

Burlingame Hills Improvement Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 26, 2018, 7pm

Home of Tomas Zillmann and Steve Epstein

MINUTES

I. Call to order at 7:05 pm

Attendance

1. Members present: Amy Sanford, Guy Anthony, John Keller, Lindsay Folk, Nick Ho, Pam Zaragoza, Steve Epstein, Susan Dan and Tom Hayes

Others present: Gus Petropoulos

2. Members absent: Art LaBrie & Don Dains

II. Officers' reports

Secretary (Minutes from January 22, 2017, board meeting)

Corrections: none

Motion by John, second by Guy, Susan & Lindsay abstain. Motion carries.

Treasurer

Our Budget was approved at the November meeting

This month, John was just re-stating the Treasurer's Report from the January meeting so there was nothing to vote on. This is a new Expense Reporting process. The new Budget format gives more detailed information than what we used to have. It gives a breakdown of expenses next to each Budget item.

President

Steve has been meeting with Guy about recruiting more volunteers to help out in the association. Steve feels BHIA is in really good shape! Steve is very happy with our new Budget.

III. Committee reports

The Membership is in good shape!

IV. Old business

Between-meeting motions: None

Stone pillars-nothing to report

Neighborhood directories- nothing to report

Meals and gifts policy- nothing to report

Spring party planning: one for each of our 14 neighborhoods-it is very important that Board Members attend the Neighborhood Parties

V. New business

Sewer rate discussion

Things are getting tense with the County and the Department of Public Works.

They are stalling and being very difficult for ~~Steve and~~ our Sewer Utilities Committee to work with.

A suggestion was made to send a note to Jim Porter from Steve and possibly cc Mark Chow (Engineer) asking if they have looked into the following three things:

1. Have they Explored Recovering Funds owed to BHIA-BHSMD from Hillsborough Homes?
2. Are they starting a sewer project?
3. Are they looking into adopting at the point-of-sale sewer lateral program ordinance?

When ~~Steve met with Michael Barber~~ our Utilities Committee met with Public Works Director Jim Porter, Deputy Director Ann Stillman, Principal Engineer Mark Chow, and Michael Barber (Chief Legal Aide to County Supervisor, Dave Pine), Michael said we were told that our sewer rates would need be raised by 10% each year for 3 years to cover anticipated expenses and capital improvements. ~~Steve~~ Our Committee asked for a spreadsheet to give evidence for this large increase. After many months, Michael Barber the County has not produced any adequate evidence to show why we need such a large increase.

The feeling of our Sewer Utilities Committee is there is a hidden agenda and they (the County/DPW) are encouraging us to get political about this. Another interesting fact is no other sewer district that we know of is complaining working with the County to understand about their respective rate increases.

The question has been raised, is there intent to build a dowry to make us more attractive to the city of Burlingame so we can become annexed to the city?

The question was posed, is there anything that can be done about the County? Can we send a letter to the town of Hillsborough and tell them about the 28 homes? The suggestion was made that we start billing the town of Hillsborough monthly for the sewer fees for the 28 homes. However, since our Sewer District is managed by the County, it would be the County that would have to bill the Town.

A great deal of time and energy has been put into this by our Sewer Utilities Committee and we are all extremely grateful and we know that there will be a satisfactory resolution.

Volunteerism: who knows who

Guy created a spreadsheet to help us identify who we (Board Members) know in the neighborhoods. With that information, we were able to determine who could be new volunteers and/or leaders in our community. Guy and Steve will be getting back to us with more details, but each of us will each be reaching out to a few people on the list to ask them if they will help with the Community Party and are willing to be a Co-Chair of a Committee at the Community Party. The suggestion was made to send Friend requests to people on Facebook and LinkedIn if they live in BHIA.

VI. Announcements

Fire Safety Forum tomorrow (Tuesday) at 7pm in the Lane Room; Please arrive early to help set up if you can. Be an ambassador! Introduce yourself to someone you haven't met. Amy & Nick will be sitting at a Volunteer Sign-Up Table and John will be overseeing Check In and the Raffle.

VII. **Adjournment**

- A. Motion made by Guy, second made by Tom. Motion approved.
- B. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm