

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

Thursday, June 18, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Stockton. Members present: Forrest Critser, Norbert DeMars, Sheena Stockton and Becki Weber.
Staff: Utility Manager Christy Cory
Council Liaison: Bill Veach

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 11, 2020

MOTION: CRAB Member Critser moved to approve the minutes; second by CRAB Member Weber.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VI. CRAB MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Map, App & Brochures

Council Liaison Veach noted that the new Public Information Officer (PIO) would be involved with some items on the agenda. Discussion was held regarding future activities. Manager Cory stated that Social Media & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Dexter was going to utilize Text My Gov to redesign the website. She will continue with CivicPlus and use CRAB's app to redesign the website. Manager Cory noted the new design should launch next week. Chair Stockton questioned whether Coordinator Dexter handled marketing. Manager Cory replied that she would check. Council Liaison Veach questioned how to direct people to specific links. Manager Cory commented that Coordinator Dexter requested that directors submit information regarding what they would like to see on the website and which topics generated the most questions. Manager Cory discussed providing too much or too little information. Chair Stockton questioned how they could assist with the project. Manager Cory noted that Coordinator Dexter could attend their next meeting. CRAB Member Weber suggested meeting with Coordinator Dexter after the site launched. Manager Cory will speak with her and report back.

B. Statues

On hold.

B. Murals

With the Town Attorney.

D. War Memorial

CRAB Member DeMars commented that he was not sure whether Council decided to put the 30% design on hold. Council Liaison Veach confirmed that it was on hold pending community discussion. He reviewed the history of Bayside Park. CRAB Member Critser shared past efforts for a war memorial. He felt the memorial should be on the front burner and one of the focal points of the Town. He questioned the status of a memorial since the Bayside Park project was on hold. Council Liaison Veach indicated that the designers were aware of the request for a memorial. CRAB Member Critser did not support a building on the site. CRAB Member DeMars questioned the rationale for replacing the current upland provider for the Mooring Field. He felt the service the Town provides should not require a building on a choice piece of real estate. Council Liaison Veach remarked that Harbor House had unoccupied space on the ground floor and would be suitable as an upland provider. He noted that the information was not previously available and that the Anchorage Advisory Committee (AAC) was interested in options. He indicated that the owners of the Harbor House were willing to add showers and the Town would pay for the remodel.

CRAB Member Weber shared her opinion about an amphitheater design. Chair Stockton felt an amphitheater was a great idea. She questioned whether they needed restrooms in the area. CRAB Member Weber replied that it depended on what was built. Council Liaison Veach stated that Snug Harbor received a variance with the condition that a public restroom would be provided but it had not been enforced. Chair Stockton did not think the proposed building fit with the community and she supported researching alternatives.

Discussion was held regarding the needs of patrons in the Mooring Field. CRAB Member Critser discussed the lack of facilities at Matanzas Inn if they expanded the Mooring Field. Council Liaison Veach suggested that CRAB discuss options other than the building. Chair Stockton agreed. CRAB Member Weber suggested polling the community for ideas. Chair Stockton received support from CRAB Members to present options for a poll.

Council Liaison Veach questioned whether CRAB was interested in scheduling a joint meeting with BORCAB. Chair Stockton questioned whether CRAB could help BORCAB. Council Liaison Veach suggested they go for it. Chair Stockton expressed concern about getting involved if they were not needed. She stated that she would contact Manager Mayher. Council Liaison Veach reviewed the Times Square design and noted it was close to 50%. Discussion was held concerning aspects of the design.

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – see above.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

IX. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

MOTION: CRAB Member DeMars moved to add Bayside Park; second by CRAB Member Weber.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

CRAB Member Weber questioned the estimated cost of the projects. Manager Cory replied that she would request the information. Chair Stockton revealed that Town Manager Hernstadt indicated the projected cost for all three projects would amount to approximately \$100 per year or \$8.50 per month for taxpayers. CRAB Member Weber spoke off microphone.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stockton adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Adopted 9/15/20 with/without changes. Motion by [Signature]
(DATE)

Vote: 3 Signature: [Signature]

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