

MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)
Town Hall
2525 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Monday, March 8, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chair Simpson.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Becky Guidry, Barbara Hill, Janna Holmes, Betty Simpson, Holly Sweeten and Karen Woodson.

Excused: Beth Cherry

Staff: Cultural Parks & Recreation Director Alison Giesen and Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 5, 2021

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. REVIEW REDEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN

Director Giesen explained the delay with the School District and the interlocal agreement. She referred to a draft of the parcels, an overview of who owned what and the plan for the interlocal. BORCAB Member Hill questioned what caused the school board to change its mind. Director Giesen replied that after the survey was completed, the school realized shifts had to be made to the plan. She stated that both parties were in agreement with the tentative changes. BORCAB Member Hill questioned whether the design was on hold. Director Giesen replied affirmatively. She indicated that Town Council would review the final site plan on April 7, 2021.

MOTION: BORCAB Member Holmes moved to approve the placeholders site plan for Bay Oaks; second by BORCAB Member Woodson.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Director O'Riley provided an overview of the discussions. She noted the field and building were shifted slightly and the Principal objected to an outdoor classroom. She suggested spending the

money on something like a larger playground. Director O'Riley stated that after the school board and their attorneys approve the interlocal, Town Council would review it for approval. She explained vacating the Town's right of way to the school. She reported that the square footage of the building would not change.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Director Giesen reported that registration was open for spring break and staff was preparing for summer camp. She noted that little league practice started, and limited outdoor classes would be offered. She indicated that pickleball courts were extended to allow for more participation. BORCAB Member Hill questioned why pool aerobics was not scheduled. Director Giesen replied that aerobics was close contact and only lap swimmers were permitted right now. BORCAB Member Hill questioned whether people who received both doses of the vaccine were exempt from CDC guidelines. Director Giesen will check.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

BORCAB Member Holmes was encouraged that they were moving ahead, and she appreciated the team effort. She revealed that she had to step back from BORCAB.

BORCAB Member Sweeten was excited to see the plan move forward. She described a mocking comment on Facebook from a Town employee and suggested that the employee keep their negative remarks out of social media platforms. She was hopeful that they could move forward together in a positive manner.

BORCAB Member Woodson suggested resurrecting the Friends of Bay Oaks. Director Giesen stated that Denise Monahan was unable to serve but offered her assistance. BORCAB Member Woodson questioned whether BORCAB Member Hill was interested in joining her to get the ball rolling. Director Giesen stated she was happy to assist them with filing the paperwork with the state. BORCAB Member Hill agreed and discussed seeking volunteers from a cross-section of the community.

BORCAB Member Guidry was listening and learning and excited about the plans.

BORCAB Member Hill welcomed BORCAB Member Guidry. She was sorry that Lee Melsek was no longer serving on BORCAB and she recognized his achievements. She was sorry that BORCAB Member Holmes was leaving.

Chair Simpson extended good wishes to BORCAB Member Holmes and noted she would be missed. She stated that Lee Melsek was responsible for starting the conversation concerning redesigning Bay Oaks. She brought up the importance of his knowledge and commented that he was always welcome. Chair Simpson noted that activating the Friends of Bay Oaks was the only way to raise funds for projects. She was excited about moving forward with everything.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

X. FUTURE MEETING DATE - May 4, 2021, unless otherwise notified.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Adopted 5/4/21 with/without changes. Motion by HILL
(DATE)

Vote: 6-0 Signature: 

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