

**MINUTES OF MEETING
STONEBROOK AT VENICE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Stoneybrook at Venice Community Development District's Board of Supervisors was held on **Thursday, September 6, 2012**, at 12:00 p.m., at the **Stoneybrook Activity Center, 2365 Estuary Drive, Venice, Florida 34292**.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Anthony Burdett	Chairman
William Riley	Vice Chairman
Warren Davis	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

James P. Ward	District Manager
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Residents:

Claire Geary	Dan Minnick
David Geary	Albert Mount
Bill Hardman	

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mr. Ward called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and announced that all Board members were present at roll call with the exception of Supervisors Hamilton and Morris.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Minutes

a) June 7, 2012, Regular Meeting

Mr. Ward stated you've all been previously distributed a copy. If there are any additions, corrections or deletions, it would be appropriate at this time to so indicate. Otherwise, a motion for their approval would be in order.

Mr. Davis stated I do have one question. I missed the last meeting and looking at the minutes and saw that there's a possibility of establishing a website for the community.

Mr. Ward stated yes, in the budget is included funds to establish a website for you, because there are some new requirements that proposed budgets, approved budgets, etc. get put on a public website. Well, we don't have one. The only other one is the County's, so,

by law, we've actually transmitted that to them and ask them to put it up there, but I don't have any clue whether they will or they won't do it, but it is in there for that purpose. Any other questions on the minutes? If you've got a question on that, we'll get to that in the budget issue.

On MOTION by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Riley, with all in favor of approving the June 7, 2012, regular meeting minutes.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**Public Hearings**

Mr. Ward stated the third item is in two parts. It's the consideration of your budget for Fiscal Year 2013 and then, secondarily, the resolution to impose the special assessments, adopt an assessment roll, and the methodology that goes along with that. The budget that you have in front of you today has not changed since it has been presented to you. I believe we did this at our May Board meeting.

a) FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET

Mr. Ward stated just briefly, there are two funds to this District, the General Fund, which covers the administrative assessment; the rate for Fiscal Year 2013 is proposed at \$76.88 per unit per year, that is down just slightly from \$77.34 per unit per year. The only real change in here is that there are some funds included to establish a website if we can and want to do that for Fiscal Year 2013 for the purpose of being able to post some of the public records that we have for the District, most notably the proposed and adopted budget and audits and things of that nature as they become available.

I. Public Comment and Testimony

Mr. Ward stated with that, Mr. Chairman, this is a public hearing and I would recommend to you a motion to go ahead and open your public hearing for any public comment and testimony.

On MOTION by Mr. Burdett and seconded by Mr. Davis, with all in favor of opening the discussion for public comment and testimony.

Mr. Ward stated this is the public comment and testimony section. Are there any questions or comments from the public on the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budget?

Mr. Minnick stated to the earlier point, just curious, the website. I'm guessing there's some initial cost and then there's some maintenance cost. Can you just ballpark those.

Mr. Ward stated for the record, that was Mr. Minnick. I believe I included roughly \$3,000, maybe slightly more than that for the whole year for the website. I have no clue whether that is enough or not enough, but I thought we would try to see how far we could get with those funds for Fiscal Year 2013.

Mr. Minnick stated so this would include someone having to build it.

Mr. Ward stated correct.

Mr. Minnick stated then maybe after that it would be fairly minimal.

Mr. Ward stated that's my understanding of that, but I'm not the website guy.

Mr. Minnick stated I know, I'm not either, but the cost for building it is kind of a chunk, then after that it's \$40, \$50 a month I think.

Mr. Ward stated I have a number of my CDDs that will probably be doing this, so I assume we'll be able to get some savings by doing them all at the same time.

Mr. Minnick stated excellent; they'll all look alike, smell alike and cost a little bit.

Mr. Ward stated so let it be written. Any other questions from the public?

Mr. Hardeman asked who is telling us we have to spend \$3,000? Why?

Mr. Ward stated you don't have to do anything you don't want to.

Mr. Hardeman stated then we shouldn't do it.

Mr. Ward stated the answer to your questions is there are some new requirements under the statute that the District publish its proposed budget, adopted budget, and I think audits are now required to be done. If the local government doesn't have a public website, we send them to the County, and they are supposed to publish them, but I can't tell you whether they will or they won't, and we have no way of proving it. So I included in this year's budget a little bit of money, like I said roughly \$3,000, in order to be able to start to publish some of the District's public records.

Many times you find that residents do like to have access to minutes and agreements, and agenda packages and budgets and audits and things of that nature. It tends to be a good opportunity do that and, hopefully, we can get it done for those kinds of funds.

Mr. Hardeman stated Lennar or the community has a website now. Why can't you use that.

Mr. Ward stated it doesn't meet the statutory requirement for a public website. It's not a local government's website.

Mr. Hardeman stated just spend the money.

Mr. Burdett stated no, we're going to budget for it; doesn't mean we're going to spend it.

Mr. Hardeman asked well, we're spending it, aren't we?

Mr. Burdett stated so what has to happen is if Sarasota will do what we need them to do to fulfill the requirements, and that's one thing. The District having its own website will enable us to have all these other items available at your finger tips, versus having to request them from the District Manager. These are the things; nothing has been finalized. As Jim was saying, it's simply a budget number at this point.

Mr. Davis stated I noticed that one of the biggest concerns, complaints or issues that the community has brought is an explanation of how to get access to information, how do we find out about meetings, that kind of thing. That has been brought up meeting after meeting. We didn't know, and this will be a one-stop shop to get all the information that you need for upcoming meetings and information that's going to be passed out.

Mr. Ward stated the community website, just to add to that a little a bit, they can add a link to their website to go to the CDD's and provide a little more access to the District's records and a little more accountability from the Board to the residents in terms of what it does on a yearly basis. I've generally found them to be useful tools for residents. Mr. Minnick.

Mr. Minnick stated to compliment your good response to Bill's question, \$3,000 seems like a lot of money, but if at the next meeting you could have a determination of what's the frontload cost, and then the annual cost. I'm guessing that annual cost would be far much less than what the startup is.

Mr. Ward stated yes.

Mr. Minnick stated if you want to (Inaudible 7:44) maybe it would be more meaningful to Mr. Hardman as opposed to this \$3,000 a year. I'm making any sense?

Mr. Burdett stated yes, making perfect sense.

Mr. Ward asked any other questions from the public? A motion to close your public hearing would be in order.

On MOTION by Mr. Burdett and seconded by Mr. Davis, with all in favor of closing the discussion for public comment and testimony.

II. Board Comment and Consideration

No discussion.

III. Consideration of Resolution 2012-4 adopting the annual appropriation and budget for Fiscal Year 2013

Mr. Ward stated the final action on this public hearing is the consideration of Resolution 2012-4, which by title is the annual appropriation resolution of the Stoneybrook of Venice Community Development District relating to the annual appropriations, and adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012, ending September 30, 2013, providing a severability clause, providing for conflict, and providing for an effective date. That resolution is in order and recommended for your consideration.

On MOTION by Mr. Burdett and seconded by Mr. Davis, with all in favor of approving Resolution 2012-4 as presented.

b) FISCAL YEAR 2013 IMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; ADOPTING AN ASSESSMENT ROLL AND APPROVING THE GENERAL FUND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Mr. Ward stated the second portion of this is actually the second public hearing, which levies or imposes the special assessment on the community. All this resolution really does is levy the assessment that I indicated to you a minute ago during the public hearing process. We're required to do this as a separate public hearing under the statute.

I. Public Comment and Testimony

Mr. Ward stated I'll ask that you go ahead and, by motion, open your public hearing for any public comment or testimony.

On MOTION by Mr. Burdett and seconded by Mr. Riley, with all in favor of opening the discussion for public comment and testimony.

Mr. Ward asked are there any public comments or questions related to the imposition of the assessment itself.

Mr. Minnick stated I apologize, I think I missed the first part, what's the amount, what are we assessing or was this creating a procedure?

Mr. Ward stated for the record, that's Mr. Minnick. This is imposing the actual assessment for the Debt Service Fund and the General Fund. The general fund assessment is \$76.88, as I indicated during the budget process. This is the legal process the Board goes through to impose that.

Mr. Minnick asked so it isn't a special assessment, it would be an ongoing assessment?

Mr. Ward stated it's called a special assessment, but it's an ongoing special assessment. We levy every year, so we just have to go through this process to do that.

Mr. Minnick stated my apologies.

Mr. Ward stated okay.

Mr. Davis stated in addition, it actually went down from the \$77.34 to \$76.88.

Mr. Minnick stated I'll take it, thank you.

Mr. Ward asked any other comments from the public, questions? Hearing none, a motion to close your public hearing would be in order.

On MOTION by Mr. Burdett and seconded by Mr. Davis, with all in favor of closing the discussion for public comment and testimony.

II. Board Comment and Consideration

No discussion.

III. Consideration of Resolution 2012-5 imposing special assessments, adopting an assessment roll and approving the General Fund special assessment methodology

Mr. Ward stated that resolution is order and recommended for your consideration.

On MOTION by Mr. Burdett and seconded by Mr. Davis with all in favor of approving Resolution 2012-5.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2012-6 designating the date, time and location for regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2013

Mr. Ward stated the statute requires the Board to adopt a resolution to the extent that you have an ongoing regular meeting date, time and location. Pursuant to this resolution, it's the first Thursday of each month in Fiscal Year 2013 except for the month of July, which is the second Thursday of the month. July Fourth is a holiday. It's set for 12 o'clock here at the Stoneybrook Activity Center, at 2365 Estuary Drive, Venice, Florida. As we do each year, I suspect we'll probably pear that down to three, maybe four meetings during the year to deal with your budget and any other things that may come up. That resolution is in order and recommended for your consideration.

Mr. Davis stated I would like to add that we've had meetings where we've had to try to adjust the meetings to different times. We have had it noon, typically, to try to increase attendance; we've got about the same attendance, so we've kind of stuck with noon, because that's just been the most convenient time for everybody involved. But we have tried different times, and it hasn't changed the number of people that attend.

Mr. Minnick asked have you tried offering pizza?

Mr. Burdett stated we'd have to raise the assessments.

Mr. Ward asked any further discussion?

On MOTION by Mr. Burdett and seconded by Mr. Davis with all in favor of approving Resolution 2012-6.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2012-7 relating to the terms of office of the Board of Supervisors to comply with the District's State Charter to change Board elections to even numbered years pursuant to Chapter 190.005 (2)(C)

Mr. Ward stated I put a relatively lengthy explanation in your agenda index as to what is required here. The law requires those Districts which were established in odd number years, and which this District was established in February of 2007, to transition that to an even numbered year. The reason for that is that general elections in Florida are always held in November of even numbered years. The threshold for the District to transition to what's called a qualified elected based election, which is where residents, people who live within the community and are registered to vote here in Sarasota County may vote for the members of the Board.

You have met one of those thresholds, which is the number of qualified electors. You have not met the second threshold, which is six years from the state of establishment. The statute requires you to transition this to an even year, and you can do that either by shortening or lengthening the term of office. I recommended that in 2012 that you go ahead and extend it to 2014. If we would have waited, it might have been able to go out to 2016, but it's probably not reasonable to do that at this point in time.

This resolution transitions the Board to an even numbered year election cycle, and that will happen again in November 2014, and then every two years thereafter, and those individuals elected then will be on the ballot of the Supervisor of Elections here in Sarasota County. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them for you.

Mr. Davis asked from the community standpoint, that affects Anthony Burdett, myself, Warren Davis, and Matthew Morris. This would have been our final year, but as a result of this resolution, it will extend our term for another year.

Mr. Ward stated for one year, right.

Mr. Davis asked November 2014?

Mr. Ward stated right.

Mr. Burdett asked did everybody understand what Jim was saying? What happens then is we go from a landowner election to where you elect the Board at a general election when you vote for all the other referendums in the County that you live in. The voting for the community is actually done here in the community center, so you'll come in, and rather than the District doing a special mailing for everybody to vote, as we did with landowner elections, you actually do it when you come to vote for everything else within the County.

Mr. Hardeman asked who could vote; anybody in the County can vote for these?

Mr. Burdett stated no, only people who live within the District boundaries for the Board members.

Mr. Hardeman asked how do you know? You come in and register, they give you a form and you go vote.

Mr. Burdett stated right, this is the polling place where you'll vote for those members.

Mr. Davis stated other polling places you won't be able to vote, because they won't have the names on there at the polling place.

Mr. Burdett stated right, when you go in to vote, only people that live within the boundaries will be able to vote on these four positions. Since this is a polling place, and it's only for the District boundaries here, everybody that comes to Stoneybrook to vote is going to be voting for their CDD Board as well when those seats become available.

Mr. Hardeman stated just like we had in here today, or we're going to have in November when we vote.

Mr. Burdett stated right.

Mr. Hardeman asked and the only people that come in here from Stoneybrook is all here?

Mr. Burdett stated correct.

Mr. Hardeman stated we used to go down to the church down there.

Mr. Davis stated right.

Mr. Burdett stated right, and the Supervisor of Elections requested that we use this as a polling place for the residents of Stoneybrook and Stoneywood Cove.

Mr. Hardeman stated and just for Stoneybrook?

Mr. Burdett stated right, and we agreed to that, so only residents that live in Stoneybrook and Stoneywood Cove will vote here; this is your precinct or your polling station.

Mr. Hardeman stated okay, thank you.

Mr. Ward asked any other questions from the Board, from the audience? As long as you're comfortable with this, a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-7 would be in order.

On MOTION by Mr. Burdett and seconded by Mr. Riley with all in favor of approving Resolution 2012-7.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

a. **Attorney**

There being no report, the next item followed.

b. **Engineer**

There being no report, the next item followed.

c. **Manager**

Mr. Ward stated I don't have anything for you at this point in time.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor's Requests and Audience Comments

Mr. Ward asked anything from the Board? Any comments from the audience?

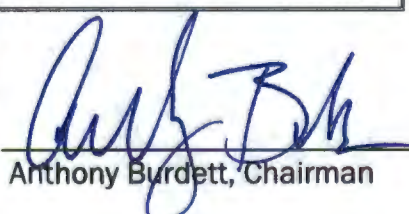
SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

Mr. Ward stated a motion to adjourn would be in order.

On MOTION by Mr. Burdett and seconded by Mr. Riley with all in favor of adjourning at 12:24 p.m.


James P. Ward Secretary


Anthony Burdett, Chairman