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Although the BIB Board was not planning to respond to comments regarding the proposal for constructing a	



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community center at the current garden shed, there are a number of factual inaccuracies in the letters submitted that need to be addressed.

1. Given the current financial state of the BIB POA, BZ\$12,000 is about the upper limit of what we can afford to spend this year. The other two options for a community center (purchase Lot 28, or construct one at the milpa) both cost significantly more than BZ\$12,000. **Therefore, our only options are to either convert the garden shed to a community center, or do nothing this year.** If we want to wait until we can afford to construct a community center with a kitchen, bathroom, and solar power, then we will likely be waiting many more years. The building on Lot 28 is not usable in its current state.

2. Yes, the size of the community center proposal is smaller than desired. However, this would provide us with something we could use right away, and still allow for future expansion. The photos below show where the community center could be expanded, which only involves the removal of old banana trees, which need to be removed anyway due to their age. Constructing a community center at the lower part of the milpa would prohibit that area from being used for future cultivation, which could be needed as the BIB community grows.

3. The cistern at the top of Mayan Circle is still in use. It needs some maintenance that will be performed this year. A new roof for water collection was added last year. The

proposed Rotoplas containers would be used for additional water storage for our expanding garden and fire-fighting. Having additional Rotoplas containers at the Garden Share shed allows for easy access to the water for fire-fighting.

4. In any construction, there are always environmental trade-offs. Similar to Rotoplas, solar panels are made using fossil fuels. Does that mean we shouldn't use solar panels at BIB? Concrete used in cistern construction also has a negative environmental impact. Regardless of how we construct water storage, there will be a negative environmental impact. Rotoplas are widely used in Belize, and as the following article states, they can last 25 - 40 years ([https://web.wpi.edu/Pubs/E-project/Available/E-project-042816-125611/unrestricted/FinalMQP\\_EngAndEdForRWH\\_4-28-16.pdf](https://web.wpi.edu/Pubs/E-project/Available/E-project-042816-125611/unrestricted/FinalMQP_EngAndEdForRWH_4-28-16.pdf)). Generally, "brownfield development" (repurposing existing structures) is considered more environmentally friendly than "greenfield development" (building from scratch).

5. The walkway from the chalkboard to the garden share shed is not "flat and stable" as can be seen in the below photo. Numerous people have fallen when trying to traverse it after a rain. Again, the use of concrete is balanced by the need for a safe walkway. When the concrete strips were added to Eagle's Landing, there was no discussion that this was against the community's "natural and environmental focus". The proposal is not to concrete over the entire milpa,

just a high traffic area that is prone to being a safety hazard when it rains.

6. The solar panels currently on the garden shed extend past the gutters, thereby prohibiting the collection of rainwater (see photo below). Also, the wiring is exposed and repeated attempts to get the owner to fix the wiring issues has not been successful. Similar to every other structure at BIB, the owners can put their solar panels on their own buildings. This is not about being vindictive; the BIB POA Board continues to allow the solar panels to reside on the Bean Bale house. Despite what may have been once planned, BIB is not set up to have communal solar farms; neither the lot layout, nor the topography, nor the CCR's support the efficient clustering of solar panels. Except for the Garden Share Shed and the Bean Bale House, no other such solar farms exist at BIB. If a lot owner puts anything on community property, whether it be an internet antenna, solar panels, or a culvert, they do it at the risk that it could be removed at any time. Individual lot owners using community property for their own private gain and at the expense of the community at large is not usually something celebrated in eco-communities. For the record, the house on Lot 41 has not been connected to the solar panels on the Garden Share shed for years.

7. The aquaponics at the Garden Share Shed have not been used in years and no one has stepped forward to volunteer to revive/maintain them. Plus, the Board gave approval last

year to remove the fish tank, without any concerns being raised.

8. The prints for the community center originally proposed for the milpa, are posted in the “Documents” section.

Rough Sketch of Garden  
Shed with Screening, Doors,  
Concrete Gutter, and  
Walkway



Location of 2 New  
Rotoplas on  
Concrete Pad



The 2 new  
Rotoplas go here

Potential Future  
Expansion Of  
Garden Share  
Shed





Existing Solar  
Panels Prevent  
the Collection of  
Rainwater



Existing  
Walkway  
with Loose  
Rocks and  
Exposed  
Wiring





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From: Susanne Jefferson <blewize42@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, May 19, 2020 at 12:34 PM

Subject: Concerns regarding proposed community center

To: POA Board BIB <bibhoaboard@gmail.com>

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Dear board,

I have some concerns with the proposal for the new community center.

1. It is too small, only 16'x20'. That's the size of my bedroom including the space out to the deck. We are hopeful that this community will grow at some point and that's not enough space to accommodate maybe more than 15 people, unless that's your goal. The proposal says there is room for expansion for a toilet and sink. If there is room, these should be included in the plan right now. Nobody wants to go home or to someone's place to use the restroom. Other than that there's no room to expand unless you destroy more of the landscaping there. We have already voted on a plan for a community center in the garden which doesn't require cutting down any more trees and would have enough room for more than fifteen people to gather at one time.

2. The previous plan has already been approved and includes a cistern for water collection. There is also a cistern out of view on top of the Mayan Circle. One of the reasons BRAMA got fired was that they did not maintain it in working order. That cistern can easily be made functional again for a LOT less than the two rotoplasts and concrete pad would cost. Why opt for unsightly, expensive rotoplasts, which would also eat up space around the too-small garden share area?

3. You are proposing removing the solar panels used by Treetops. Surely there is a way to adjust their position instead of taking them off. Removing those panels will mean that Looey, and possibly the next owner of Abe's house, will have to find another place to put their solar panels. They will have to cut down more trees to move the panels onto their lots, which goes against our mandate to preserve as many trees as possible at BIB.

Many of us have put carports (Jenny, myself, Sue Waite) and antennas for internet (the Wearys and Sue Waite) on community property. Looey should be given the same consideration, because this option profits all of us and especially our environment. It would definitively be in the community spirit to try to find a way to make this work without taking them off our garden share roof. This proposal makes the board look punitive and mean-spirited and is not at all the way an Eco-Community board should act. The previous board was always working with owners to accommodate them. The current board won't be around

forever and you should consider the consequences of your actions now.

4. The structure on Lot 28, which we have seriously considered for our community center, is close up by the entrance and already has a cistern which we can take water from in case of a fire. Lot 28 could easily be bought and renovated for the \$12,000 that is being considered to renovate the garden share shed. We have enough skilled people around to easily convert that building into an excellent, spacious community center with room for fifty or more people to gather. Bryan can show off his skills in a big way, and others who live here have building skills, too. Why would the garden center shed renovation be considered a better course than buying and converting Lot 28?

Alternatively, building a brand new community center out in the garden, as voted on and planned, would be a much nicer choice than the garden center shed. With the lawn around and open area for bonfires, games, etc. that spot is ideal and requires no plants to be removed. It would also be a lot more attractive and over twice as big as your garden shed proposal.

All in all, I don't think the proposed plan is a feasible or good plan and I really hope you'll reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,  
Susanne Jefferson

May 21, 2020 at 6:36 am

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On Tue, May 19, 2020 at 5:54 PM Gene DeMarco  
<demarco.gene@yahoo.com> wrote:  
Susanne,

Thanks for your thoughts. They are well thought out and obviously took some time on your end to express what you have in mind for a community center. You made some good points.

I am sure others have their opinions also and they would be interesting to hear.

The email about the community center that we got the other day sounded attractive to me, but I do see your point and a different perspective after reading your email

We all need to work on this and make a compromise or come up with a solution that is good for all involved. I have obviously been out of pocket lately for my own reasons, including this crazy virus upon us. With myself not living there I am not in tune with all that is going on there. My thoughts would be that everyone gets their ideas and opinions out and we consider all the possibilities.

There are many hatchets to bury from the past on everyones end, including mine. This is one reason I have been distant. Things needed to settle and I was very vocal and upset at some things in the past. However I am over

them now and simply want what is best for the community. I am not interested in pointed fingers or causing drama. It would be great for all of us to work together as a community, as we originally intended when we purchased our properties.

I hope everyone has a voice in this big decision and we can come up with a great community center that works for all owners. Whether it be on lot 28 or the Garden area. How nice it would be for a community center for all to use and congregate and have a little fun.

Thanks to everyone involved in moving the community forward and to the Board for taking the first step towards this goal. It has been in the works for years now and is nice to hear that the irons are back in the fire.

Best regards,  
Gene DeMarco  
Lot 82

May 21, 2020 at 6:37 am

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Cecilia; Chris And Melissa; Candee Tremblay  
Subject: Re: Concerns regarding proposed community center

Thank you Susanne and Gene!

I will also share my thoughts with the board, and encourage everyone to do so. If they don't hear from more owners, they can't make good decisions on our behalf. I'll also be posting my thoughts in a few other community locations, too.

We all want the same outcome of a great place to gather at BIB with friends, I am sure, we just need to work together to get there!

Cheers,  
Ann

May 21, 2020 at 6:39 am

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To All,

After consideration of the proposals I believe the best location would be in the lower milpa where there is lots of room without the problems associated with retrofitting existing buildings. My suggestion is a combination of plans. It would be a 20x16 room under a 20x40 roof over an extra large cistern. The room should be large enough for a counter and sink, washroom, and storage for tables and chairs. The 20x28 open area would have enough room for any function. This roof size would collect a lot of water to assist the community in the dry season.

Garry Farrell

May 21, 2020 at 6:40 am

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Clarification, I meant the lower end of the garden area, not  
the lower Malpa by the pond

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Community Center proposal

Melissa Freedman <nursemfreedman@gmail.com> Wed,  
May 20, 5:24 AM

To: BIB POA Board <BIBHOABoard@gmail.com> Hello Board!

I was wondering if there is a sketch plan of the proposal? I  
do better with a visual, especially as I'm not that familiar with  
the grounds yet.

(69.10.35.163) Also, is there a cost/practicality comparison with the community center that was initially proposed on that lot with the partially constructed building near the entrance? I do like the idea of being in the gardens, but I was just wondering how the numbers pan out.

Thanks!  
Melissa Freedman Lot 95

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Response to inquiry for input about community center at BIB Ann McG <annmcgr@gmail.com> Tue, May 19, 4:16 PM To: BIBHOA Board <bibhoaboard@gmail.com>

I am sharing my thoughts about a community center, and also encourage more owners to do so. If the board doesn't hear from more owners, they can't make good decisions on our behalf. They can only make decisions based on input they've received, and I think it was very generous of them to ask for us to respond.

We all want the same outcome of a great place to gather at BIB with friends - we just need to work together to get there!

Cheers, Ann

With regard to the proposed community center conversion of the current milpa shed:

- 16x20 is a small space. It won't hold a potluck dinner for the current residents and vacation home owners, for example, with tables and chairs. The area has no room for expanding without removing shaded areas or plantings.

- Why add rotoplas for water storage? They don't last very well in that climate. We have several that are weathered or damaged already, in 5 years or less. They are plastic (petroleum product). We have a concrete cistern at the top of Mayan circle that could be covered, among other options. Rotoplas just take up space. Cisterns create a hard usable surface for a deck or patio.

- Why the sidewalk? It doesn't seem in keeping with our natural and environmental focus, and seems unnecessary as the current path is flat and stable.

- There is underground plumbing between the two cement tanks. The larger tank was originally built for vermiculture (worm composting) and then modified for aquaponics. We still have all the aquaponics equipment, or at least did a few months ago. It makes more sense to re-invest in resuming aquaponics there or even the original vermiculture, as it does to pull those out, screen it in and surround it with a concrete drain as a gathering space. It can be a good work space for the garden, however.

- Removing solar panels from the roof for lots 40 & 41 is part of this plan. The solar panels were placed there in the overall design of reducing the number of trees needing to be cut

down at BIB. This is also why three houses (Bean Bale, #1 and #2) shared a solar house and roof space for panels, as well as the reason for shared space for internet antennas in various locations around the community. The community has had discussions and plans for similar consolidation and protection of the environment wherever we could create a 'solar farm' in an open space vs each person cutting a bunch of trees down. Because of the steepness and angle behind lots 40 and 41, they will need to cut down several trees and incur quite an expense in relocating their power systems.

- For essentially the same amount of money in cash layout, we could complete the purchase of the building and lot 28, with much more space in an already existing structure and a big cistern already built and ready to use. [recognizing that a large portion of past due fees would be part of this transaction, but we'd have a valuable asset in return rather than a promise of future payment at some point]

- We have a large cistern at the top of Mayan circle, plumbed down to the garden, that could be covered with a water collecting roof and cover. Plans were already in the works for that at one point.

- We also have approved construction and have architectural drawings for a large 20x40 community center building with large cistern underneath in the lower part of the garden area. It would need to be re-quoted and sent out for bids, but that project was approved at one point and was

delayed so we could buy the tractor. The first version of that type of structure was quoted at about \$20K Belize.

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Community Center addendum

Ann McG <annmcgr@gmail.com> Wed, May 20, 6:04 AM

To: BIBHOA Board <bibhoaboard@gmail.com>

I realize I didn't send my recommendation, or what I think is the best idea, which is to build the bigger space in the lower part of the milpa. It will be even more ideal with the pond filled in. The project provides more work for local builders, gives us a 'green field' solution, vs a 'brown field' one\*, and is something brand new for BIB without any baggage. It also causes the least disruption in the community.

If cost savings are needed, it could be built without the two end rooms, and with wood posts instead of cement, that could be backfilled later with cement.

Thanks for caring!

Ann

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With greenfield investing, a company will build its own, brand new facilities from the ground up. Brownfield investment happens when a company purchases or leases an Existing facility.

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A Comparison of the 3 Proposed Community Centers

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To the BIBPOA board and people who have interest in a  
Community Center at Better in Belize

The recent proposal to turn the garden share shed into a  
community center has several features which make it less  
desirable than two other options which have already been  
studied at BIB. Here are our options:

· (1) The current proposal, to remake the garden share shed

into a community center.

- (2) The original proposal put forward several years ago for a community center in the milpa
- (3) Lot 28, offered to the homeowners as a usable-right-now community center

Here are comparisons of the plans:

1. This garden shed proposal is an effort to make a gathering place for people AND provide water for the milpa and for fire-fighting needs, but it does neither very well.

Even without two big rotoplas tanks beside it, the garden share area is much too small at 16'x 20' (320 square feet) to hold more than about 15-18 standing people. That square footage is before you add furniture: chairs, tables, sink, etc. That is an area smaller than my deck; smaller than the main part of my house. It is not big enough.

Some of our past gatherings have included more people than that, and Better in Belize will soon have many additional people wanting to come together for social purposes, such as musical evenings, workshops, and to host gatherings that include the wider community for such things as teaching residents and our neighbors to can fruits and vegetables and to learn from them how to cook Belizean foods. The garden share shed would remain a small, dark, limited space, no matter how you try to change it, and it would offer no solar for electricity or wi-fi access. Without a bathroom and/or sink planned at present, it would be a very poor excuse for a community center.



2. The plans for the original Community Center in the milpa call for a building with a concrete floor, unscreened walls, and a roof which would drain into an underground cistern, the cover of which would provide the floor of the structure. The cistern was designed to be utilized as a water supply for the milpa, in conjunction with the cistern on top of Maya Hill and to provide running water for the community center. Bathroom facilities are not included. The surrounding grassy area would be available for games and relaxing, and for open-air activities. This building has an estimated cost of \$35,000, and provides no internet access or solar panels/power. The need to buy a tractor delayed execution of that plan.

3. Lot 28 near the front gate. Late in 2019 Paul noticed that the semi-finished building on Lot 28, property of BIB Ltd., is as usable right now as the original community center planned for the milpa would be upon completion. With considerably more floor space, the building on Lot 28 has a loft area suitable for workshops and small meetings, a covered veranda, roughed-in area for kitchen and bathroom, and a side area which would support a grill, palapa, and traditional hearth. The large cistern can also serve as a water reserve for fire-fighting. Being near the gate, Lot 28 has lots of parking space and is easily accessible for walk-in attendees and as a staging area for fire-fighters. It would require minimal expenditure, along with volunteer efforts from our highly skilled residents, to turn this into a space that would immediately surpass the other two options. When they

first examined it, both Bryan and Paul agreed that it was usable as a community center in its current condition.

We were given the option to take title of Lot 28 with an expenditure of \$7400usd for closing fees, waiving past fee dues in the amount of about \$70,000 on BIB Ltd. unsold lots. Since it is expected that a good portion of these fees will never be repaid, this might be the only way the POA will be able to recoup those fees.

At the end of 2019 there was \$57,000 available in the bank from which the \$7400 closing costs could be paid. At present there is about \$81,300 available.

The BIB POA 2020 budget was developed with the assumption that the property on Lot 28 would have been purchased in 2020.

Improvements on Lot 28 (from BIB POA 2020 budget, in Belize dollars)

gutters & rain catchment, toilet & sink, screening/lucite, small kitchen \$ 20,000.00

solar system \$ 5,000.00

furnishings: chairs, table, lights \$ 1,000.00

internet equipment & setup \$ 500.00

internet service - service \$ 1,000.00

(an additional \$100 approx. would pay for a humanure toilet on the premises)

Adding the purchase price of \$7400usd, (\$14,800bz), we could have a highly functioning community center with, solar power, internet service, toilet, cooking area, and seating for \$42,400bz. The \$14,800bz offer for the lot still stands.

(BTW, that's a total of just \$21,200usd for a fully functioning, full-sized community center.)

We are currently operating under the 2020 budget, with \$27,000 allocated for a community center under the assumption that the lot had already been purchased. If we spend only the \$14,800bz to purchase the property, the building is still as usable right now as the milpa building would be upon completion some day in the future, and we could proceed with improvements as desired.

The usable building on Lot 28 would be my first choice, having the advantage, at \$14,000bz, of being a vastly better bargain than the garden share shed proposal at \$12,000bz, the milpa proposal at an estimated \$35,000bz and is usable immediately as is.

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We should all also be concerned about the proposal to remove the solar panels from the top of the garden share roof. These currently provide electricity and pump water for Treetops, a small unit on Lot 40 often rented by visitors to Better in Belize, and the house on Lot 41. It was stated that the solar panels "hinder water collection," but if the panels are simply rearranged so that water which falls on the panels is delivered into the gutters, this will not be a problem. Completely removing them would gratuitously render those two residences unusable, since the solar panels were erected on the shed because the two lots in question do not have access to sufficient sunshine to provide electricity without cutting down a prohibitive number of trees.

I am sure this wasn't the intention of our board. But if this is our new direction - to not allow the use of common space by individuals - then we will need to rethink the permissions some residents have received to erect carports, wi-fi antennas, wires, etc. in common spaces. This is, after all, a community in which we are pledged to create an environmentally conscious lifestyle, and to live in harmony with others.

Let's think about all this a bit longer as it is important for the board to avoid even the appearance of favoritism or prejudice against any homeowner.

May 21, 2020 at 6:49 am

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In lieu of writing out comments from Tim and I, we will say that we are in agreement with Renie's comments.

May 21, 2020 at 6:50 am

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A Comparison of the 3 Proposed Community Centers  
Looey Tremblay <looey@looey.com> Wed, May 20, 4:53 PM  
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Irene, all i can say is Wow.

I haven't had time to pen any thoughts, but i will try to pen some in the next days.

Im glad the board is looking at doing a community centre.

Regards,  
Loeey Tremblay  
Broker/Owner  
RE/MAX Belize Property Center

May 22, 2020 at 9:07 am

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Community center

Susan Waite <susan.l.waite54@gmail.com> Fri, May 22, 9:04 AM

To: BIB POA Board <bibhoaboard@gmail.com>

Dear BIB HOA Board,

I have read the plans and looked at the photos depicting the proposed community center. It looks great. We have been waiting years for a community center and it would feel wonderful to get something going. What a smart plan to use an area that has a structure and is already being used. I understand that this leg of the project does not have to be the completed project. We can add a kitchen later. I also like that we will not be using the big space by the big hole, pond?, as that is a great space for more garden. I also like that it

keeps us on a doable budget as it seems many people have not paid their HOA fees. Maybe when those people pay their fees we can add other amenities to the center. Oh I also like that we will have rotoplasts for water for fighting fires.

Thank you for this idea and the work to get it going. Smart and great work. THANK YOU to the board.

Sue Waite

May 22, 2020 at 9:28 am

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Community center

Jenny Lodes <jlodes1159@icloud.com> Wed, May 20, 8:17 AM  
To: Bib Hoa Board <bibhoaboard@gmail.com>

Dear Board

I don't believe the area around the garden share shed will be big enough for a community center. I believe that the community center should be in the lower part of the milpa by the dry pond. There is lots of space for the building and lots of outdoor space for lawn games, bonfires and such. We wouldn't have that on lot 28.

We have the cistern on the Mayan circle which could be put to work if we covered it. Why put two Rotoplas in the garden when we already have a cistern? This idea had already been approved by the previous board. I believe the added expense would be worth it.

Sincerely  
Jenny Lodes

May 22, 2020 at 4:37 pm

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Community Center

Susanne Jefferson <blewize42@yahoo.com> Fri, May 22,  
5:39 AM

To: POA Board BIB <bibhoaboard@gmail.com>

I think option #4, not doing anything at all right now, is the best idea FOR NOW. I'd rather wait and get a center where we can fit a larger number of people before we convert the garden shed into something that will most likely never be able to hold our expanding community and any additions to that existing structure will require most likely more money (when combined with the current \$12000 proposal) than a new center or lot 28 will cost to accommodate larger crowds. Since the removal of the fish tank was already approved, why not just take it out and be done with it? We don't need to spend money on screening and a bunch of concrete since we are so low on cash. Wear bug spray or put up some tiki torches with citronella oil. Most owners have open porches/decks anyway. The bugs aren't that bad here and the dirt floor will do just fine for now, too.

For water collection: it says in the board's reply to our emails that the cistern on the Mayan circle will be repaired 'this year'. What are we waiting for? Rainy season is about to



begin. We should get it functional again NOW, not sometime this year.

What are we expanding the garden for right now and spending money on that? Individual owners can get a plot and plant and spend their own money on that. It doesn't say anywhere in the CCRs that money is to be spent on feeding the community.

All in all I don't think it's a good time right now to start a project like this until there IS a community again and since we don't have much money it would be a good idea to wait with currently unnecessary expenditures.

Cheers,  
Susanne

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