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Meeting at BAC

BAC Minutes of September 7, 2014

- BAC Director Dr. Nizam Meah started the meeting in getting the agenda approved
- BAH Chairman Shah Haleem provided a quick overview of the BAH activities
- BAC Plat work is in progress with the city of Houston, The new requirements of the city are the 2014 Tax certificates from county and school district. Karl Watson is working to get the 2014 Tax Certificates by 9/9/2014 to submit to the city. Once all the Tax certificates and MUD paper works are all given to the city then the Plat will be approved with another fee of \$900.00. The status was provided by Hasan Rahman
- TRZ contractor Khalid, Shah Haleem and Arun Roy met on last Friday with adjacent Church management to coordinating the water retention civil work for the BAC. A budget needs to be set aside to work with the church to complete the drainage and other civil work in sharing the water retention pond with the church. This civil work will start within the next 30 days. Karl Watson (BAC architect) will provide the civil drawing to TRZ to start the project.
- To complete the water line with the MUD district, BAC needs to provide the Plat, which is pending to the approval of the city.
- Arun Roy provided an estimated budget for civil work (plumbing) in getting hooked up with the sewer and water retentions pond of around \$10,000.00. This BAC plumbing work needs to be done coordinating with Church expansion of their retention pond. This way BAC will save a substantial amount of budget in completing the underground plumbing connection with the churches out going water flow.
- The meeting turns into the new fund raising wave "to eat an elephant". BAC being the elephant. How do you eat the elephant? The way to eat this elephant is by everyone in our community to take a bite. As Arun Roy summarized that it is possible if we all start taking a bite in completing the BAC project.
- An anonymous donor will match up to \$500,000.00 if we can raise up to \$500,000.00. He will match penny for a penny up to half a million dollar. Shah Haleem mentioned to all the members that we must take this challenge and raise a million dollar, where we are only working to raise half of that amount. We need to work on to raise \$500,000.00 such that we can maximize the fund raising in get the full matching fund of \$500,000.00. This will bring the required fund of a million dollar to get the occupancy permit. This will allow us to complete the construction to open the BAC to all our members in enjoying this one and only icon of North America – the BAC.
- Rank & File approach in promoting to energize the community and excite more people to join in to take a bite to eat this elephant.
- Other discussion related to the loan – Dr. Maruf Rahman stated that let's work on smaller loan package of \$250K with 10 guarantors, which will be lot easier to convince people to guaranty the loan for BAC if loan is required.
- There was a prayer for Rumana Rawnak for her fast recovery from her sudden admission to the hospital.

**Action:**

1. House Party (signed up: Arun, Afzal, Azmal, Nahida, Zulfiqur); note: Nahida & Zulfiqur took the action in scheduling the House Party
2. Facebook & Tweeter Campaign
3. FOBAC – to collect monthly donation
4. Town hall meeting to promote the "eating an Elephant"
5. Personal communications

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6. BBQ part at BAC campus
7. Doctors Lunch & get together
8. Engineers Lunch & get together
9. A Gala magazine to raise fund via the ads
10. A Gala will be schedule to bring the finally of this fund raising and recognize all the donors at the highest level with dignitaries
11. Raise 410, \$20, any amount everyday by asking your friends and family
12. Recognize each donor for their contribution – let the donor know their donor bill of rights. Provide banner at the Center to display the bill of rights and benefits to the donor.
13. Schedules donation boxes – move around the city in all of Bangladeshi owned grocery stores
14. Every Sunday – a weekly meeting at BAC @2:00pm until the Gala

**Next meeting at BAC is on Sunday, September 14, 2014 @2:00pm**