

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

Town Hall
2525 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Tuesday, November 2, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Simpson.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Cultural Parks & Recreation Director Alison Giesen.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 5, 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. REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

BORCAB Member Guidry expected a representative from the Little League, but no one showed up. Discussion was held regarding the size of the two ball fields. Director Giesen stated that Paul Benvie from DRMP indicated that a U-8 size soccer field would fit in the proposed gymnasium footprint and a U-10 field could fit where the small ball field was currently located.

BORCAB Member Hill pointed out that the Little League must be okay with the design since no one attended the meeting.

Director Giesen reported that Town Council approved the 60% design plan. She noted that construction was starting in 2021. BORCAB Member Butcher questioned the location of Bay Oak's playground. Director Giesen indicated the school playground was open when school was not in session. BORCAB Member Butcher questioned putting a playground on the parcel next to the National Fitness Court. BORCAB Member Hill indicated signage would direct people to the playground in the back and having it next to a parking lot was hazardous. BORCAB Member Guidry questioned opening up the current playground to make it more visible. Director Giesen replied that they were looking at different playground designs.

VII. FRIENDS OF BAY OAKS STATUS

BORCAB Member Woodson stated that she was meeting with an accountant over the weekend. She noted they had to locate volunteers for the Putt and Pub fundraiser on January 15, 2022 and meet with Matanzas Inn. She described the event and members shared memories from past events. Director Giesen noted they had to designate someone to organize the event.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Director Giesen reported that BOSS trips would resume in November and all activities were included in the report. She noted a new employee was hired for the campus manager position and would start on November 8, 2021. She indicated that about 530 people turned out for Fright Night and having it outside worked well. Chair Simpson discussed the difficulty of judging so many good costumes. She recommended they hold it outside in the future. Director Giesen commented that the pool would shift to winter hours the week of Thanksgiving.

IX. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

BORCAB Member Hill stated that she had fun volunteering for the first time at Fright Night. BORCAB Member Butcher questioned the library signage and Director Giesen will look into it. BORCAB Member Butcher questioned the status of the bicycle station. He suggested that someone explain the timeline of the project. Director Giesen noted it was discussed at a previous meeting and she would provide a revised schedule. BORCAB Member Woodson was excited that everything was starting up again. BORCAB Member Sweeten agreed. BORCAB Member Cherry was happy they were progressing. Chair Simpson was happy to be moving forward and thanked Director Giesen for her part. She praised whoever was responsible for weekly press releases regarding Bay Oaks.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

XI. FUTURE MEETING DATE – January 4, 2022

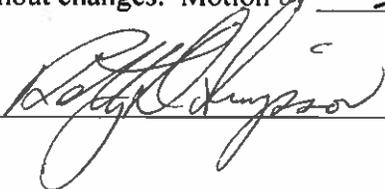
XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Adopted 1-4-22 with/without changes. Motion by BUTCHER
(DATE)

Vote: 5-0 Signature: 

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