

MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)

Town Hall, 2525 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Tuesday, August 24, 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: Beth Cherry, Becky Guidry, Barbara Hill, Betty Simpson and Holly Sweeten.
Excused: Bruce Butcher and Karen Woodson.
Staff: Cultural Parks & Recreation Director Alison Giesen and Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2021

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT UPDATE

Director O'Riley reported that they were close to completing the agreement. She described what all entities needed to do to finalize and execute the documents. She stated that the front parcel project was moving forward in the meantime.

VII. REDEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE – 60% DESIGN DRAFT REVIEW

Director Giesen stated that she would provide additional information if required. Director O'Riley noted that staff was still reviewing the draft design. She indicated that this phase was the time to make major edits; however, she cautioned BORCAB that they might have to move some items to a future phase.

BORCAB Member Guidry questioned whether soccer fields would be permanently set up. Director O'Riley replied negatively but noted there might be room for a youth soccer field in the design. Director Giesen encouraged BORCAB to contact her when they needed help setting up the field. Consensus was reached to explore adding a permanent soccer field.

Utilizing the rooftop for events was scrapped due to the budget and the mechanical equipment on the roof. Director Giesen referred to A-102 and described the programs that could be held in particular spaces. Director O'Riley explained where certain rooms were located on the diagram and stated they were maximizing everything they could.

BORCAB Member Sweeten questioned whether cooking classes would be held in the building. Director Giesen replied affirmatively but noted it would not be a dedicated space due to the costs involved and the necessity for room flexibility.

Director O'Riley discussed the current market and supply chain issues. She commented that they were investigating using alternative and more accessible products where feasible. She noted they would have access to TECO gas lines. BORCAB Member Hill questioned whether solar could be installed. Director O'Riley replied that they had not looked into solar, but they would if BORCAB requested. Director Giesen will research solar opportunities with FP&L.

Director O'Riley suggested that they determine which items they could push to a future phase. Discussion was held regarding landscaping the property and possibly moving the fitness trail to the future. Director Giesen indicated that moving the ball fields took up the space slated for the fitness trail, but they were working on reconfiguring it.

Consensus was reached to move the 60% design draft forward except for some unanswered questions. Director O'Riley will address those questions at the next meeting.

VIII. FRIENDS OF BAY OAKS STATUS – no update.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Director Giesen reported that program participation was good, the pool should be open soon and several full-time staff joined their team. She stated that they were planning an outside event for Fright Night on Friday, October 22, 2021.

X. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

MRTF Member Cherry supported the soccer field.

MRTF Member Sweeten enjoyed the discussion and was excited about the plan.

Chair Simpson noted it was a long and challenging journey.

MRTF Member Guidry felt that a central location for activities was crucial for the community.

No items from other members.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

XII. FUTURE MEETING DATE – October 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Adopted 10-5-21 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: 

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