

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

Town Hall
2525 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Tuesday, May 3, 2022

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 Karen Woodson.

Excused: Bruce Butcher

Staff: Cultural Parks & Recreation Director Alison Giesen, Campus Manager Jeff Hauge, Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley and Interim Public Works Director Jason Freeman.

Council Liaison: Dan Allers

IV. Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2022

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. Public Comment – no public comment.

VI. Discussion of Merging BORCAB and CELCAB

Director Giesen provided a draft of Ordinance 22-10 for BORCAB's input. Council Member Veach provided an email with suggested language. Director Giesen noted they needed to create a new name.

BORCAB Member Hill questioned whether Bayside Park would be under their purview. Council liaison Allers replied that it would make sense.

Chair Simpson questioned whether a merge was premature due to the Bay Oaks project. She felt that combining committees in the future was fine. She mentioned losing BORCAB's focus and passion by adding more people to the mix. She questioned what would happen to all the work that went into preliminary discussions over the last two years. Director Giesen replied that merging the committees now made sense because the committees' goals were overlapping. She indicated they did not want the committees to compete against each other but complement each other. She added that the building was almost at 100% and there was nothing else for BORCAB to decide.

BORCAB Member Hill described working on the Mound House for years and how leadership changes affected communications. She understood Chair Simpson's concerns but noted that the situation was not comparable due to Director Giesen's leadership. Director Giesen questioned how the merger would work and how they would maintain a strong balance with the transition. Liaison Allers responded that both committees had to have those discussions. BORCAB Member Guidry suggested combining members of both committees and not replacing those who leave. BORCAB Member Woodson noted they would have to have an odd number of members and she felt it was a plus having two members on both committees. She agreed with BORCAB Member Guidry's suggestion for natural attrition.

Chair Simpson described a CRAB project before they disbanded. She suggested concentrating on BORCAB and CELCAB. Director Giesen explained how the new board could absorb CRAB's responsibilities. She discussed maintaining focus by revisiting the strategic plans every six months. BORCAB Member Cherry agreed that both committees complemented each other. She also agreed with BORCAB Member Guidry's suggestion regarding combining members.

Chair Simpson was not in favor of limiting total members to seven. Director Giesen commented that 11 people currently served on both committees, with Chair Simpson and BORCAB Member Hill overlapping.

BORCAB Member Guidry supported combining committees with 11 members. BORCAB Member Hill agreed and felt consolidating the boards was more efficient. BORCAB Member Woodson supported merging the committees with 11 members to start and she felt that more thought and communication had to occur between the two groups.

Director Giesen invited BORCAB Members to the CELCAB meeting at the end of the month to discuss the topic.

Chair Simpson supported 11 members and appreciated everyone's input. She looked forward to discussing the merge at CELCAB's meeting and a new name will be addressed at the CELCAB meeting.

MOTION: BORCAB Member Hill moved to recommend to Town Council that the current advisory boards of CELCAB, BORCAB and CRAB be combined and merged into one; the advisory board will not have a name nor a designated number of members until a meeting and conversation with CELCAB Members; second by BORCAB Member Guidry.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Redevelopment Plan Update

Director Giesen reported that an additional archeological investigation required by the State Historic Preservation Office would delay the project by about a month. Director O'Riley described the permitting process and stated that two artifacts were found where the new ballfield would be located. She indicated that everything else was on track and moving forward. Town Manager Hernstadt discussed the cost and funding of the Bay Oaks building and projected a completion goal of early 2023. He explained that the grant for Times Square was not affected by pushing the start date to 2023. Discussion was held concerning a drop-off point at the front of the building and parking in general.

VIII. Strategic Plan Update

Director Giesen reviewed elements of the plan. She introduced the new Campus Manager Jeff Hauge. She stated that all Bay Oaks activities were on the town’s website and social media. She discussed a staffing shortage and how the pool and camp were affected.

IX. Friends of Bay Oaks Status

Chair Simpson had to leave and Vice Chair Hill continued the meeting. BORCAB Member Woodson questioned the future of the Friends of the Mound House and Friends of Bay Oaks when the boards merged. Vice Chair Hill suggested tabling the discussion until next month.

X. Departmental Report – copy provided.

XI. Board Member Items and Reports - no items.

XII. Public Comment – no public comment.

XIII. Future Meeting Date – June 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: BORCAB Member Cherry moved to adjourn; second by BORCAB Member Guidry.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Adopted 6-7-22 with/without changes. Motion by HILL
(DATE)

Vote: 5-0 Signature: 

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