

**BSIA Annual Members Meeting
(39th Annual Meeting)
Thursday, November 10, 2022
PGI Civic Association
2001 Shreve Street
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950**

Planned Agenda was:

- Election of New Officers
- Approval of 2023 Budget
- Directors Reports

No Quorum - A quorum of 52 Members was needed to hold a formal meeting tonight, but there were only 44 Members in attendance.

Informal Discussion among Members with Board took place - As a result of not having a quorum, a formal Members Meeting to address the above 3 agenda items, could not take place. Instead, an informal meeting followed and simply included “open dialog” of topics between the Members and the Board.

These Informal Topics discussed between the Member Audience and the Board included:

- **Next Annual Meeting Date and Method to Meet** – An informal discussion took place regarding “how/when/where” possibilities to hold this required formal meeting (*so as to elect 2023 officers, address the 2023 budget for approval, and provide members with reports from each of the present Officers and Directors*). Suggestions included, holding it on December 10th, immediately before the Annual Christmas Party that day, at the Twin Isles Country Club, or hold the meeting via a ZOOM conference, and more. Discussion also included methods to inform Members of this upcoming meeting. Regarding both of these preceding topics, the Board will further address to determine a feasible/workable way to both communicate this upcoming Annual Members Meeting, and an appropriate way/time to hold it in order to help obtain a quorum.
- **Clean Up of Canals and Mangroves** – Based on a Member’s inquiry, discussion also included what action steps both are and will take place to address cleanup of Punta Gorda canals and its mangrove waterways. This

included the Member asking about the plans and responsibilities of various governing bodies, and institutions.

- **Recognition of Diane Peterson and Dave Elkins** – Bill Courtney took a moment to recognize both Diane Peterson and Dave Elkins for their work in overseeing both the BSIA Directory and Newsletter publications.
- **Keel Draft Depths in Allegator Creek and Surrounding Waterways** – A Member asked if anyone knew, subsequent to Hurricane Ian, if the draft depth levels (*pertaining to boat keel clearances in our local waterways*) have been reviewed. It was noted that a survey by the county is tentatively scheduled in 1st quarter of 2023, with cost for any resulting dredging needs to be covered by FEMA.
- **Contractors' Signs Posted in BSI (relating to Hurricane Ian Damage Repair)** – The BSIA Standards Group is presently following City Code Compliance guidelines and, for the time being, is being more lenient, in that these signs might help others in the plan searching for contacts to perform similar work on their residences. At the same time, the extent of these signs' types/placement/etc. will continue to be monitored by the BSIA Board.
- **Yard Waste Pickup** – A Member asked what is the schedule for the City and other government bodies in picking up landscape/ yard/ construction/ structure types of debris, due to Hurricane Ian. In response it was noted that both the Mayor's Web Site and the monthly City Council Report distributed by Melissa Lockhart, contain segments that are excellent sources for obtaining these pickup schedules. It was also noted that there is a link in our last week's BSIA Bulletin that takes readers to this City posted information.
- **St Vincent Non-perishable Food Drive** – The Members attending tonight's meeting were thanked for bringing their non-perishable donations, as part of the Vincent Food Drive for hurricane victims.
- **New Board Member Nominees** – A BSIA Member in the audience asked if the nominees running for both BSIA's open 2023 Year Officer and Director positions could be introduced, and accordingly each nominee introduced their selves to the BSIA Member audience.

At this point, this informal meeting and discussion ended.

Respectfully submitted by David A. De Gerome, Secretary