

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
Community Resource Advisory Board (CRAB)
Town Hall – Council Chambers
2523 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Thursday, April 3, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Greer. Members present: Olga Carballo, Miffie Greer, Bobbi Kemp, and Keri Weeg.
Excused: Elizabeth D'Onofrio Halladay and Carla Mandel.
Staff present: Josh Overmyer
Council Liaison: Dan Andre

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 6, 2014

MOTION: Ms. Kemp moved to approve the minutes; second by Ms. Carballo.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Catherine Giammatteo read a letter that stated the Hyde Park ROW adjacent to Newton Park was not being recognized as a beach access, but had been incorporated into Newton Park. Ms. Giammatteo indicated that the Hyde Park ROW beach access was not part of Newton Park and requested that the Hyde Park ROW be reopened. Ms. Giammatteo submitted her letter to Chair Greer.

Ms. Toni Pacelli-Hinkley revealed that she would like to donate a bench and plaque at the beach end of the Canal Street access. Ms. Pacelli-Hinkley suggested that other families may be interested in donating benches.

Ms. Tammy Stockton suggested memorializing descendants in a central location.

Mr. Bill Veach mentioned advertising on benches. Mr. Veach suggested adding animal silhouettes to beach accesses. Chair Greer revealed that benches would not include advertising.

V. UPDATES ON WORK LIST

Beach Accesses - Mr. Overmyer reported that the Town Council voted to approve recommendations at beach accesses. Mr. Overmyer stated that Ms. Cathie Lewis identified three future beach accesses at Flamingo, Coconut, and Avenue C. Mr. Overmyer indicated that a funding request had been submitted to the TDC. Discussion was held concerning public input

and the Newton Park beach access.

Memorial Bench Donations and Regulations - Ms. Weeg volunteered to write a story. Mr. Overmyer indicated that he would check with Ms. Lewis regarding the cost of benches and plaques.

Beach Access and Street Signs - Chair Greer noted that signs had been approved.

Bay Accesses - Delmar and Gulf Beach Road - on hold.

Restrooms at Beach Accesses - Mr. Andre stated that after he met with property owners on Canal St., that location would not be feasible for a restroom. Mr. Andre indicated that a conversation with the Baptist Church would be worth pursuing.

Public Education - No update.

Art Projects - Chair Greer suggested combining art projects with beach accesses.

Mound Key Park - Consensus was reached to remove the issue from the work list.

VI. COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ms. Carballo sent information to Ms. Summer Stockton. Discussion was held concerning the location. Ms. Carballo suggested submitting an article to the newspaper and Ms. Weeg offered to write one. Mr. Overmyer agreed to research Bay Oaks as a possible location.

VII. FILM COMMISSION

Mr. Andre cautioned CRAB in terms of personal agenda items. Chair Greer noted that the issue may be better suited for the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Overmyer stated that he would check with the Town Attorney for guidance.

VIII. CRAB MEMBER ITEMS & REPORTS

Ms. Carballo stated that she received requests from property owners for a crosswalk to the beach on Estero Blvd. Mr. Andre replied that nothing would be done until improvements on Estero Blvd. were complete and that Lee County was responsible for crosswalks.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Overmyer suggested changing the May 1 meeting to 2:00 p.m. to avoid a 4:00 p.m. conflict. Consensus was reached to hold the meeting at 2:00. Mr. Overmyer offered to check with Ms. Baker.

Ms. Pacelli-Hinkley agreed with using animal silhouettes at beach accesses and creating a central location (Pioneer Plaza) to honor the pioneers and founders of Fort Myers Beach. Ms. Pacelli-Hinkley thanked CRAB for being open to ideas and all their hard work.

Mr. Veach suggesting talking with Ms. Eve Haverfield to ensure that benches are turtle friendly.
Mr. Veach stated that he had German and Italian translations for the signs.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Weeg moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Carballo.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Adopted 5-1-14 with/without changes. Motion by Weeg/Mandel
(DATE)

Vote: 4-0 Signature: Miffie Greer

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