

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MYERS BEACH**  
**Cultural and Environmental**  
**Learning Center Advisory Board**  
Town Hall  
2525 Estero Boulevard  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**Thursday, October 28, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Hill.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Barbara Hill, Betty Simpson, Cheri Smith, Ellen Vaughan and Becky Werner.  
Excused: Bill Grace, Ceel Spuhler and Lorrie Wolf.  
Town Staff: Cultural Parks & Recreation Director Alison Giesen  
Council Liaison: Jim Atterholt

**IV. NEW CELCAB MEMBER – Ellen Vaughan**

Chair Hill welcomed CELCAB Member Vaughan.

**V. COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**MOTION:** CELCAB Member Simpson nominated Barbara Hill for Chair; second by CELCAB Member Werner.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** CELCAB MEMBER Simpson nominated Cheri Smith for Vice Chair; second by CELCAB Member Werner.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 22, 2021**

**MOTION:** CELCAB Member Simpson moved to approve the minutes; second by CELCAB Member Smith.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

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

## **VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Giesen revealed that CELCAB's report is due to Town Council at the December 6, 2021 meeting. CELCAB Member Smith offered to present.

Director Giesen noted that an email from Steve Johnson, Chair of the Marine Resources Task Force (MRTF), was included in their packet because he could not attend the meeting.

Director Giesen reported that the Historic Preservation Team was at the Mound House conducting repairs. The underground exhibit was struck by lightning and a monitor was damaged, but a new monitor would be installed soon. All entities approved the stabilization project and work was scheduled to start tentatively in September of 2022. She will keep members updated as the project progresses.

Director Giesen stated that they would be open five days a week starting November 1, 2021. The member event is Friday, November 5, 2021, from 5:30-7:00. The event will be held outside with music and food. Director Giesen described the new calendar layout and noted it should be up any day. She mentioned potential projects affiliated with the underground preservation work. Discussion was held regarding visitors' experiences without the monitor.

Chair Hill brought up Steve Johnson's email concerning a railing design. CELCAB Member Werner described the railings and CELCAB Member Vaughan noted the railings would be installed in several outfall locations. CELCAB Member Werner did not think CELCAB had a role in the project.

Liaison Atterholt discussed the possibility of reorganizing advisory committees. He encouraged CELCAB Members to contact Council Member Veach for his thoughts.

Consensus was reached to refer Steve Johnson's community beautification project to Town Council and the Town Manager.

## **IX. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

CELCAB Member Simpson shared a copy of the Sun Bay Paper with Director Giesen. She described her opportunity to discuss the Mound House at the Lee County Parks and Recreation meeting.

CELCAB Member Smith thanked Director Giesen for the use of gift shop items for the Christmas tree. She questioned the status of the Mound House benches. Director Giesen replied that the design was up to the Friends of the Mound House. CELCAB Member Smith relayed being recognized as a docent while grocery shopping.

CELCAB Member Vaughan suggested providing informational cards to businesses. Director Giesen replied that the TDC did not fund printed materials. CELCAB Member Vaughan noted that she would add the topic to the Friends' agenda. Director Giesen reviewed the rack card service and indicated she would check with the representative concerning a list of businesses signed up for the distribution.

CELCAB Member Simpson described her meeting with the post office. CELCAB Member Vaughan stated that mail would be delivered to a USPS box in Santini Plaza and CELCAB Member Simpson volunteered to pick up the mail once a week.

Liaison Atterholt questioned the status of the swing set. Director Giesen will research. No items from other members.

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.**

**XI. FUTURE MEETING DATE** – February 24, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

**XII. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** CELCAB Member Vaughan moved to adjourn; second by CELCAB Member Smith.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Adopted 3/24/22 with/without changes. Motion by Beth Simpson  
(DATE)

Vote: UNANIMOUS Signature: Beth Simpson

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