

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

Town Hall  
2525 Estero Blvd.  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Tuesday, May 4, 2021

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Beth Cherry

Staff: Cultural Parks & Recreation Director Alison Giesen.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 8, 2021**

**MOTION:** BORCAB Member Hill moved to approve the minutes: second by BORCAB Member Woodson.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

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

**VI. NEW BORCAB MEMBER – Bruce Butcher**

BORCAB Member Butcher introduced himself and reviewed his experience. Chair Simpson welcomed him to BORCAB.

**VII. LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT UPDATE**

Director Giesen reviewed the update. She noted they expected to have the agreement signed by June. She will check on the security fence and report back.

**VIII. FRIENDS OF BAY OAKS STATUS**

BORCAB Member Woodson reported that several people attended the April 21, 2021 meeting. She described her attempts to resurrect the 501(c)(3) registration. She noted she did not have the previous license number nor the date the registration expired. Chair Simpson offered to contact Paul for information concerning the original paperwork.

**IX. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Director Giesen noted there was not much change due to the pandemic. She explained why hosting programs at other locations on the beach was on hold. She indicated that she would contact the new

president of the Woman's Club, Monica Schmucker. BORCAB Member Butcher suggested they talk to the Beach Baptist Church to utilize their facilities. Director Giesen will follow up. (BORCAB Member Sweeten had to leave early.) Discussion was held regarding a celebration at the pool when Bay Oaks reopened.

**X. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

Director Giesen reported that services and programs would reopen in phases. She noted that staff needed to be fully vaccinated and they would continue to follow CDC guidelines. BORCAB Member Hill questioned whether there was interest in adult soccer. Director Giesen will check with staff regarding past requests.

**XI. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

BORCAB Member Woodson clarified that Coordinator Dexter would publish press releases regarding reopening classes and programs.

BORCAB Member Butcher questioned when the national fitness court would be installed. Director Giesen replied that it should be one of the first projects to move forward, but they had to wait for the final interlocal agreement. Discussion was held regarding the location of the playground and proximity to the fitness court. BORCAB Member Butcher described the fitness facilities in Naples. He questioned whether the driveway on the draft plan went right through the center of the lot off Estero Blvd. Director Giesen will verify the driveway placement and check with Public Works regarding a timeline to install signs. He questioned whether they thought of adding a bike center and water station. He described a bike center and noted it would provide a public benefit. Chair Simpson commented that bike stations did not come up during conceptual conversations. Director Giesen will mention the idea to the consultants. BORCAB Member Butcher discussed expectations of future participation and additional revenues with the campus redevelopment.

BORCAB Member Hill discussed the intent of the conceptual plan and noted everything would evolve and the building was designed to be flexible.

Chair Simpson appreciated the feedback from BORCAB Member Butcher.

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

**XIII. FUTURE MEETING DATE - TBD**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Adopted 8-24-21 with/without changes. Motion by HILL  
(DATE)

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: 

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