

# ***Board of Directors Meeting Montego Bay Civic Assoc. Meeting Minutes***

November 14, 2015

## **I. Call to order**

Mike Donnelly called to order the regular meeting of the Montego Bay Civic Association at 9:00 am on November 14, 2015 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees were advised that the meeting was being recorded.

## **II. Roll call**

Bob Landefeld conducted a roll call. The following voting members were present: Linda Herzberg VP , Monica Cofiell Treasurer , Bob Landefeld Secretary , Betty Bellarin , Rich Gacey , Johanne Crafton , George Carter , Russ Colley , Dennis Julian , Eileen Furnari , Barbra Rayner , and John Shifflett

The President and 12 voting members were present.

### **Good of the Association /Floor Opened by President**

- Harriet Tyler questioned the posting of the minutes from the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and also the feasibility of an association Facebook page.
- Bob Landefeld commented that the website should be functional by the end of the month and that the minutes are also posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. It was also decided not to create an Association sponsored Facebook at this time.
- Mary Jane Maxwell questioned if the neighborhood watch should be discontinued for the winter. There have been acts of vandalism in the development, therefore, the neighborhood watch should be continued.
- Tom Seibold mentioned that he was picking up the outdated commercial signs throughout Montego Bay. Mike thanked him and would appreciate it if he would continue to do so.

## **Presidents Report**

Things are going well in Montego Bay thanks to our architectural committee.

We've had some major problems with the lighting in the park. We have spent over \$3,000.00 on repairs since the beginning of September. I have called Delmarva Power and a quote to replace all park wiring is 2 million dollars. Our electrician is doing a great job replacing the old aluminum wiring with up-to-code copper. Added to that, two major pieces of equipment have broken down. Our wiring locator, which is a must to replace, cost nearly \$4,500.00 and the hydraulic hose on the boring machine is over 21 years old. Expenses have been approved and will come from the reserve fund.

Overall, the budget is good but we've had a few glitches along the way. For example, our computer system crashed, our website has locked up, and some of our E-mails are not getting out. That is why our website is being rebuilt. But, we will try to keep the dues the same as last year. There appears to be room for some cuts. The cost last year for color brochures and newsletters was \$15,000. We will be cutting back on mailings.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Bob Landefeld introduced the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved.

Monica Cofiell presented for review and approval the Monthly Budget Report. The report was approved.

### **IV. Committee Reports**

- **Advisory and Strategic Planning – Bill Trumpler :** No Report
- **Architectural & Permit Review – Russ Colley:** Russ Colley reported that the committee is scrutinizing plans for new homes and sticking with the code to make sure the plans are in the realm of the community. Russ has been issuing violation letters which are being handled by the home owners. Blaine Smith from Ocean City Planning and Zoning will work with us.
- **Budget & Finance – Kathy Trumpler :** No Report

- **Bylaws & Declaration – Linda Herzberg :** No Report
- **Communications – Bob Landefeld :** Bob requested that all officers , board members and committee chairs begin submitting articles, goals and objectives for 2016, items of community interest , and others bits of information for a Winter Newsletter to be published sometime after the first of the year. Either E-mail them to me or put them in my office “IN” basket by December 20<sup>Th</sup>, 2015.
- **Parks and Ponds – Steve Genua :** Pond is healthy and looks good. A new diffuser was installed in the pond replacing an old unit. Landscaping mentioned in previous minutes has been completed.
- **Pools & Recreation – Eileen Furnari :** Table replacement for Pool # 2 is completed and tables and lounge chairs have been ordered for Pool # 1. Will try to install Bocce Ball at Pool #2 next summer.
- **Nomination Committee – Dennis Julian :** No Report
- **Teller Committee – John McDermott :** No Report

## V. Final Remarks :

Rich Gracey : Rich attempted to re-open the discussion concerning the issuing of an additional Activity Pass. The discussion has been tabled until considerations concerning time and cost have been discussed by the appropriate committees.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 am.

## VI. Adjournment

Mike Donnelly adjourned the meeting at 10:21 am.

Minutes submitted by: Bob Landefeld. MBCA Secretary