

**BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE**  
**GATED RESIDENTIAL SECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MAY 7, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Bal Harbour Village Gated Residential Section Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, in the Council Chamber at Bal Harbour Village Hall (655 – 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Bal Harbour, Florida).

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Assistant Mayor Blachar. The following members were present:

Assistant Mayor Joni D. Blachar, Chair  
Daniel Gold  
Ira S. Lelchuk  
Stuart Sobel

Absent: Daniel S. Holder

Others Present: Councilwoman Patricia Cohen  
Jay R. Smith, Interim Village Manager  
Ellisa Horvath, MMC, Village Clerk  
Matthew Pearl, Village Attorney

As a quorum was determined to be present, the meeting commenced.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was led by the Committee.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *A motion was offered by Mr. Gold and seconded by Dr. Lelchuk to approve the April 3, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried (4-0).*

**4. FINANCIAL UPDATE – CHRISTOPHER WALLACE, FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Mr. Wallace reviewed the update provided in the agenda.

Dr. Lelchuk questioned why the Utilities line item was overspent. Mr. Smith reported that only FPL was paid for from that line item. Mr. Wallace will look into why it was higher than the prior year.

Assistant Mayor Blachar questioned why the Landscape Materials line item was under spent. Mr. Wallace explained that there was a lag between the approval and installation of items.

Mr. Sobel noted that if the amount budgeted was spent, then at the end of the fiscal year there would be a fund balance of \$300,000.00. He added that, if the Contingency amount wasn't spent, then the fund balance would be \$500,000.00. He concluded that, due to that, maybe more money would not need to be allocated to Contingency the following year.

Mr. Wallace left the meeting.

## **5. DISCUSSION OF PEDESTRIAN USE OF VEHICULAR GATE:**

Mr. Smith reported that Assistant Mayor Blachar had wanted to caution pedestrians about using the vehicular gate. He reported that in response to that problem, the landscaping would be installed, before the fence, which was approved at the prior meeting. Assistant Mayor Blachar thought that pedestrians would still go around the fence, to walk in the vehicular gate. Dr. Lelchuk clarified that his main concern was to alleviate pedestrians from jumping in front of the cars, to get inside the gate. Assistant Mayor Blachar suggested that a guard be placed at the back gate, during peak times, to encourage people to get keys for the pedestrian gate and to discourage those from entering that didn't belong. She also suggested that a Police Officer be provided at the back gate, after school let out, for the same reasons. Chief Daddario agreed to have the Village unit do so.

Councilwoman Cohen arrived.

Dr. Lelchuk was more worried about other people trying to enter the area, than the kids coming from school. Mr. Smith explained that when the Police were at the back gate recently and told residents that they needed a key to get in, it wasn't received well by the residents.

***Dina Cellini - 211 Bal Cross Drive***, discussed the problem with GPS directing vehicles to the back gate. She discussed allowing a person in, instead of causing a safety issue with them trying to squeeze in with a car. Assistant Mayor Blachar discussed the importance of the security and pointed out that residents needed to purchase keys, to use the pedestrian gate. Dr. Lelchuk didn't think that housekeepers should have a key to the pedestrian gate. Ms. Cellini spoke in favor of some flexibility, for residents to determine if they should allow someone in. She suggested that parents be notified to purchase a key for their children, to use the pedestrian gate.

***Nina Rudolph - 212 Bal Bay Drive***, discussed the safety issue of skateboarders going through the vehicular gate and falling in front of a car. She spoke in favor of the landscaping and fence, on both sides of the gate (inside and outside). She also suggested that a sign be posted (residents only - trespassers will be prosecuted). She also spoke in favor of a Police Officer at the back gate, during certain times, to educate the residents on access. Mrs. Rudolph voiced concern regarding the safety for bikes and strollers using the vehicular gate.

***Doug Rudolph - 212 Bal Bay Drive***, suggested that the back gate be addressed, with a camera and buzzer system, which would alert the front gate. He discussed the problem with people gaining entry into the gated area, without the guard's knowledge of who was coming in. He discussed the need to address the issue of whether or not they wanted other kids coming in through the back gate. He suggested that the guard be alerted, when someone approached the gate. He spoke in favor of being more proactive about the issue.

***Jerry Tollefsen – Kent Security***, reported that there was a camera at the back gate, but it was difficult for the guard to watch it closely, if they were busy at the front gate. He clarified that if the guard saw someone walking in the vehicular gate, or a vehicle piggybacking another vehicle, then the Police were called.

## **6. DISCUSSION OF SECURITY PROGRAM – GIL NEUMAN, KENT**

**SECURITY:** Mr. Smith distributed the proposal provided by Kent Security, for the items discussed at the April meeting. He pointed out that the monthly price for Internet service had increased from \$100.00 to \$300.00, and the iPad adapter for the second guard had increased from \$600.00 to \$3,855.00.

Mr. Tollefsen noted that Mr. Neuman had an emergency for a client out of town. He clarified that Kent could not provide any lighting that would be needed.

Mr. Sobel discussed the large increase in the figures, from what Mr. Neuman had provided at the April meeting. Assistant Mayor Blachar also pointed out that the amounts were different from what had been approved by the Committee and the Council.

The Committee reviewed the proposal.

Mr. Sobel wanted to have the second guard tested by the current meeting, to be able to gauge the results. Mr. Smith suggested that Kent loan an iPad to the gated area, to ascertain if the process would work. Mr. Tollefsen agreed that could be done. Mr. Sobel discussed the other costs involved. Mr. Tollefsen noted that Kent could put something there immediately, to see if the system worked for the Village.

Mr. Sobel noted that the extra guard had been approved. Assistant Mayor Blachar noted that the Council had also agreed to a monthly amount of \$100.00, for a three-month trial basis, but that cost had been increased by \$200.00 a month in the proposal. She questioned if Kent could provide that for a monthly fee of \$100.00, for the gated area to see if it would work. Mr. Tollefsen was sure that Mr. Neuman would agree to that.

The Committee reviewed the remaining items on the proposal.

Mr. Smith clarified that Kent needed to make a recommendation for the lighting, but that a decision needed to be made on the camera, before the lighting could be considered. Mr. Sobel suggested that Mr. Tollefsen meet with Mr. Smith regarding item #3. Mr. Gold offered to provide input, since he was in the lighting business. Dr. Lelchuk discussed the need for improved lighting and a camera at the back gate, as well as increased lighting for the cameras, to view the drivers.

Mr. Tollefsen noted that Mr. Neuman (Kent) would absorb the additional cost (\$200.00 monthly), to cover the \$100.00 quote for the three-month trial for item #1. He also agreed to provide the iPad, if the gated area paid for the extra guard. He noted that the other items needed to be addressed by Mr. Neuman.

Assistant Mayor Blachar discussed the two-lane (trap system) that had been suggested for the back gate.

The Committee discussed item #5 (repair of alarms at pedestrian gates).

**A motion was offered by Mr. Sobel and seconded by Dr. Lelchuk to approve up to \$500.00, to inspect and make recommendations for repair/upgrade, per item #5.**

**Anamarie Kelly Stoppa - 77 Camden Drive**, suggested that a competitive bid for security services be received and spoke in favor of a part-time guard, during peak times, at the back gate.

**Dina Cellini - 211 Bal Cross Drive**, questioned the process to inform residents about the Internet access to approve visitors. Mr. Tollefsen reported that was discussed at the last meeting.

Ms. Cellini questioned if the letter regarding the bonus for the Kent guards had been sent to the residents. Mr. Sobel clarified that a resident was suppose to provide the letter to Kent, regarding the bonus. Ms. Cellini offered to write the letter and to provide it to Mr. Smith, for the Village Attorney (Matthew Pearl).

**Doug Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive**, discussed the web connect process, to approve visitor access, and requested that the system be tracked, to determine if it was cost effective.

Mr. Sobel noted that the system should also provide an email database. He also requested that the second guard be monitored, to determine if that was cost effective.

Assistant Mayor Blachar suggested that the information be placed in the Village newsletter, once it was published again.

Mr. Sobel questioned if a Committee member could draft a letter regarding the web access system. Mr. Pearl advised that they could.

**The motion carried (4-0).**

**It was the consensus of the Committee to schedule a meeting for June 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.**

**7. UPDATE FROM POLICE CHIEF:** Chief Daddario provided an update, with 34 written citations, seven Ordinance violations, and 39 written cases of no major concern. He noted that several cases were for piggybacking vehicles. He reported that six stops signs, two do not enter signs, and two yield signs had been ordered. Mr. Sobel questioned if there had been any crimes in the gated area. Chief Daddario clarified that most of the cases were for injury, illnesses and process servers. Mr. Sobel clarified that there wasn't any real issue with security to address, just the need to maintain prevention. Assistant Mayor Blachar agreed, and noted that the issue in the gated area was mainly speeding.

**Dina Cellini - 211 Bal Cross Drive**, spoke against spending alot of time on kids coming in the back gate, which was not creating crime in the community. She requested that the hedges that buffered people from coming over the wall between Park Drive and the Shops be looked at instead. She clarified that the spaces in the wall should have wire mesh, to alleviate people from climbing on the wall. Mr. Smith will look into that.

Mr. Sobel suggested that the hedge to cover the area of the Park Drive wall that was still exposed be followed up with Mr. O'Leary. He also requested that Mr. O'Leary provide a proposal, if there were additional areas that needed to be landscaped.

Ms. Cellini noted that Stanley Whitman (Bal Harbour Shops) had provided the shrubbery as a noise buffer (inside the gate), which should be brought to Mr. Whitman's attention. Mr. Smith will speak to Mr. Whitman.

Councilwoman Cohen clarified that the trees along Park Drive were black olive trees that Mr. Whitman paid for.

Councilwoman Cohen voiced the security concerns of a family member living on Bal Bay Drive, regarding a boat that was coming too close to the sea wall and the long police response time to address the issue. Mr. Smith reported that the response time listed on the report was seven minutes. Chief Daddario was not sure if the boat was already on the water.

Mr. Tollefsen verified that Mr. Neuman would attend the June meeting and had apologized for the discrepancy in the costs provided in the proposal.

***Nina Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive***, suggested that the Police boat patrol more, to discourage boaters from coming too close to the sea walls.

Chief Daddario reported that the Police boat was normally out on the weekends and would be taken out to respond to calls during the week. He clarified that there was not enough police personnel for the boat to be out every day. Mr. Sobel suggested that a position be funded in the Police Department for that. He questioned if the Police Department was operating at the optimal level. Chief Daddario noted that staffing was good for the road, but not for extra things, such as for the boat. He noted that the Village could work with Surfside and Indian Creek. Mr. Gold observed that the Police boat used to be out every day, but not any longer. Assistant Mayor Blachar offered to bring that up at the Council meeting.

***A motion was offered by Mr. Sobel and seconded by Assistant Mayor Blachar to request that the Council investigate the need and feasibility to have a marine squad for Officers, on the water, during appropriate times.***

Councilwoman Cohen agreed that would be useful. She discussed the noise nuisance from the boats.

Mr. Smith will meet with Chief Daddario and discuss the issue, on the staff level.

***Mr. Sobel withdrew his motion. Assistant Mayor Blachar withdrew her second to the motion.***

***Joe Imbesi, 175 Camden Drive***, suggested that Bal Harbour, Indian Creek, Surfside, and Bay Harbor work something out, to have one boat in the water at all times.

Mr. Gold agreed and noted that each agency could cover a six-hour shift.

Mr. Smith and Chief Daddario will determine what needed to be done.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meetings are scheduled for June 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., and July 2, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Dr. Lelchuk questioned if U-haul trucks and worker trucks could be parked in the gated area overnight. Chief Daddario reported that wasn't allowed.

**Lori Mobley, Code Enforcement Officer**, reported that the person who had the U-haul truck had been asked to move it.

Assistant Mayor Blachar reported a problem with paramedics finding a residence, on Camden Drive. Chief Daddario discussed the issue with the house numbers that had been brought up in the past and the resistance to paint the house numbers on the curb. Dr. Lelchuk suggested that something more aesthetically acceptable be done, such as numbers that matched the street signs drilled into the curb.

**Anamarie Kelly Stoppa – 77 Camden Drive**, suggested that the Police escort the paramedics from the gate to the residence.

Chief Daddario explained that the Police responded to the residence, not the gate. He noted that if an additional officer was available they could go the gate. Mr. Smith requested Chief Daddario to update the Village's maps at the fire stations. Mr. Gold suggested that the squad car at the residence leave its lights on.

Chief Daddario also suggested that the Bay Harbor Police be provided with eGO passes, for the back gate.

*A motion was offered by Mr. Sobel and seconded by Dr. Lelchuk to authorize eGO passes for the Bay Harbor Police.*

**Dina Cellini – 211 Bal Cross Drive**, suggested that data be received, to see if Bay Harbor Police needed eGO passes.

Mr. Smith noted that the concern was Bay Harbor using the passes to cut through the gated area. Mr. Sobel suggested that Chief Daddario monitor that.

**Nina Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive**, didn't think it was necessary for Bay Harbor to have eGO passes.

Mr. Sobel clarified that it would only be for emergency calls and the passes could be taken away, if they were abused.

**Captain Greg Roye**, spoke in favor of giving an eGO pass to the fire substation in Bay Harbor. He also spoke in favor of giving the eGO passes to Bay Harbor Police, for a certain number of cars. Assistant Mayor Blachar requested that Bay Harbor be made aware that the passes were only to be used to assist the Village Police and not to cut through the gated area.

**Doug Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive**, suggested investigating the possibility for the guard to open the back gate, via remote, for the Officers.

Mr. Rudolph clarified that the paramedics had difficulty finding the exact house, not the street. He spoke in favor of the responding Officer keeping the lights on the car going, to

alert the paramedics when they drove down the street. He didn't think it was necessary for an Officer to meet the paramedics at the front gate.

Chief Daddario will find out if the problem was with locating the street, or the house number.

Assistant Mayor Blachar requested that the item be placed on the next meeting agenda.

*A motion was offered by Mr. Sobel and seconded by Mr. Gold to amend the motion for Chief Daddario to meet with Bay Harbor's Chief, to determine the number of police vehicles that should have an eGO pass. The motion to amend carried (4-0).*

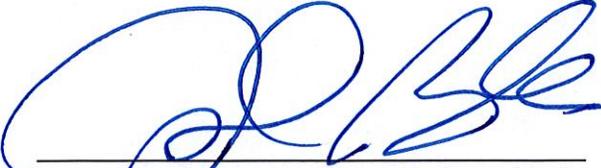
*The motion, as amended, carried (4-0).*

*A motion was offered by Mr. Sobel and seconded by Mr. Gold to issue eGO passes, to all rescue stations that responded to the gated area. The motion carried (4-0).*

**10. ADJOURN:** There being no further business, *a motion was offered by Mr. Gold and seconded by Dr. Lelchuk to adjourn. The motion carried (4-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.*

Attest:

  
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Ellisa L. Horvath, MMC, Village Clerk

  
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Assistant Mayor Joni D. Blachar, Chair