

BSIA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, January 8, 2016

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

Not Present: Connie Higgins, Treasurer

Directors Present: Kathy Williamson, Security Su Miscia, Social Don Hallman, E-Communication

Doug Paquin, Special Projects John Forr, Planning Doug Rhees, Past President

Joanne Ziemer, Editor Nancy Granum, Membership Committee

Chick Petrosin, Underwiring Com. Chairman

Not Present: Mirko Vicko, Legal Liaison Melissa Lockhart, Standards Lori Gurr, Membership

Visitors: Mark Gering, City of Punta Gorda Engineer Gene Murtha, Past President

Tony Danna Paul Kaiser Bill Courtney Lance Gotfredson Michael Gentry

Don Zawistowski Bob Fritz

The BSIA Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, January 8, 2016 was called to order by President John Gruca at 9:05am. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John G. and recited by all.

John Gruca asked for a motion to accept Janie Dunn as Secretary. The motion was moved by Kathy Williamson and seconded by Don Hallman. Janie introduced herself as a NC native now living on Macedonia Drive 6 months out of the year.

Roll call was held to account for Officers and Directors present, as noted above. John G. asked for any objections to the December 4, 2015 minutes; there were no objections. Kathy W. moved to accept the minutes and Doug P. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved and Don H. will publish them on our website.

John G. introduced guest speaker, Mark Gering, city engineer to talk about the city's efforts to address driveway flooding. Mark has worked for Punta Gorda 9 years; he explained the city recently purchased 3 video cameras with GPS, which the city used to conduct a visual draining survey covering 120 miles on August 6, 2015. The date fell 3 days after a period of heavy rain; experts at University of Florida advise clearing standing water after 3 days to prevent mosquito larvae from hatching. Water flushed into the drainage system eliminates this concern. The survey showed 2967 driveways; on August 6, 110 had standing water. Mark estimates 1863 homes would have experienced flooding in driveways on the second day, but by the third day only 186 homes showed flooding. The amount of water can also be affected by irrigation, but the city considers the swale to be in working condition if the water is not standing after the third day.

Mark explained 74 areas were identified for attention this year, of that number, 59 are located in BSI. Most involve a build-up of sod, like a layer of fat, called thatch. De-thatching is an expensive procedure for the city to take on, and no decision has been made. The city is recommending homeowners who

replace or upgrade their driveways should install a box culvert. He encouraged homeowners to take pictures of problems and email those to his office for follow-up. Mark also agreed to meet with Paul Kaiser of Bastia Ct. and his neighbors to address flooding issues there. Bob Fritz asked about Macedonia Dr. where new paving is underway. Mark said the current paving is set at 1 ½ inch average with a cross slope and a crown in the middle. Mark closed by saying each of the 74 areas may involve several homes and will be worked on throughout the year. The City will publish more information on their website.

President's Report

John G. complemented the committee working on Christmas Decorations and called for a round of applause for the success of their efforts and all the beautiful decorations homeowners displayed. John G. said he had met with the Police Dept. regarding speeders in BSI; police are increasing patrols in the neighborhood and suggest people take a picture with the license plate showing for the police to use. Also, Ian M. wrote a letter to tell all contractors and sub-contractors about driving under 30 mph.

Vice President's Report

Ian M. reports the Architectural Committee has approved a request from PGI Builders to begin construction at 3314 Tripoli later this month.

Social Director's Report

Su M. expressed sincere appreciation for Judy Vanderweele's generosity and leadership on the social committee, completing a busy calendar of events, and working faithfully to make the transition happen. A sincere thanks goes to Judy for all she has done for BSIA.

Two big meetings planned are: January 12 Underground wiring survey at 6:30pm and January 19 BSI Perimeter Dredging at 7:00pm; both will be held at BS Presbyterian Church. A decision was made to have blank membership forms available, since non-members will be attending.

Wicked Dolphin Rum: January 29 at 5pm; a rum distillery specializing in Fl. Silver barrel aged rum; set up by Joanne

Dart at the Ice House: Wed, February 2; maximum 64 participants play darts and have a buffet meal for \$21 per person, set up by Arlene and Michelle. (Sold-out in one day, but Su will plan another event.)

Mixer: Friday, February 5 at TICC. Su is asking the club to relax their dress code to allow people to wear sport themed items to support their favorite team for Super Bowl Friday.

Semi-Annual Yard/Garage Sale: Saturday, February 13; permits are being obtained from the city and non-members are also encouraged to participate. Su will check on prices for banners and report findings to John G.

Annual Picnic: Saturday, March 12 at Ponce De Leon Park; BSIA will once again provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns, members will be asked to bring side dishes to share.

General BSIA Meeting: Tuesday, March 8 at BS Presbyterian Church; John G. will work out details and announce those later.

Special Project's Report

Don P. discussed needed work on the entrance islands; he will put together a list of problems and submit that to John G.

Newsletter Report

Joanne Z. expressed appreciation for people getting back to her; she expects the next newsletter to go out some time next week. There was a discussion about newsletters not being forwarded in the mail to those members who do not use email delivery.

Security's Report

Kathy W. announced City Council approval on installation of security cameras at 5 locations; she is in the process of signing contracts for the installation. She asked for signs, at a cost of \$55 each, to be placed at San Rocco, Tripoli/Madrid, Madrid, Monaco and the lock at Candida. Cameras will be on moveable poles to accommodate any changes in landscaping. John G. offered to find a small boat for the installation at Alligator Creek.

Planning's Report

John Forr said a permit has been approved to dredge Alligator Creek to a depth of 6 feet. John G. commented a city poll of BSIA residents received 78 responses; 58 of the 78 approved the BSI dredging. Only residents in homes and condos on the water will be assessed \$120 per year for 6 years. John Forr believes the dredging could begin in 2017, but there will be opportunity for the public to ask questions at the 1/19 meeting. Gene Murtha asked about including information in the BSIA Newsletter from a group of citizens not in favor of the dredging; it was agreed Gene could submit the details for inclusion in the Forwarding Community Bulletin Board. All meetings are open to members and non-members.

Additional Questions

Paul Kaiser asked about rules on signage at construction areas; this will be directed to contractors by Ian Milne. Don H. reminded a copy of BSIA Deeds and Restrictions is available and has recently been updated.

The problem of trucks parked on the road with on flashers or cones present was mentioned. John G agreed to pursue this with the city for clarification.

Chick P. encouraged people to attend the 1/12 meeting to hear the facts and hopefully clear up some confusion about underground wiring. It will be only the second time in history BSI has held a meeting for members and non-members.

John G. closed the meeting by saying how impressed he was with the people he's met in BSI after only moving here 1 ½ years ago. He expressed appreciation for everyone's participation today.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Dunn

Secretary