

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

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Veach. Members present: Trisha Hickey, Bill Veach and Becky Weber
Excused: Bill Fagan, and Elizabeth D'Onofrio Halladay.
Absent: Forrest Critser
Staff: Molly Jacobs
Vice Mayor Champ

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLE CALL – Trisha Hickey, Bill Veach and Becky Weber

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 9, 2018, August 14, 2018, September 11, 2018, October 9, 2018 and October 30, 2018

MOTION: Chair Veach moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018; second by CRAB member Hickey.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Chair Veach moved to approve the minutes of August 14, 2018; second by CRAB member Hickey.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Chair Veach moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2018; second by CRAB member Hickey.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Chair Veach moved to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018; second by CRAB member Hickey.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Chair Veach moved to approve the minutes of October 30, 2018; second by CRAB member Hickey.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VII. CRAB MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS - RFP for Bayfront Park

Parks and Recreation Director Sean DePalma invited members to review and provide input on the RFP before it was released. Ms. Weber questioned whether the RFP requested examples of prior work. Director DePalma replied that the selected firm would be provided with a history of the area. He noted that BORCAB (Bay Oaks Recreational Campus Advisory Board) and the HPAC (Historic Preservation Advisory Committee) will join CRAB for a workshop to focus on recommendations. Director DePalma stated that one representative from BORCAB, HPAC and CRAB will sit on the RFP selection committee along with a member of staff and Director DePalma. Vice Mayor Shamp described the process in more detail. Director DePalma noted that BORCAB, HPAC and CRAB will provide recommendations for the Heart of the Island, which was separate from the Bayfront Park project.

Ms. Weber clarified that the RFP was to select the architecture firm. Director DePalma replied affirmatively and explained that a charrette will be held to make final recommendations and the selected firm will then create design renderings to encompass the recommendations. Director DePalma stated that vendors currently on the Town's list of approved businesses would be able to bypass part of the vetting process as their records were on file.

Director DePalma invited a member of CRAB to attend the next BORCAB meeting on December 20, 2018. Chair Veach proposed a joint meeting at their CRAB meeting on January 8, 2019. Director DePalma will contact the committees and communicate via email through Ms. Jacobs. Vice Mayor Shamp described the cone of silence for selection committee members.

Leadership Conference – establish year, date (need to vote), speakers, tours and status of food donations

MOTION: Chair Veach moved to set the date of the Leadership Conference for April 11-12, 2019; second by Ms.

Hickey.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Weber offered to manage food donations. Ms. Hickey requested information from the last Leadership Conference. Vice Mayor Shamp provided the information. Chair Veach will draft a press release when more details become available. Vice Chair Shamp suggested that Ms. Weber contact Publix right away regarding food. She noted that they had a formal process for donations. Discussion was held regarding the menu. Ms. Hickey confirmed that the speakers would be scheduled for the mornings.

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Chair Veach stated that Town Council did not support CRAB soliciting input for TDC (Tourist Development Council) funds. He noted that they could submit ideas from CRAB. Vice Mayor Shamp described funding guidelines for the TDC. Chair Veach floated the idea of placing historical statutes around the Island to Cultural Resources Director Alison Giesen. She will contact the TDC for their input on the project and get back to CRAB. Vice Mayor Shamp suggested that Chair Veach inform the design professional of his project. Chair Veach brought up solar trees for shade with a battery and charger. He described creating a map of where restrooms were located on the beach. Ms. Weber noted that a GPS app was available that would tie everything together and cost less than signage. Vice Chair Shamp commented that many businesses, cultural and

historical entities may want to be included as well. Ms. Weber will research apps.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment

X. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Add Visitor Improvement Projects.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Chair Veach moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Hickey.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Adopted 1/8/19 with/without changes. Motion by Bill Veach
(DATE)

Vote: 3-0 Signature: 

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