

**Bluewater Bay MSBU  
Board of Directors - Public Meeting  
May 8, 2012**

**Call to Order**

Chairman David Strunk called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Present were Directors Dale Blanchard, Joan McCarthy, Joe Jellison and Doug Burgess. The presence of a quorum was confirmed. Also attending were Deputy Frank Taylor; Mike Griffith, the Bay Beacon; David Serbe, Fernanda Serbe, Neville Edenborough, Bob Hitchson, Susan Kloos, Warren Clarke, B.J. Parrish, Eugene Bond, Esther Pursell, Steve Duresky, Steve Czonstka, Julie Barnhart and Rock's Cove HOA representatives Julie Hoffman, Joseph Hoffman and Valarie Floyd.

**Announcements**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at 10:00AM, in the Bluewater Bay Clubhouse Restaurant.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the April 10, 2012, Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. Dale Blanchard made a motion to approve the minutes. Joe Jellison 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 status of special projects as follows:

2012-5 Sidewalks projects - Bay Dr., Winged Foot Dr., Southwind Dr., Woodlands Dr. - With the board's approval for the MSBU to totally fund the installation of sidewalks we have contacted John Hofstad with Okaloosa County Public Works Department and are waiting on a response on the cost and feasibility. Joan McCarthy asked for a timetable on the installation of the sidewalks. Mr. Burgess replied that he would not set a timetable, that there was too much uncertainty.

2012-8 - Lido Lake Rail Fence - has been damaged again - Bayou Landscaping will repair

2012-9 - Street Light Survey - Joe Jellison volunteered to survey the area with Archie and present to the Board at the next meeting suggested locations for additional street lights. The proposed locations will be forwarded to Chelco for pricing.

Finance

Joe Jellison reported that revenue and expenditures are tracking to budget. Joe presented a proposed budget to the Board which will keep the assessment at \$60.00 per year. The budget will allow \$40,000 to be set aside for the sidewalk project. Joe made a motion to accept the proposed budget and forward it on to Okaloosa County. Doug Burgess seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Communication

Joan McCarthy reported that she is working with the webmaster to put a new link on the website "Out and About" which will feature events in the Bluewater area.

Doug Burgess suggested if any Bluewater Bay resident wants to serve on the MSBU Board of Directors they should contact the Supervisor of Elections.

### Management

Archie Jernigan reported:

He has looked at the North Bay Firehouse as a possible site for MSBU meetings. It will hold about 30 people, but the Fire Commissioners meet the second Tuesdays at 7:00pm  
He has contacted engineers to see what can be done with the traffic light poles  
Sign Policy is on the website - the directional sign for Hidden Lakes is on the list of signs that the MSBU is responsible for. We are getting a price to replace it.  
The planting of seasonal color should be installed this week or next.  
The rose bushes at the Bluewater Blvd traffic circle have been trimmed.  
He will contact Bayou Lawn Service to replace dead bushes along Bay Drive

### Old Business –

Traffic light poles - Joan reported that City of Niceville hired a company to paint the poles at a cost of \$8,000 to \$15,000 per intersection.

### New Business

None reported

### Public Comment

Deputy Taylor reminded residents that timeliness in reporting a crime is important. He also reminded residents that summer is here and to lock vehicles and homes; Okaloosa County has a pet lease law and that County Ordinance requires that you clean up after your pet; helmets are required for all bicyclist under 16 years old; and that bicyclist and golf carts drivers obey traffic laws.

One of the attendees asked about parking if the MSBU Board used the North Bay Firehouse for their meeting and questioned if the facility would be large enough to hold the number of attendees.

In response to a question from the audience Joe Jellison clarified the funding of the \$40,000 for sidewalks, the required 10% reserves and the \$50,000 contingency reserves.

Steve Czonstka suggested the MSBU should seek funding from the state to refurbish the traffic light pole. Steve Duresky said he felt sidewalks were needed in the Bluewater area as on 3 occasions recently while he was riding his bike he was almost hit by inattentive drivers.

Mr. Duresky also recommended that Bluewater Bay consider becoming certified as a Wildlife Habitat Community. He feels this would improve property value and said he would assist in the registration process.

In response to a resident suggestion that the MSBU use perennials instead of annual plantings, Esther Pursell with the Bluewater Bay Garden Club said that annuals are the kind of plants that should be used. She said the “pop of color” could not be achieved if perennials were used.

### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Burgess and seconded by Joe Jellison. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Submitted by: James A. Jernigan

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Approved by: David Strunk