

**Bluewater Bay MSBU
Board of Directors - Public Meeting
September 13, 2011**

Call to Order

Chairman Dave Strunk called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Present were Directors Dale Blanchard, Doug Burgess, Joe Jellison and Joan McCarthy. The presence of a quorum was confirmed. Also attending - Mike Griffith with the Bay Beacon, Deputy Frank Taylor and citizens Dave Raymond, Bill Barber, Carole Nelson, Don McKnight, Roxanne Kuchdeschel, Karen Smith, Jan Ziegler, Stephen Smith, Kathy Dillon, Robin Stiles, Terrie Azevedo, Donald Sandaal, Steve Horton, Neville Edenborough and Esther Purcell.

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be October 11, 2011 10:00am, at the Bluewater Bay Clubhouse Restaurant.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 9, 2011 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. Dale Blanchard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 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 following projects:

2011-Z – Native Plant Trail Sign – Doug Burgess reported that the Native Plant Trail is off Bluewater Blvd. It is maintained by the Bluewater Bay Garden Club and Mr. Burgess feels with proper signage more residents of Bluewater Bay will make use of the trail. Doug Burgess made a motion to allocate \$500 for the Native Plant Trail signage. Joan McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion passed with Doug Burgess, Joan McCarthy, Joe Jellison, Dave Strunk voting yes, and Dale Blanchard voting no.

2011-I – Sidewalks – Attorney Mike Chesser, who drafted the ordinance for the MSBU and John Dowd, attorney for Okaloosa County were contacted to determine if the Board had the authority to work with Okaloosa County to install sidewalks in Bluewater Bay. The opinion from both attorneys was affirmative. Doug Burgess made a motion to send a letter signed by Dave Strunk and himself to the County Commissioners requesting permission to use MSBU funds for sidewalk materials and requesting Okaloosa County assistance with the labor to install the sidewalks, Joe Jellison seconded. Dale Blanchard asked what liability the MSBU would have if someone got hurt on sidewalks we installed. Doug Burgess will check on the liability issue. The discussion was called and the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The MSBU received an email from a resident who does not feel the MSBU should be involved with sidewalk installation. Doug Burgess presented the board with a proposed response to that homeowner. Joe Jellison made a motion to send the response, Joan McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

2011-G – Bradford Pears – We have lost a total of 11 Bradford Pear trees due to storms, bad drivers, etc. Doug Burgess did considerable research to see what type of tree could be used as a replacement since Bradford Pear trees are no longer locally available. He presented the Board with several types of trees for their consideration. After discussion Doug Burgess made a motion to use the Cleveland Pear tree as a replacement for the Bradford Pear as it is similar in appearance. Joe Jellison seconded the motion. Doug Burgess amended the motion to allocate \$6,000 for replacement of 11 Bradford Pear trees. Joe Jellison seconded the

amended motion. The amended motion was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

Finance –

Joe Jellison reported that our revenue and expenditures are in line with the budget. Mr. Jellison presented the Board with a draft of multi-year plan reminding them that this is a planning tool and that we can only budget one year at a time. Joe Jellison made a motion that the Board review the proposed plan and be prepared to vote on the multiyear plan at next meeting. Doug Burgess seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Communication -

Joan McCarthy reported that the transfer of webmaster duties will be complete by the end of Sept.

Management

Archie Jernigan reported on the following:

The fence at the Lido Lake off Bay Drive should be repaired by end of next week.

He is checking to see if yellow marker signs similar to ones installed on Woodlands Blvd could be installed on Bay Drive at the Marina area.

The directional signs for Oakmont and Wingfoot should be installed next week.

Old Business

None Reported

New Business

None Reported

Public Comment

Deputy Frank Taylor reported that speeding continues to be a problem; today he stopped 20 drivers who were driving 10 miles above speed limit. Due to lack of signage on the Mid-Bay Bridge by-pass drivers not familiar with the area are exiting off Range Road thinking they are on Hwy. 20. Due to the lack of speed limit signs on Range Road he is not able to issue speeding tickets at this time. The County is working on installing additional speed limit signage. Deputy Taylor also reported that a vendor at the CVS Pharmacy had a laptop computer stolen from her vehicle. He reminded everyone to store their valuables out of sight. He also reminded everyone of the construction and school zones. Deputy Taylor is still trying to resolve the parking problems at the Tennis Center. Residents using the facilities are parking on the county right of way. As drivers exit, they are backing out onto Bay Drive they are creating a traffic hazard.

Several homeowners expressed appreciation to the Board for continuing on with the sidewalk issue.

Neville reported that during his discussion with County officials the questions of the liability for the sidewalks was raised. He was informed that the Okaloosa County, not the MSBU, would be liable if someone was hurt while using the sidewalks.

Esther Purcell thanked the Board for approving the Native Plant Trail signage

Terri Azevedo stated that the Cleveland Pear is a good replacement for the Bradford Pear trees.

Adjournment

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

Submitted by: James A. Jernigan

Approved by: David Strunk