

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

Town Hall
2525 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Thursday, July 11, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Barbara Hill, Janna Holmes, Lee Melsek, Betty Simpson and Rae Sprole.
Excused: Dan Allers and Becky Bodnar.
Staff: Interim Director Alison Giesen and Sarah Mayher.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2019 Joint Session with Town Council and June 27, 2019 BORCAB meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Hill moved to approve the minutes for June 6, 2019; second by Ms. Holmes.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sprole made the motion to adjourn, not Ms. Bodnar

MOTION: Ms. Sprole moved to approve the minutes as amended for June 27, 2019; second by Ms. Holmes.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - no public comment.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Board's Top Concerns

Ms. Mayher listed the top five issues to present to Council: the layout/location of the building; life span of the facility; interlocal agreement; outreach to the public and hiring a land planner with a recreation background.

Ms. Hill stated that they needed to address the inadequacies of the Town's Park and Recreation facilities on the property. She indicated that determining the highest and best use of the facilities was essential. Discussion was held regarding the Town hiring a marketing/event person. Using funds to improve restrooms in the facility was also debated.

Interim Director Giesen informed members that they could update Town Council of their activities during Council meetings. Mr. Melsek confirmed that their priority was to begin the process of

replacing the facility. He suggested starting the presentation with a synopsis of the history of the building and why it was inadequate today. Ms. Sprole supported hiring a planner as the first priority.

Discussion was held regarding scheduling monthly meetings on the first Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. each month. The next meeting was scheduled for August 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Hill offered to draft a bulleted document including recommendations to present to Council. Discussion was held concerning what the community wanted and associated fees. Director Giesen produced a prior survey from residents and Ms. Mayher indicated she would forward the results to BORCAB.

Mr. Melsek recommended that \$300,000.00 not be appropriated for repairing the restrooms. Ms. Sprole supported spending funds for the restrooms. Discussion was held regarding the cost to replace the ball field lights with LED bulbs.

MOTION: Mr. Melsek moved to recommend that Council not fund remodeling the bathrooms and earmark the funds for the planning and replacement of the Bay Oaks facility; second by Ms. Sprole.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Melsek questioned what they could do today to attract people to the facility. Ms. Mayher commented that they provided free physicals for children and a cancer screening day in the past. Mr. Melsek suggested that the fire department could conduct blood pressure screenings, the Lions Club could perform retina and diabetes screenings and the Sheriff's department could teach classes on safety issues. Ms. Sprole added bike safety classes. The Heart of the Island was discussed. Director Giesen will follow up with Manager O'Riley regarding the cost to remodel the restrooms. Discussion was held regarding creating an interlocal agreement with the school. Ms. Mayher will email information to members regarding reappointments.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

Director Giesen replied that the pool would reopen while the structure was being engineered to fit the space. Mr. Melsek appreciated the fact that Director Giesen was accessible and he thanked Ms. Mayher for her efficiency.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Sprole moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Mr. Melsek

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Adopted August 5, 2019 with without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: 