neighbors and new people moving into the neighborhood about joining the Association.

Planning – Faith Ferris for Mary Boeringer

Mary and Faith attended the City of Punta Gorda 1% Optional Sales Tax Proposal Committee. Mary submitted the idea of a kayak launch.

Security – CJ Metcalfe

As the Security Director, CJ stays current and informed on City activity. She is a member of the Police Chief Advisory Council, heads up BSI Neighborhood Watch program, sits on “pre” City Council Agenda and participates in City Wide Master Plan update. She also represents BSI in Chamber of Commerce and maintains Security cameras in BSI. CJ encourages BSIA members to contact her with security concerns.

The City of Punta Gorda Chief, Pam Davis spoke regarding crime statistics in the City. She spoke about the Away from Home Program. If you let the police department know that you will be out of town they will check your home for you. Check out the City Police website for how to do this and other information regarding our police department. Lt. Justin Devault, the Community Service Representative, spoke about his role in the department.

Social - Su Miscia

Su announced the Christmas Holiday Lighting contest; cul-du-sac and best decorated trees. The judging will take place the week-end before Christmas.

The Holiday Party is December 14th at the Twin Isles Country Club from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Reservations are required. There will also be preferred seating. Please make your reservations early.

Su reviewed the events held over 2019.

Special Projects - Mary Ann Gilroy

Shredder-Day is held every year in April. 122 people came in for shredding in 2019. 2020 Shredder Day will be on April 18th in the parking lot of Twin Isles Country Club.

Mary also coordinate with the landscaping of the entry islands and is in charge of putting up the American Flag on special holidays, post banners for events and decorating the entrance islands for Christmas.

Standards - Faith Ferris, Acting

The Standards Director maintains deed restrictions for existing homes. Over the past year there have been 39 requests for changes to existing homes. If you wish to make a change to the exterior of your home, you can obtain an Architecture Change Form from the BSIA website at bsia.net.

6. COMMITTEE REPORT

Chick Petrosino – Underground Wiring Update

Updated the Members on the underground wiring initiative. Chick gave the membership a history of the progress over the past 5 years. June 2016 a straw ballot was taken to raise \$88,000 for a survey. It passed.

There will be a January 21, 2020 meeting at the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church at 6:30 pm where the final plans and cost numbers will be presented. This will be a BSI wide meeting (both members and non-members will be invited). A vote among all BSI property owners to approve or reject the plan will then be held by mail.

7. MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Who is responsible to remove markings from the street that the city puts in during a construction? A member of the Board will let the membership know who they need to contact to get that taken care of.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contributions for the food drive are going to the Veteran's Village in Punta Gorda.

Thanks to outgoing Board Members, Su Miscia and Nancy Granum. They were presented with a community service award for their service.

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Libby Strong, Secretary

Bill Page, Treasurer

PROPOSED BUDGET

| <u>INCOME:</u> | <u>2019 APPROVED</u> | <u>2020 PROPOSED</u> | <u>Difference</u> <u>2020 vs 2019</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| 50/50 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BADGES - MEMBER PAID | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DIRECTORY ADS | 1,200 | 2,500 | 1,300 |
| DONATIONS RECEIVED | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EVENTS - MEMBER PAID | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| INTEREST INCOME | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MEMBERSHIP DUES | 19,385 | 20,372 | 987 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NEW CONSTRUCTION FEES | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0 |
| NEWSLETTER ADS | 1,000 | 1,500 | 500 |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | 24,085 | 26,872 | 2,787 |
| | | | |
| <u>EXPENSES:</u> | | | |
| UNDERGROUND WIRING | 0 | 3,000 | (3,000) |
| ATTORNEY FEES RESERVE | 1,940 | 2,037 | (97) |
| BADGES | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BANNERS | 500 | 250 | 250 |
| DIRECTORY PREPARATION | 1,200 | 1,000 | 200 |
| DONATION GIVEN | 250 | 250 | 0 |
| EVENTS BSIA PAID | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 |
| EVENTS MEMBER PAID | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LANDSCAPING RESERVE | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| LANDSCAPING/PROPERTY MAINT | 6,660 | 6,948 | (288) |
| LEGAL FEES | 1,000 | 500 | 500 |
| LIABILITY INSURANCE | 2,700 | 2,750 | (50) |
| MEETING ROOM RENTAL | 250 | 200 | 50 |
| MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE | 1,200 | 1,000 | 200 |
| NEWSLETTER PREPARATION | 1,500 | 3,200 | (1,700) |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES | 200 | 300 | (100) |
| PO BOX RENT | 90 | 200 | (110) |
| POSTAGE AND DELIVERY | 500 | 500 | 0 |
| SAFE DEPOSIT RENT | 0 | 100 | (100) |
| SHREDDER DAY | 400 | 400 | 0 |
| SOFTWARE | 150 | 150 | 0 |
| STATE FEES | 65 | 65 | 0 |
| STORAGE UNIT RENT | 540 | 540 | 0 |
| SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS | 750 | 750 | 0 |
| WEB DATA REMOTE HOSTING | 540 | 540 | 0 |
| WEB EMAILS CONSTANT CONTACT | 630 | 630 | 0 |
| <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u> | 24,065 | 28,310 | (4,245) |