

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
Community Resource Advisory Board (CRAB)
Council Chambers
2525 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Hendry Weeg. Members present: Forrest Critser, Elizabeth D'Onofrio Halladay, Bill Veach, Rebecca Weber and Keri Hendry Weeg.

Excused: Bill Fagan

Staff: Molly Jacobs

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 9, 2018

Minutes not available.

V. CRAB MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS – Bayfront Concept

Chair Weeg noted that she will present their ideas to Council at their next meeting. Ms. Weber investigated the water trolley idea and she shared information. Ms. D'Onofrio Halladay noted there was a water taxi in the back bay. Ms. Weber described the free water taxi service in Ft. Lauderdale. She noted that it was a small ferry.

Mr. Veach questioned what Council wanted from them. Ms. Jacobs replied that their task was to bring forward general ideas. Mr. Veach noted that the TDC (Tourist Development Council) supported projects that benefited the public. Discussion was held regarding the benefit of water taxis. Mr. Critser mentioned the previous two water taxis that operated in the back bay. Mr. Veach brought up subsidizing the water taxis. Chair Hendry Weeg noted that the Town paid the County for the trolleys. Ms. Jacobs will research the cost to the Town.

Mr. Veach questioned the location of the arches. Chair Hendry Weeg noted that she could reach out to the group affiliated with the arches to discuss potential locations. Mr. Critser described the replica of the arches on San Carlos Island. Ms. D'Onofrio Halladay noted that the arches would be a good photo opportunity for visitors.

Discussion was held regarding 3-D decorative tiles similar to swimming pool tiles. Mr. Veach commented that they did not want another maintenance headache like the fountain. Ms. Weber suggested incorporating a war memorial design into the space between the old arches. She felt that people would donate funds. Mr. Critser noted that any project that drew people to the Town could qualify for the TDC funding. Ms. D'Onofrio noted that the TDC would not provide the total funding. She commented that the water taxi would encourage visitors and might qualify for TDC dollars. Ms. Weber noted that water taxis would be a great solution to bring people downtown from the southern end of the Island. Ms. D'Onofrio agreed that people went to Bonita Springs or

Naples due to the traffic on the Island.

Mr. Veach noted that they had several concepts to present to Council. Discussion was held regarding CRAB being the clearinghouse for TDC funds.

Mr. Veach discussed the Town receiving the Island Jewel. He suggested coming up with ideas on what to do with the space including extending Town Square. Chair Hendry Weeg pointed out a particular section of land that might belong to the State.

Chair Hendry Weeg will create a report of the results from the Council meeting and email it to Ms. Jacobs for distribution.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING – to be determined.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Chair Hendry Weeg moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Ms. D’Onofrio

Halladay.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Adopted _____ with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: _____

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