

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

Mound House
451 Connecticut St.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Tuesday, June 6, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members present: Bruce Butcher (arrived late), Jesse Field, Becky Guidry, Barbara Hill, Betty Simpson and Joy Sullivan.

Excused: John Dusliere

Staff: Cultural, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hauge

Council Liaison: Karen Woodson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2, 2023

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

V. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Director Hauge reported that after conversations with Scotts and the MLB, the outfield might be taken care of also. Work was scheduled to begin in July, with a ribbon-cutting celebration in August. He indicated that the fields would have to be regraded and the irrigation would follow. He noted that one irrigation line broke and hoped it was just a coupling.

A site inspection with FEMA occurred last week. Due to the flooding, the office, concessions and restrooms all needed to be remediated. DRMP was working on the scope of work for the pool, which will go out as one bid package. FEMA also assessed the pool and added contents from the pool and Bay Oaks.

Discussion was held regarding how deep the grading will have to go. Director Hauge noted that the tennis court behind Bay Oaks was destroyed. He was still waiting for permits for the Rec Center, but the drawings will be complete in less than two weeks and permits will be issued shortly after that. He hoped the project could start in about three weeks.

Discussion was held concerning offering spin classes again.

There were approximately 40 participants for the summer camp and room was still available. Director Hauge distributed a camp calendar and indicated they were ready for the summer. He noted that the children would work with Jennifer Rusk from Marine & Environmental Resources Task Force (MERTF) to create and publish an educational activity book.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Strategic Plan

The mission and vision statements were reviewed along with the standards with no changes. Liaison Woodson stated that the Town Council would formally incorporate Community Resource Advisory Board (CRAB) into BORCAB and Cultural and Environmental Learning Center Advisory Board (CELCAB) at the June 20, 2023 meeting. She indicated that the Town Council would discuss the future of Bay Oaks at the M&P Session on June 22, 2023. She described conversations about creating a town center area with the Town Hall, the fire department and Bay Oaks. She indicated that the fire department and Town Hall were discussing swapping properties to better suit their needs. Director Hauge added that The Town was discussing acquiring land for pocket parks. Chair Simpson suggested they hold off on updating the Strategic Plan until more information was available. Liaison Woodson agreed that after discussions, they would have a better idea of the future. BORCAB Member Sullivan suggested offering an opportunity for public input to determine their needs. Chair Simpson noted that the public did not participate in past meetings.

BORCAB Member Butcher felt the mission statement was too generic. He suggested using a whiteboard to determine what they were trying to do, whom they were trying to serve and why. BORCAB Member Hill thought the mission statement had to be vague because goals changed over time. Discussion was held regarding the mission statement's purpose and how it fits into the Strategic Plan. BORCAB Member Field agreed with using a whiteboard to understand what everything would look like on the campus. He discussed a holistic plan that made sense to everyone while understanding that not everyone will get what they want.

BORCAB Sullivan questioned how they measured their success standards. BORCAB Member Hill replied that ensuring the classes were filled was part of the accountability. She noted that BORCAB visited community centers years ago to determine how to move forward with activities at Bay Oaks. Discussion was held regarding plans for Bay Oaks and using a whiteboard to establish priorities.

Liaison Woodson assured BORCAB that the current Town Council would do a better job of listening to their recommendations and ideas. (BORCAB Member Butcher and Chair Simpson had to leave.)

B. Programming at Bay Oaks

Director Hauge asked for input on what they would like to see. Group classes, pilates and yoga were mentioned. BORCAB Member Hill noted it would take a while to rebuild and BORCAB would support whatever Director Hauge felt they could accomplish with the current constructions. BORCAB Member Field agreed that they should accomplish what they could right now.

Liaison Woodson discussed Town Council's Strategic Plan exercise.

BORCAB Member Field stated that the 501(c)(3) was active as of May 15 and they had to find a bank. He will contact Denise Monahan regarding bank information. Director Hauge confirmed that their funds were still available. BORCAB Member Field suggested building a website just for Bay Oaks. BORCAB Member Hill stated it was up to

Communications Coordinator Jenny Dexter to push the information to the public on the Town's website. BORCAB Member Field suggested adding a link to the Mound House. Discussion was held regarding existing Facebook pages. Director Hauge said they would hire a marketing person for the Mound House and cultural parks and rec. BORCAB Member Sullivan contacted the U.S. Pickleball groups concerning donations but has not received a response.

VII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

BORCAB Member Guidry was excited about the direction they were going. BORCAB Member Field discussed his plans and ideas for the Friends of Bay Oaks. No items from other members.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

IX. NEXT MEETINGS AGENDA AND DATE – Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Adopted 10-4-23 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: 

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