

**MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)**

Town Hall
2525 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Friday, February 22, 2019

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Simpson.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Dan Allers, Becky Bodnar, Lee Melsek, Betty Simpson and Rae Sprole.

Excused: Janna Holmes

Absent: Dave Anderson

Staff present: Interim Director Alison Giesen, Sarah Mayher and Public Works Manager Chelsea O'Riley.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - no public comment.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Review VORTEX Structure for Kiddie Pool

Public Works Manager Chelsea O'Riley stated that VORTEX was a large company that designed structures for public pools and she provided information to BORCAB. She requested that they review the options in the packet. BORCAB Member Melsek questioned how they selected the company. Manager O'Riley replied that Parks and Recreation Director DePalma had previous experience with the company and he suggested that they hire them. She noted that the initial cost to build the structure was \$90,000 but Director Alison Giesen will negotiate the final price.

BORCAB Member Bodnar asked whether it was a permanent structure. Manager O'Riley replied that it was drilled in and permanent but it was not sunk into the concrete and would be easier to repair or replace in the future. BORCAB Member Sprole asked whether anything could be added to the design. Manager O'Riley replied that they could customize the structure.

BORCAB Member Melsek questioned why they did not bid out the project. Manager O'Riley responded that the Town Manager agreed to move forward with the company. If they had to bid the project out, they would not be able to complete it within their timeline. She noted that they were restricted due to the slope of the pool. BORCAB Member Sprole noted that if they did not complete it within the timeline, the pool would lose revenue. Manager O'Riley stated that the recommendation to hire the company came from previous and current staff and the Town Manager. She indicated that they were looking for support from BORCAB before presenting to Council.

Members suggested installing a bigger bucket and a shaded waterfall area. Ms. Sprole questioned the warranty and life span of the structure. Manager O'Riley will forward the information. Discussion was held regarding the length of the bidding process. BORCAB Member Allers trusted the recommendation. Manager O'Riley commented that VORTEX would take 10-12 weeks to complete the project.

Discussion was held regarding the mood for the structure. BORCAB Member Allers questioned why they needed to replace the original structure. Director Giesen replied that it rusted out. She noted that the VORTEX representative stated that they would not have references regarding the lifespan because the product was designed last September. BORCAB Member Melsek commented that he could not support the recommendation until they had feedback from other entities. Manager O'Riley noted that it was a fast-paced project but she would provide answers after the meeting. Director Giesen stated that they would receive Florida references concerning similar structures and warranty information.

BORCAB Member Allers indicated that the products used in the design had been around for a while. He preferred option number 4 and Chair Simpson agreed. BORCAB Member Sprole suggested adding a shade structure. Manager O'Riley indicated that she will inquire about customizing the structure. BORCAB Member Bodnar preferred to wait for additional information from the representative before voting. BORCAB Member Melsek reiterated that they had to talk to more than one company. Manager O'Riley stated that the only company she found in her internet search was VORTEX. BORCAB Member Allers questioned whether it was more important to hold up the project for answers or lose pool revenue in the summer. He stated that it was difficult to get pool contractors to do work on the Island.

MOTION: BORCAB Member Sprole moved to recommend the VORTEX structure with mood option 4 for the kiddie pool with the condition that they receive a minimum 10-year warranty and references; second by BORCAB Member Allers.

VOTE: Motion passed; 4-1 with BORCAB Member Melsek dissenting.

Discussion was held regarding the length of warranty.

Manager O'Riley noted that the project will go before Council on March 4, 2019. She reviewed the warranty information and Florida installations from VORTEX and she will forward the information to Parks & Rec staff Sarah Mayher for distribution to BORCAB. Parks & Rec staff Mayher noted that she could request time for BORCAB to speak to Council at their next meeting. BORCAB Member Melsek stated that he will appear before Council to explain why he voted against the project. Manager O'Riley explained how she will present the recommendation to Council. Discussion was held regarding speaking to Council. Manager O'Riley encouraged members to contact her with any concerns or questions. BORCAB Member Allers volunteered to speak at the Council meeting on March 4, 2019. BORCAB Member Melsek clarified that he had an issue with the process and he questioned whether the structure was the best they could do.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: BORCAB Member Melsek moved to adjourn the meeting; second by BORCAB Member Allers.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Adopted April 25, 2019 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: 

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