

MINUTES of
BELLE ISLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (BIRA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 7, 2005
Card Room at 3 Island Avenue

Board Members Present

Josh Fisher
Barbara Frank
Herb Frank
Keith Hack
Enrique Mestre

Other Attendees

A. Jay Schwartz, 3 Island Ave.

Determine Directors Length of Term

Herb Frank called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. According to the By Laws, half of the Members elected at the Association meeting must serve 1 year terms and the others 2 year terms. It was agreed as follows:

TWO Year Terms:

Josh Fisher
Barbara Frank
Herb Frank
Nancy Liebman
Sandy Paul.

ONE Year Terms

Michael Glogower
Keith Hark
Luis Marcelin
Enrique Mestre

Elect Officers

Herb asked all present in their interest in serving as officers of the Association. After discussion it was agreed that the officers, serving one year terms ending January, 2006 are:

President – Herb Frank
Vice President – Josh Fisher
Secretary – Sandy Paul
Treasurer – Enrique Mestre

Form Committees

It was agreed that the Officers constitute the Executive Committee and that there is no need for a

Parking Committee at the moment. After discussion it was agreed that a Nominating Committee will be selected in October or November, 2005.

Parking Permit Strategy & Memo

Herb was advised that the Residential Parking ballots were to be sent out last Friday or today and must be returned postmarked by February 18 to be counted. He was told that the Residential Parking Permit system has been defined and cannot be modified in any way, if it is approved. He will call to find out how long it will take to count the ballots, so that the next Membership meeting can be scheduled once the results are known.

Frank DelVecchio's Comments

Mr. DelVecchio's Memo to the Board of Directors about Traffic and Parking Impacts on Belle Ile from Lido Spa Hotel was read aloud. It was informative on the problems known to exist, as was information that the Spa owner has purchased two units on Century Lane and made offers on some on the other side of the Spa.

Alliance with Venetian Causeway Association/Venetian Causeway Bridge Repairs

Herb reported on correspondence from Barbara Bisno suggesting that the two organizations sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) about the areas of common interest and establish an official coalition named Venetian Causeway Neighborhood Coalition. After discussion it was agreed that two organizations are more powerful than one and the Causeway Association has interests in both Miami and Miami Beach, while BIRA has concerns only on the Beach. Herb was asked to suggest that both organizations sign an MOU, not form a single new coalition, and hold a joint Membership meeting on the proposed Venetian Causeway Bridges Repairs described at the BIRA membership meeting.

Park and Traffic Concerns

The Board discussed several concerns expressed at the Membership meeting about the Park Renovation. Herb reported having talked with Donald Shockey who indicated that the plans are not final, but should be so in one or two months. It was agreed that Members with such concerns, as well as other concerns, should be advised by the BIRA that they present those concerns at the next Membership meeting.

New Board Members

It was agreed that Josh Fisher will add an area to the website where residents interested in serving on the Board can submit biographical information. Any resident added to the Board will be appointed by the Board of Directors to fill the balance of the terms available.

Review Suggestions from the General Membership Meeting

It was agreed that the address of all Board Members will be added to their names on the Web site. Residents will be welcome at Board Meetings. Other suggestions were discussed previously.

Procedures for Future General Membership Meetings

Members speaking at Membership Meetings will be asked to state their name and address and

may be limited in time to speak, if necessary.

New Business

It was suggested that BIRA develop a “war chest” to further its activities, but that was rejected by the Board.

Next BIRA Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2005 at 6 p.m. at 3 Island Ave Meeting Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Prepared by:

Sandra K. Paul, Secretary