

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

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:23 p.m. by Vice Mayor Shamp. Members present: Forrest Critser and Rebecca Weber.

Excused: Bill Fagan, Elizabeth D'Onofrio Halladay, Bill Veach and Keri Hendry Weeg.

Staff: Rae Burns

Council Liaison: Vice Mayor Shamp

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 9, 2018

No quorum.

V. CRAB MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS – Bayfront Concept

Vice Mayor Shamp stated that Council assigned CRAB to create concepts regarding Bayfront Square. She referred to material concerning Bayfront components. She included excerpts from the Old San Carlos/Crescent Street Master Plan, objectives from the Comprehensive Plan for ideas, an aerial view from the Lee County Property Appraiser's Site for dimensions of the site and the dinghy dock. Resolution 0212 provided a perpetual easement across Bayfront Square to the dinghy dock. She encouraged members to walk along Old San Carlos Boulevard to view the area and to keep in mind that they could extend out over the water and turn right to go to the dinghy dock. She suggested that they examine a round, dark green patch on the sidewalk by the gazebo with a palm tree etched in the center. She stated that it was a new non-slip surfacing material that could be laid over existing sidewalks. Vice Mayor Shamp suggested that Ms. O'Riley be consulted regarding the pervious or impervious nature of the material. She described ways that etched stamps in the sidewalk could be used to lead people to certain places.

Mr. Critser discussed installing a veteran's memorial with a flag and a light, fundraising, TDC (Tourist Development Council) funding and highlighting the history of the Island. Vice Mayor Shamp noted that she provided WWII local history and tribute memorial in the Bayfront concepts. She described historic vistas on the Island. She noted that they were not interested in bringing back the fountain. She stated that they needed to think about marketability when attempting to secure TDC funds. Mr. Critser mentioned that a veteran's memorial would attract people to the area.

Vice Mayor Shamp included the submerged land lease renewal for the dinghy dock.

Ms. Weber agreed that a memorial was appropriate. She questioned whether a decommissioned

shrimp boat could be put in the area to showcase the history of shrimping on the Island. Vice Mayor Shamp noted that they could email ideas directly to Council. She mentioned that water taxis were discussed in the comp plan for commercial venues. Ms. Weber thought that water taxis would help to move people around the Island during season. Mr. Critser noted that there were two water taxis last year. Vice Mayor Shamp brought up environmental educational opportunities with water taxis on the back bay. She noted that the area where people parked under the bridge could benefit from ideas. Ms. Weber agreed and she described the area as unsightly. Vice Mayor Shamp indicated that they were making an effort to remedy some of the negative impressions. Ms. Burns stated that she took photos of areas that needed help, copied them and created drawings on the photos of what she thought made the area looked better. Vice Mayor Shamp summarized that Council directed them to be creative without going too deep and to provide ideas for conversations.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Beverly Milligan, Chair of the Historic Heart of the Island Committee, updated CRAB on their ideas. She stated that they were hosting Christmas in July on July 25 and 26, 2018. The Library would take the leadership role and Bay Oaks was interested. They will encourage residents to display Christmas lights. They were looking at branding and creating a brochure with stake holders. She indicated that the Myerside Bed & Breakfast was applying for a historic designation. She welcomed ideas from CRAB.

VII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Adopted 4/9/2018 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: 5-0 Signature: Dei Wog

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