

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

Thursday, January 24, 2019

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, Ceel Spuhler, Cindy Richardson and Lorrie Wolf.

Excused: Becky Werner

Town Staff: Alison Giesen

Historical Advisor: Bill Grace

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 25, 2018

MOTION:

VOTE:

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VII. NEWTON BEACH PARK STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

VIII. MOUND HOUSE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Director Giesen thought the price of the book was either \$9.95 or \$14.95. Chair Hill suggested that TDC or the Community Foundation could help with funding. She offered to help Director Giesen. Director Giesen noted that she was unsuccessful with her attempt to tape the audio of the presentation the other day but notes had been taken.

Chair Hill questioned what was done to the wall in the underground exhibit. Ms. Spuhler replied that she remembered someone telling her that covering it would hurt the integrity of the wall. Director Giesen explained that the wall would continue to move because it was organic material. She stated that they could not concrete it in without harming the artifact. She noted that it would take a lot of grant funding and would not be a simple process. She gathered all the information

they needed, including a cost estimate, to move forward with stabilizing the wall in the future. Chair Hill questioned adding it to their long-term goal. She expressed concern regarding sea rising and compromising the integrity of the dig. Director Giesen agreed to add it.

Director Giesen stated that she received the part to repair the light and prevent it from happening again. She indicated that the item that needed to be replaced was no longer available. She added updating the program to the capital improvement section.

Chair Hill questioned whether it was part of the Town Manager's responsibility to deal with emergency operations. Director Giesen replied affirmatively and she noted that she preferred to have a hand in the say of the care of their resource and structure. She will add the statement that the Town had an overall emergency plan for clarity.

IX. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

Ms. Richardson questioned the status of the permitting process. Director Giesen replied that they were scheduled for a joint session with Town Council on May 9, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. and she felt that would be an appropriate time to have that discussion. She will add the permitting process to the agenda.

Ms. Smith relayed a positive story regarding the Mound House and summer camp from a resident on Connecticut St.

Ms. Simpson discussed the BORCAB (Bay Oaks Recreational Campus Advisory Board) meeting. Ms. Spuhler stated that the \$900.00 contribution by Kelly's sisters was used to purchase mini reefs to be installed at the Mound House. She noted that Council was unanimous in their decision. She indicated that CELCAB will be notified when the reefs were installed.

Chair Hill read an article regarding Mound Key State Archeological Park in *The Week* magazine. She noted that they did not mention the Mound House but they did list the Randell Resource Center as the best place to learn about the Calusa. She gave the article to Director Giesen for Dana to address. Ms. Simpson noted that she was told by a visitor that the Mound House exhibit was much better.

Ms. Richardson questioned proceeds from The Friends Christmas tree auction. Ms. Smith replied that they received \$250.00.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Wallace noted that there will be a free open house for the Calusa Cat exhibit at Marco Island in January. She indicated that Lorna was a good disciplinarian of ideas. She supported the pricing of the timeline book. She stated that summer camp was a great idea. Ms. Wallace relayed Ms. Werner's statement that the library was Leroy's library and he made it the Town's library.

XI. FUTURE MEETING DATE – March 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Director Giesen will confirm with an email.

XII. ADJOURN

Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Adopted May 28, 19 with/without changes. Motion by Cherie Smith
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: Cheryl Smith

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