

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

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

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Simpson.

Members present: Becky Bodnar, Barbara Hill, Janna Holmes, Lee Melsek, Betty Simpson and Karen Woodson.

Staff: Director Culture, Parks & Recreation Alison Giesen and Recreation Campus Manager Sarah Mayher.

Paul Benvie, DRMP Project Manager, Ryan Richards from RG Architects

Council Liaison: Dan Allers (not present).

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 18, 2020

MOTION: BORCAB Member Holmes moved to approve the minutes; second by BORCAB Member Hill.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Bay Oaks Redevelopment - Update

Mr. Benvie reported that they were able to build restrooms and locker rooms on the ground floor.

•Board Action – Discussion was held and consensus was reached concerning programming for each building.

Building 1 - Community Center - stage with AV, lighting, drop-down screen, great room with dividers, additional meeting space, administrative offices, storage, restrooms, full kitchen and firepit or fireplace.

Building 2 - Athletic Center - basketball court with dividers, indoor track above court, locker rooms, showers, space for fitness classes, offices and storage.

Building 3 - Welcome Center - space to greet customers, space for staff and volunteers, emergency facilities, historical motif and restrooms.

MOTION: BORCAB Member Hill moved that BORCAB reached consensus for all the uses

for programs in all three buildings; Building 1 - Community Center, Building 2 - Athletic Center and Building 3 - Welcome Center; second by BORCAB Member Holmes.

VOTE: Vote passed 3-2 with BORCAB Members Bodnar and Melsek dissenting.

Mr. Benvie noted that he would have a final cost estimate in September or October. Discussion was held regarding holding the stakeholder's meeting at Town Hall.

B. Jenny Dexter, Social Media and Communications Coordinator

Coordinator Dexter introduced herself and provided an overview of her activities, including updating the website, the launch of Text My Gov, creating social media outlets and that she would be the gatekeeper for media contacts. She indicated that people could now sign-up on the website to receive information and the new logo would be added to signs as resources allowed. She remarked that they were looking at providing written materials. She revealed that she sent out twelve press releases via a media distribution list and they would be available on the website.

C. Department Update

Director Giesen noted that she was interviewing people for the positions of Recreation Supervisor and Aquatic Assistant. She described challenges with COVID-19 and keeping everything clean and safe for staff and participants. They would be adding Sunday hours as soon as they had a full staff and she noted hours would change depending on the pandemic. The pool was being resurfaced and was expected to be completed in mid-September.

Manager Mayher added that Lee County was cleaning their facilities once a week by spraying down surfaces. Director Giesen commented that they used pool noodles to maintain social distancing, especially with children.

Discussion was held regarding scholarships, holding history classes at summer camp and opening up the pool during the pandemic.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

BORCAB Member Woodson remarked that she and BORCAB Member Hill spoke with Beach Talk Radio over the weekend. She noted that they would live stream the stakeholder's meeting in July.

BORCAB Member Melsek shared historical backgrounds of members of the community in relation to naming buildings.

BORCAB Member Bodnar clarified Coordinator Dexter's duties. She brought up positive results from a March 16, 2017 poll regarding Bay Oaks.

BORCAB Member Hill described the interview with Beach Talk Radio. She suggested that Coordinator Dexter could promote the stakeholder's meeting on July 13, 2020.

Director Giesen thanked members for their work on the recommendations.

BORCAB Member Holmes commented that she received positive feedback from her neighbors and friends regarding plans for Bay Oaks.
Chair Simpson felt it was important to relay positive feedback within the community. She noted they would discuss historic names at the next meeting.

VII. FUTURE MEETING DATE – August 4, 2020

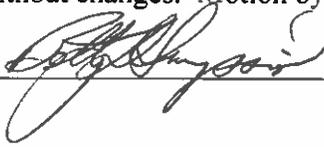
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: BORCAB Member Hill moved to adjourn the meeting; second by BORCAB Member Holmes.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Adopted Aug 4, 2020 with/without changes. Motion by Barbara Hill
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: 

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