Boynton Florida Neighborhood Steering Committee Meeting Notes
July 6, 2026

In attendance: Robin Beauchamp, Rhonda Grey, Phyllis Fetto, Joan Hollinger, Daisy Marshall and Maria Ritter.
Next meeting: August 3, 2026

Joan Hollinger updated the committee on a recent Evacuation Planning meeting she attended to identify criteria and conditions for homeowners to make evacuation decisions. She shared a Wildfire Evaluation Checklist to identify and evaluate " *Extreme Circumstances*" for home evacuation.
Complete presentation details kindly provided by Joan are referenced below.**

Rhonda suggested that our BFN Steering Committee plan a workshop or formal presentation focused on "emergency" technology and notification systems since not all neighbors are familiar with or use these systems.

The costs of these activities led to a brief discussion about BFN financial solvency. Maria had missed the last meeting and the update about BFN finances, expenditures, shortfalls and fundraising efforts. Robin shared an updated spreadsheet complied by Kree and Kathy as they completed their financial record keeping tenure. The issue of using systems like Venmo as Ambrish had suggested at another meeting or other systems was briefly discussed. Also, the need to update signature(s) on the BFN checking account at the local Mechanics Banks was raised. The possibility of more formally structuring BFN financial activities, record-keeping, procedures etc. was also briefly discussed.

Several ideas were shared about possible fundraising efforts. Daisy mentioned a raffle where gifts like babysitting, car-washing, meal preparation could be auctioned to generate funds. Robin indicated he was comfortable with and had personally covered multiple expenditures for printing, and document preparation, etc. It was agreed that it was important to have hard copy records and receipts for expenditures so that there is accountability with incoming and outgoing funds.

The issue of whether it might be advisable for BFN to establish a small non-profit 501 C 3 organization was raised. With nonprofit status, contributions from neighbors for BFN activities would be tax deductible. Rhonda questioned how much this process might cost? It was suggested that we follow-up with Terry Tan and Joan Hollinger and Terry Tan, both of whom are lawyers. *Based upon a quick search:* Total costs to establish a 501C3 vary from several hundred to several thousands of dollars, with the primary costs incurred for legal (attorney) counsel or financial (cpa) advice thru the process. Application filing costs are fairly modest as are renewal costs and vary from state to state.)

Important Reminder: ***The next BFN Block Party event is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th, from 3 to 5 PM.***

Phyllis Fetto