

Bay Harbor Improvement Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
Saturday, February 13, 2010

President Bill Hand called the board meeting of Bay Harbor Improvement Association to order Saturday, February 13, 2010, 10:05 AM, at the home of Betsy Redfield, 3702 Tradewinds.

Bill welcomed members and guests.

A quorum was established with eight members attending. Attending members were: Bill Hand, Carl Finney, Gail Choate, Betsy Redfield, Pam Williams, Sam Criswell, Sheryl Liskow and Pat Jackson. Absent were Rob Traugott and Annette Moore. Guests included: Gene Gansky, Ed Jackson, Bill Broussard and Phil Martin.

The minutes of the past meeting, December 12, 2009, had been distributed. A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Pam Williams and seconded by Carl Finney. Motion carried

The treasurer's report had also been distributed. After some questions about the Island Restoration budget by Betsy Redfield, a motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed was made by Carl Finney and seconded by Sheryl Liskow. Motion carried.

One of our guests, Bill Broussard, from GAIN, spoke about the need for a wetlands ordinance. Bill gave some facts pertaining to a wetlands ordinance. He noted that 34 neighborhoods without any wetlands, voted for a wetlands ordinance. Bill answered some questions asked by the board and guests.

Old Business:

- Island Restoration Party Today – Plans were discussed about the Restoration party to be held at Betsy Redfield's home 3702 Tradewinds, today at 4 PM.
- Bulletin Board – The bulletin board is finished, paid for and Pam Williams has it in her car. There was discussion on where to install the board.

Committee Reports:

Finance- Gail -The secretary reported on the amount of dues that have come in.

Marina- Carl/Rob - Carl reported that the locks are installed at the boat basin. Some of the boards on the piers need replacing. It was mentioned that if anyone had any 2 x 6 treated boards, that we could use them. Carl suggested a work party when the weather gets better.

Fundraising/membership – Pam Williams said that our main fundraiser would be at the annual meeting. Betsy Redfield has a box of assorted t-shirts, polos and other items to display instead of carrying all the items we have in stock.

Pam also mentioned a golf cart parade for St Patrick's Day. After discussion, it was decided to have the parade March 13, 2010.

Sewer/WGIPOA/Saltwater & Beach Access – Bill Hand - Bill, John Halsey and Karen Mahoney attended a meeting with Eric Wilson, Director of Public Works. Eric stated a fact that the lift station must be in one of the areas previously designated. Eric also verified that the money that was supposed to be used for Bay Harbor sewers was used for things relating to Hurricane Ike. He also said that funds might be available in the 1st or 2nd quarter of 2011. The implication was that sewers are coming but we don't know when. Bill Hand will continue to pursue the sewer situation.

Newsletter – John Halsey - Bill Hand reported that John set the deadline for articles February 15. This will be the first all electronic version of the Heron except for those that have indicated they would like a hard copy.

Restoration Project – Betsy Redfield – Betsy gave a comprehensive report on where we stand on the project. Betsy has been in contact with the Galveston Bay Foundation and she believes we will be able to renew our application and possibly receive funding. Betsy has also been communicating with Scott Williams of the US Fish and Wildlife Service who is searching for funds for our project. She said we continue to need private funds to reach our total project goal. The final contract with Gahagan & Bryant for all tasks remaining for completion of the project has been signed. GBA is ready to do a post storm survey as soon as weather permits.

Annual Meeting – Pam – Pam spoke briefly on the annual meeting. The date will be June 12, 2010, 4 PM. John Halsey's name was mentioned for the silent auction and Pat Gatlin in charge of food.

New Business:

- Neighborhood Clean-up
- Abandoned property
- GAIN City Manager's Meeting

Bill Hand spoke briefly about all these items. Gain receives a print out monthly of all properties that need work. Bill said that it is a long drawn out process to get compliance from the property owner.

Next Board meeting: The next board meeting will be Saturday March 13, 2010, 10 AM, at the home of Carl and Gail Finney, 3814 Tradewinds.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carl Finney and seconded by Betsy Redfield. Meeting adjourned.

Gail Choate
Secretary/Treasurer
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