

## Report from S.C.A.M.D. – October 16,2012

Boca Del Mar Neighbor,

### BDMIA Election By-Laws Results

The results of the vote to change the BDMIA Election By-Laws were announced at last weeks BDMIA special meeting held on Tuesday October 9th.

Three of nine board seats are up for election each year. Board members serve a three year term.

The changes;

- Increase the number of nominees the BDMIA Nominating Committee may nominate per election from 3 to 6.
- Lower the number of petitions required from 10% of all households (about 1,000) to 100, to have an owner's name placed on the ballot if they have not been selected by the nominating committee or have chosen to opt out and avoid the nominating committee process. (Petitions must be submitted 60 days prior to the Annual Election which is, we understand, set for January 22, 2013. Check date with BDMIA)

*The purpose of the changes were to insure competitive elections and to end the practice of sitting board members running for re-election unopposed.*

**2082 Voted YES      28 Voted NO**

There was an overwhelming support by the community for the changes requested to the election by-laws process. The current BDMIA board should be commended for implementing this By-Laws vote and Special Meeting so that the rule change can be in effect for the 2013 election, which it is.

### Mizner Trail Development Proposal Presented

After the business of the Special Meeting, Jim Comporato from Compson Development presented his new plan to build 258 units on the Mizner Trail Golf Course on the majority of fairways east of Camino Del Mar plus two high rises on the current Mizner Trail Clubhouse and parking lot location.

Phyllis Greenberg suggested an alternative smaller plan which would be comprised of high rise units on the current Mizner Trail Clubhouse and parking lot location only. She also raised environmental concerns about development on any of the existing fairways.

An additional third plan was floated which would recommend the developer build 112 townhouses on two fairways adjacent to the existing apartment complexes in the southeast area with all traffic entering and exiting the new development through Military Trail only.

Nothing was agreed to, no motions were made regarding the proposal and BDMIA made no commitment to support, or not support any proposal at this time.

It's fair to say, individuals or community coalitions can, and we trust will, lobby for a compromise or perhaps to demand no compromise. In the end, Compson Development will submit a plan of their choosing to the County. The Palm Beach County Commissioners again, now apparently for the third time, will vote to approve or disapprove any proposal submitted after it has worked its way through the zoning process.