

MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)
Town Hall
2525 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Thursday, June 8, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Vice Chair Sprole.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Dave Anderson, Becky Bodnar, Janna Holmes, Denise Monahan and Rae Sprole.

Excused: Tom Myers and Betty Simpson.

Council Liaison: Tracey Gore

Staff present: Sean DePalma and Sarah Mayher.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 11, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes; second by Ms. Holmes.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - no public comment.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Department Update

Mr. DePalma submitted the monthly report. Highlights included hosting the first swim meet with the Beach Elementary PTO in conjunction with the swim club and they hosted a field trip to Busch Gardens with some of the graduating class. He reported that the LED lighting in the gym was complete. Two additional staff were hired for summer camp. Three staff members will be dedicated to 40 hours of summer camp and two members will provide support. There were 40 participants for summer camp. Mr. DePalma will distribute a survey for the parents and children to fill out.

He reported that they hosted lifeguard training last month and they hired four new lifeguards. They added three new fitness programs in the evening. He stated they were working with the Friends of Bay Oaks and will submit grant applications at the end of June.

The A/C project was approved by Council and the company received a notice to proceed. Delivery was projected for the end of June and the unit should be installed in August. They rented commercial fans because the larger unit failed.

Drilling started for the geothermal heating at the pool and it was scheduled to be completed in two-and-a-half weeks.

Vice Chair Sprole questioned whether they monitored the heat. Mr. DePalma replied in the affirmative. Ms. Mayher noted that they tried not to spend much time indoors due to the heat and breaks were frequent. Mr. DePalma discussed hosting weekend basketball tournaments in the summer to generate income.

Mr. DePalma stated that they had a minute incident when a fixture sparked. The fire department was called and the fixture was replaced.

Mr. Anderson questioned renting a commercial stand-alone A/C unit for the next tournament. Mr. DePalma priced rentals and the cost would be in the thousands. Mr. Anderson expressed concern regarding participation in future tournaments due to bad reviews. Mr. DePalma was aware of past reviews and he stated that he had a marketing plan for the future.

Mr. Anderson questioned whether they had a concession stand at the tournament. Mr. DePalma responded that Lee County contracted their own vendor.

B. Ordinance No. 09-06

Ms. Bodnar reviewed her changes to the Ordinance. Remove hyphens, remove +1 to the quorum requirement, remove references to 2009 and add may adopt a policies and procedures manual. Discussion was held regarding excused versus unexcused absences.

MOTION: Ms. Holmes moved to leave the absence section as is; second by Ms. Monahan.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Anderson moved to formalize the changes and present them to Council; second by Vice Chair Sprole.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VII. MEMBER ITEMS

Ms. Gore revealed that the Lee County Board of County Commissioners were discussing taking Bay Oaks back. Mr. Anderson was concerned regarding Mr. DePalma's position and losing control over the facility. He was bothered that Lee County did not involve the Town prior to their discussion. Town Manager Hernstadt stated that Lee County was looking into the feasibility of taking over the management and administration of Bay Oaks, but it would end up being a mutual decision. He encouraged members to keep an open mind and to begin to work on both sides of the issue. He indicated there was not a specific timeline involved.

Ms. Bodnar questioned why Lee County wanted Bay Oaks. Town Manager Hernstadt replied that it was question for Commissioner Kiker. He thought it would be a mistake to keep it and limp along funding-wise. Vice Chair Sprole questioned sharing the facility. Town Manager Hernstadt replied that he had not seen it done because it lead to conflict.

Mr. Anderson questioned whether they could issue a public statement to avoid rumors. Town Manager Hernstadt replied that no one should be forming an opinion at this stage and facts would be reported. Town Manager Hernstadt discussed departmental budgets and hard

decisions. Mr. DePalma indicated that there would be benefits with Bay Oaks being a regional park rather than a local park.

Town Manager Hernstadt thought it was important that the committee write down their past experiences with Bay Oaks. Ms. Gore questioned whether the pool was included in the discussion. Mr. DePalma was not sure. Mr. Anderson suggested issuing a statement. Vice Chair Sprole felt Council should address the issue.

Ms. Monahan reported that the Friends of Bay Oaks were working on grants. They received an anonymous matching donation of \$1,000.00 and they were seeking 10 donations of \$100.00 each to receive the match. The sailing camp will be held at the Mound House June 19-23, 2017.

Ms. Holmes appreciated Ms. Mayher and Mr. DePalma for what they do and she was concerned regarding their positions.

Town Manager Hernstadt stated that he would update them at every meeting. He stated they needed to document the things they wanted to preserve. Mr. Anderson questioned whether he would consider allowing a BORCAB member to sit at the table during discussions. Town Manager Hernstadt replied that it would depend on Council.

Ms. Holmes noted that she would not be able to attend the July 13, 2017 meeting. Vice Chair Sprole indicated that Mr. Myers and Ms. Simpson will be excused from the meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - no public comment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Sprole adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Adopted _____ with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: _____

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