

Bluewater Bay MSBU
Board of Directors - Public Meeting
June 14, 2011

Call to Order

Chairman Dave Strunk called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Present were Directors Dale Blanchard, Doug Burgess, Joe Jellison and Joan McCarthy. The presence of a quorum was confirmed. Also attending - Esther Pursell with the Bluewater Bay Garden Club, Mike Griffith with the Bay Beacon, Deputy Frank Taylor and citizens John Openshaw, Neville Edenborough, Bill O'Neil, Buzz Clarke, Tammy Mills and Kathy Dillon.

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be July 12, 2011 5:30 pm, in the Bobby Jones Room of the Bluewater Bay Clubhouse Restaurant.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 10, 2011 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. Dale Blanchard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Doug Burgess seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote. The minutes will be forwarded to the website manager for placement on the MSBU Website.

Committee Reports

Community Services

Doug Burgess reported on the following projects:

2010-W - Canterbury Circle - Re-work landscaping. Funds for this project have been approved, but as today work has not yet begun. We will contact Bayou Lawn Service to establish their schedule for the work.

2011-x - Redo part of the planting in the traffic circle – Based on the SOW, Bayou Lawn Service presented a quote for \$4,375.00 to replant the traffic circle. In addition each seasonal color planting would be \$840.00. Doug Burgess will review the quote in detail and present it for discussion at the July meeting.

2011-Y Increase Christmas lighting – There is no power supply on the south side of Southwind, and Chelco has indicated they will not permit tapping into the street light to obtain electricity. We are still pursuing the idea. We recently received the proposal for installation of the Christmas lights and decoration for this year. Doug Burgess will review and present for discussion at a later meeting.

Safety concerns on Range Road - Additional stop light at Range Road and Bluewater Blvd. – Doug Burgess contacted Mr. Nobles with the Okaloosa County School Board, Mr. Nobles would not be opposed to the MSBU working with the county to see if a stop light could be installed at Bluewater Blvd and Range Road as long as it did not interfere with any safety issues they may be working on.

We are still trying to contact the correct individual with the County to discuss such items as stripping, reflective diamonds, etc. We will continue to pursue these issues.

Finance –

Joe Jellison reported that our revenue and expenditures are in line with the budget. He is working with County personnel in the Crestview office to determine the allocation of earned interest. Joe Jellison made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as presented. Doug Burgess seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Joe Jellison reported that there are currently 17 projects that are being priced out for the multi-year budget. More projects will be added as they are proposed.

Communication -

Joan McCarthy reported that she is searching for a new company to handle the website. Rates for a webmaster range from \$25 to \$150 per hour, depending on the type of work to be done. We are currently paying \$75 per hour and Joan feels we can reduce our costs with a local company. Joan would like to have a new contract in place by Aug.

Management

No additional comments.

Old Business

Dale Blanchard met with Brett Hinley to discuss rebuilding the bridge to the island at the marina area. In 2008 Mr. Hinley had obtained a price of \$46,000 to rebuild. At this time Mr. Hinley does not have any plans to replace the bridge.

New Business

Joan McCarthy requested completion of the landscape hedge from Wren Way to the Marina. Doug will look at it but said there is a problem in that area with getting water to the plants.

Joan McCarthy reported there is a dead shrub between Wren Way and Ward Cove area.

Public Comment

Neville Edenborough presented a request to complete the sidewalk from Marina Cove Road to Ward Cove Drive, and to install a stop sign at Bay Drive and Ward Cove Drive. Mr. Edenborough contacted John Hofstad with Okaloosa County Public Works Dept. to determine if there would be any benefit if the MSBU provided the funds to purchase the materials for the sidewalk. Mr. Hofstad said the Commission (County Commissioners) is generally much more receptive to moving projects up the list if there is a corresponding partnership involved. He went on to say he felt it would definitely help if the MSBU participated in the project. Doug Burgess reported that the possible construction of sidewalks in that area and other areas within Bluewater Bay are being considered as projects in the multi-year plan.

Frank Taylor – Safety complaints, particularly speeding, continues to be a problem. The speed limit

trailer has been set up on Bay Drive. Deputy Taylor is requesting residents help to stop potential crimes by keeping cars and houses locked. Another problem he is working on is the parking on county right of way at Tennis Center.

Bill O'Neil requested stack block walls at Marina Cove Drive and Bay Drive. Doug Burgess will review the area to determine if it will be feasible.

Tammy Mills from Sterling House requested signage in front of Merchant Walk. She was advised to contact the MSBU office to obtain contact information for the owners of the Merchant Walk Shopping Center.

Additional request/concerns from residents that will be looked into:

- Installation of additional speed limits signs on Bay Drive toward the Marina.
- Irrigation problems at Prestwick and Bay Drive.
- Installation of "No Littering" signs on Bay Drive.
- Dumping of yard trash in the wetland area along Bay Drive.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Jellison and seconded by Dale Blanchard. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by: James A. Jernigan

Approved by: David Strunk