

BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE
GATED RESIDENTIAL SECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 12, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Bal Harbour Village Gated Residential Section Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in the Council Chamber at Bal Harbour Village Hall (655 – 96th Street, Bal Harbour, Florida).

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Assistant Mayor Blachar. The following members were present:

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

Absent: Daniel Gold

Others Present: Councilwoman Patricia Cohen
Councilman Martin Packer¹
Jay R. Smith, Interim Village Manager
Ellisa Horvath, MMC, Village Clerk

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was led by the Village resident Dina Cellini.

Mr. Smith will look into having a Bay Harbor student lead the pledge at future meetings.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *A motion was offered by Dr. Lelchuk and seconded by Mr. Sobel to approve the May 7, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried (4-0).*

4. FINANCIAL UPDATE REPORT: The report was provided in the agenda. Mr. Wallace was not in attendance.

Mr. Smith reported that Mr. Wallace was researching the detailed information for the Utilities line item.

5. DISCUSSION OF PEDESTRIAN USE OF VEHICULAR GATE:
The Committee discussed the serious safety issue of an incident (Bal Harbour Police Case Number 13-1600), with kids climbing over the back gate.

Andrea Greenblatt, Executive Assistant and Reporter of the incident, explained the incident.

¹ Councilman Packer arrived during the discussion of the security program.

The Police spoke to the kids and parents, who were residents.

Dina Cellini - 211 Bal Cross Drive, suggested the possibility of a penalty for those that abused the gate privilege, such as a suspension of the eGO pass for a period of time.

Mr. Holder spoke in favor of a more reasonable penalty.

Nina Rudolph - 212 Bal Bay Drive, spoke in favor of suspension of the eGO pass.

6. DISCUSSION OF SECURITY PROGRAM – GIL NEUMAN, KENT SECURITY: *Gil Neuman - Kent Security*, distributed and reviewed updated proposals for the following items:

Voicemail System – No Cost (just commitment to use the system): The system is currently in place. Residents have the option of calling the guard or the voicemail system. Kent would set up the administrative code the first time a resident called. The voicemail would shorten the lines and quicken the process, by taking call volume away from the guard. The guards will provide a handout to the residents, notifying them of the system.

Mr. Sobel suggested that residents also be notified of the system via mail.

Dina Cellini – 211 Bal Cross Drive, questioned if this would be in addition to the computer access that the Committee had already approved. Mr. Neuman responded that it was.

The Committee discussed staffing at the guardhouse.

Doug Rudolph, 212 Bal Bay Drive, suggested reviewing the entire security system, including enhancing the level of service, training for the guards, etc.

The Committee agreed that Kent needed to be provided with better direction on the needs and expectations of the community, including protocol and training the guards.

Councilman Packer arrived.

Dina Cellini – 211 Bal Cross Drive, questioned who Kent answered to and if the Committee could direct Kent. She spoke in favor of providing the Architectural Review Board members with access to the Gated Area.

Mr. Sobel reported that the Civic Association had been officially dissolved.

Mr. Smith noted that the Committee was an advisory board of the Council and residents should contact the Police or Village Manager with issues.

Councilwoman Cohen didn't know why the Committee couldn't contact Kent directly.

Chief Daddario discussed the Police Department's involvement with the gate, including the following: issue eGO passes, crisis management, call in broken gates, and assist with the backup of cars on Collins Avenue. He clarified that the Police did not supervise the guards and did not have access to Kent's system.

Mr. Sobel spoke in favor of having the Police, as the point of contact for Kent.

It was the consensus of the Committee for Mr. Smith to meet with Kent, to develop some addendums to the existing post orders for the guards.

Doug Rudolph - 212 Bal Bay Drive, spoke in favor of residents providing comments at the meetings, for Mr. Smith to relay to Kent. He also spoke in favor of improving the post orders.

Mr. Neuman welcomed any comments from the residents/Committee and agreed that there were issues that needed to be addressed.

Holiday Bonus for the Guards: Mr. Neuman discussed the bonus for the guards.

Doug Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive, suggested that the bonus be included in Kent's contract, as part of the salary.

Mr. Neuman requested that a formula be used for the bonus that recognized the amount of time served by the guards. He reported that he had the letter requesting money for the bonus. He will open a bank account in Kent Security's name, since he was unable to open one with a Bal Harbour name on it. Mr. Holder spoke in favor of using a formula for those guards there the longest to receive a larger amount.

Mr. Neuman suggested a salary raise for guards that had served a long time (the same rate had been charged for the last five to ten years). Mr. Sobel suggested a tier rate in the contract that a guard with so many years with the Village would receive a certain amount. The contract will be addressed, during the budget process.

ABDI Resident Web Connect - \$275 monthly and Cost for DSL Line: This would allow residents to log into the system and enter names of expected visitors. Guards would enter the visitor's information and see that access had been approved by the resident. The resident would receive an email or text every time someone went to their house. Internet connection would be required, per the responsibility of the Village.

Assistant Mayor Blachar explained that the Council had already approved \$100.00, for a three-month trial period. Mr. Neuman advised that he would cover the difference in the cost, for the three months.

Mr. Smith will look into the cost for an Internet connection.

Nina Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive, suggested that a letter be sent out to residents, to collect emails, before the program was started.

Mr. Neuman clarified that the emails obtained by Kent would not be public record. He also clarified that Kent had no relation with ABDI.

The Committee discussed different ways to collect email addresses of residents including: Mr. Neuman going door to door, kids needing community service going door to door, etc. Assistant Mayor Blachar suggested that a letter be sent out notifying residents that someone would be going door to door to collect the email addresses.

Nina Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive, spoke against going door to door and suggested that the letter be sent from the Village requesting residents to submit their email addresses.

Doug Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive, suggested that the letter state that emails were needed to communicate with residents regarding emergencies, etc.

Assistant Mayor Blachar suggested that the water bills be emailed. Mr. Smith spoke against doing so, since not everyone had an email address.

It was the consensus of the Committee to request email addresses in the letter.

Mr. Smith will look into another emergency notification system, other than Code Red.

Dina Cellini – 211 Bal Cross Drive, spoke against telling residents that the only way they could receive communication was by email and spoke in favor of encouraging people to give their email addresses.

Ms. Cellini discussed the 2012 holiday bonus and suggested that the account be named Kent Security (Bal Harbour).

Mr. Neuman clarified that Kent would enter the resident email address information into the system, in lieu of the Village.

iPad Application for Outdoor Use (Mobile Access System) - \$3,855.00: The cost included an iPad and protective case (\$730.00), application software (\$1,653.75), driver license scanner (\$1,233.75), outdoor router (\$120.00), and labor (\$118.00). This would allow the guard to leave the gatehouse, to scan ID and log in the visitor, via the iPad.

Mr. Holder objected to swiping a driver's license. Assistant Mayor Blachar and Dr. Lelchuk spoke in favor of it.

50" Monitor - \$1074.00: The cost included a 50" LCD monitor (\$540.00), wall mount (\$120.00), VGA convertor (\$60.00), and labor (\$354.00). This would allow expanded views of the current camera images.

Mr. Neuman will check the latch on the pedestrian gate at Bal Bay Drive, which Mr. Holder reported wasn't working.

Mr. Smith will have an electrician look at the lighting for the cameras, per the request of the guards.

Video Analytics - \$4189.00 and \$35.00 monthly fee: The cost included video analytic (\$2,990.00), computer and monitor (\$825.00), three T connectors (\$20.00), and labor (\$350.00). This would allow the guard to view activity at the rear and pedestrian gates. The guard would receive an email and video clip of events as they were happening, to allow appropriate action to be taken. Internet connection would be required, per the responsibility of the Village.

License Plate Recognition System - \$9,000.00 per gate: A camera would capture the license plate of all vehicles entering the gates, to be transmitted to the Police Department, for review in the stolen car database.

The Committee spoke against this item as a necessity.

Access Cameras and Intercom System - \$4793.50: The cost included a camera (\$148.50), intercom and gooseneck (\$577.50), ID camera and enclosure (\$2,475.00), cable and wiring (\$412.50), and labor (\$1,180.00). A camera would capture the driver's face, while ID was electronically scanned. The guard would communicate via microphone. If this item was approved, then the iPad Application would not be needed.

Dr. Lelchuk spoke against approval and in favor of a more personal touch. He discussed possible noise issues, with residents hearing the speaker at neighboring properties.

The Committee discussed which items to approve.

Doug Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive, spoke in favor of enhancing the security system.

Mr. Holder questioned if the Village would have liability, if the driver license database was hacked into. Mr. Neuman clarified that there wasn't any financial information available and the driver license information was available on the Internet.

The Committee discussed an insurance policy, etc.

Chief Daddario suggested consulting with the Attorney on the liability issue.

A motion was offered by Mr. Sobel and seconded by Dr. Lelchuk to recommend that the Council approve the following security enhancements: 50" monitor (\$1,074.00), ABDI Resident Web Connect plus Internet connection (\$275.00 monthly plus cost of Internet connection), iPad Application for Outdoor Use - Mobile Access System (\$3,855.00), Access Cameras and Intercom System (\$4,793.00), and Analytics (\$4,189.00 plus \$35.00 monthly fee).

Doug Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive, clarified that Mr. Neuman had noted that if the Access Cameras/Intercom System was approved, then the iPad Application for Outdoor Use (Mobile Access System) was not needed.

A motion was offered by Mr. Sobel and seconded by Assistant Mayor Blachar to amend the motion to withdraw the Access Cameras and Intercom System (\$4,793.00).

Nina Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive, questioned if the iPad Application system had the ability to swipe a license. Mr. Sobel advised that it did.

The amendment to the motion carried (4-0).

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

Mr. Smith will write the letter requesting email addresses. Mr. Neuman will work with Smith.

Assistant Mayor Blachar requested that Mr. Neuman be more accessible.

Peter Kunen – Craig A. Smith & Associates, reported that the trap system at the back gate would have to be done through the Village Engineers, but noted that an upcoming Village infrastructure project would tear that area up. He suggested that it be looked at, when that project was done.

Mr. Smith reported that Mr. Whitman (Bal Harbour Shops) had agreed to do what the Village wanted for the plants along the wall (abutting the Shops), which Mr. O'Leary (Village Landscape Architect) would be working on.

Dr. Lelchuk questioned how the Village's project would affect the back gate. Assistant Mayor Blachar didn't have the details yet, but noted that it had to be done. Mr. Sobel suggested that design of the back gate area be incorporated into the Village's project design. Mr. Smith will look into that.

Assistant Mayor Blachar requested that residents contact her regarding any flooding problems, to make sure they would be corrected as part of the Village's project.

7. UPDATE FROM POLICE CHIEF: Chief Daddario reported that the six "stop" signs, two "do not enter" signs, and two "yield" signs had been installed. He noted that there were 62 police cases (24 of them were code violations). The most common cases were suspicious vehicles, piggybacking through the gate.

Chief Daddario noted that in response to the comments last month regarding paramedics have a problem finding a residence, he verified with fire rescue that they were running a skeleton crew, they didn't have an eGO pass, and couldn't find the street. The fire station (in Bay Harbor) has been issued an eGO pass and given an updated Village map, with the addresses.

Chief Daddario will follow up with Officer Orr to see if she has looked into correcting GPS/Google, which directed people to the back gate instead of the Bal Harbour Shops.

Chief Daddario explained that the Bay Harbor Chief was interested in a joint effort for the boat with Bal Harbour, if the Village hired a full time Officer for its boat. He will speak to the other Chiefs in the area.

Police Captain Greg Roye reported that the Department of Transportation (DOT) was reviewing the possibility of placing a stop sign at the base of the Haulover Bridge, but it didn't sound optimistic. He will follow up.

Assistant Mayor Blachar requested that DOT attend the next Council meeting.

Dr. Lelchuk discussed the problem with the noise from a party on his street. Chief Daddario explained the incident, which he will look into further.

Mr. Holder discussed taking an eGO pass away or anything else that could be done as a deterrent, to stop people from abusing the gate privilege. Chief Daddario suggested that a card system be used, instead of a key, for the pedestrian gate. Mr. Holder suggested that the \$50 cost of the key be reviewed. Assistant Mayor Blachar noted that some people still had a key that no longer lived in the Village.

A motion was offered by Dr. Lelchuk and seconded by Mr. Sobel to re-register everyone's eGO passes. The motion carried (4-0).

Doug Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive, suggested the ability for the front guard to remotely control the back gate. He spoke in favor of re-registering the eGO passes.

Assistant Mayor Blachar requested that residents notify the Police, if someone was using an eGO pass that no longer lived in the Village, so it could be shut off.

Mr. Smith will look into Kent changing the system at the pedestrian gates, from keys to a card system, so they could be turned off as necessary.

It was the consensus of the Committee to wait for the card swipe system, before the eGO passes were purged.

Councilwoman Cohen reported that Kent had the technology for using fingerprints, but it was expensive. Mr. Sobel noted that he had it in his office, but it was inefficient.

8. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Assistant Mayor Blachar explained that the current members of the Committee would serve until the new members were appointed by the Council. She noted that current members interested in serving again would need to re-apply. Mr. Smith will be sending out a letter requesting applications from residents. Mr. Holder provided comment on the language in the letter and requested that it be clarified that the Committee was charged with making recommendations to the Council.

Doug Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive, questioned if the current members would have to re-submit their applications. Mr. Smith advised that they would.

Nina Rudolph – 212 Bal Bay Drive spoke in favor of a process for the Gated Area residents to recommend who they wanted to serve on the Committee. Assistant Mayor Blachar requested that residents provide a letter to the Council, to be read at the meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE: *By consensus of the Committee, the next meeting was changed from July 2, 2013, to July 24, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. (after the new Committee would be selected).*

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Cohen discussed complaints about the new location of the dock master house, which she was unaware would be relocated when she voted in favor of it. She suggested that there be a requirement for any significant change in the community to come before the Committee.

Assistant Mayor Blachar discussed the process the project went through for approval, before the Architectural Review Board and the Council. She noted that all of those meetings were open to the public.

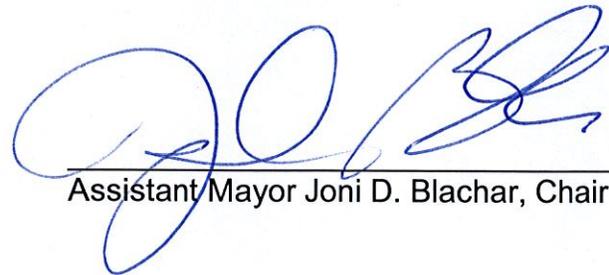
Dr. Lelchuk and Assistant Mayor Blachar noted that the project was private property and wasn't within the scope of the Committee to comment on.

Sybille Holder - 24 Bal Bay Drive, discussed problems with garbage on the walkway at Bal Bay Drive. Mr. Smith will follow up.

Mr. Holder suggested that the Committee be proactive, regarding the discussion of who would pay for the infrastructure changes. Mr. Sobel thought that had been decided. Assistant Mayor Blachar explained that the Village was waiting for a proposal, to determine who would pay. She suggested that residents speak at the Council meeting, when the issue was discussed.

11. ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was offered by Mr. Sobel and seconded by Dr. Lelchuk to adjourn. The motion carried (4-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Attest:



Assistant Mayor Joni D. Blachar, Chair



Ellisa L. Horvath, MMC, Village Clerk