

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

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

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Simpson.  
Members present: Becky Bodnar, Barbara Hill, Lee Melsek and Betty Simpson.  
Janna Holmes and Karen Woodson were scheduled to join via phone but they did not connect.  
Staff: Director Culture, Parks & Recreation Alison Giesen and Recreation Campus Manager Sarah Mayher.

Chair Simpson noted that BORCAB Member Hill made the motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2020, and BORCAB Member Melsek seconded the motion.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT - no public comment.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 4, 2020**

Chair Simpson stated that one of the gentlemen who spoke during Public Comment was Rick Lowry.

**MOTION:** BORCAB Member Hill moved to approve the minutes with an amendment; second by BORCAB Member Bodnar.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**A. Department Report**

Director Giesen stated that they were not expanding hours for the weight room and the pool should be open by the end of September. Manager Mayher noted that staff was available to conduct classes and outsiders had also expressed an interest in teaching. Director Giesen was not sure when classes would resume due to the pandemic, but they were ready. Chair Simpson confirmed that the safety release button was installed next to the cash register.

**B. Strategic Plan Update**

Director Giesen noted that some target dates were delayed due to the pandemic, but they still made progress. BORCAB Member Hill stated that the redevelopment plan was out of their hands now and was moving forward. Director Giesen remarked that the 30% design plan would be complete by the end of September and presented to Town Council in October. BORCAB

Member Melsek questioned when BORCAB would be involved in recommending what to cut to reduce costs. Director Giesen replied that she would keep them informed.

Director Giesen indicated that she would contact Denise Monahan with the Friends of Bay Oaks for an update on goals and fundraising opportunities. She noted she would invite Ms. Monahan to attend a future meeting.

BORCAB Member Melsek questioned whether anyone had discussed naming rights for buildings. BORCAB Member Hill noted that the idea was brought up at the last Council meeting, but no action was taken.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT** – no public comment.

**VI. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

BORCAB Member Melsek questioned the number of parking spaces. Director Giesen replied that the number was 300, but the 30% plan would give them a better idea of available parking. Discussion was held regarding public input after the 30% design presentation. Director Giesen will follow up and share details with BORCAB. BORCAB Member Melsek discussed the importance of support from other organizations.

BORCAB Member Bodnar commented that the Garden Club was interested in planting a butterfly garden at Bay Oaks.

Chair Simpson indicated that the Matanzas Preserve would open on September 2, 2020.

**VII. FUTURE MEETING DATE** – October 6, 2020

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

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

Adopted 11/3/2020 with/without changes. Motion by Janna tdmus  
(DATE)

Vote: Barbara Hill Signature: Betty Simpson  
Betty Simpson

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