

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

Town Hall  
2525 Estero Blvd.  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Tuesday, February 1, 2022

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Simpson.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Bruce Butcher, Beth Cherry, Becky Guidry, Barbara Hill and Betty Simpson.

Excused: Holly Sweeten and Karen Woodson.

Staff: Cultural Parks & Recreation Director Alison Giesen.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 4, 2022**

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jennifer Rusk, Marine Resources Task Force (MRTF) Member, described the pop-up events. She noted they would have a table at the Shrimp Festival, and she invited BORCAB Members to participate. She indicated that there would be three tables set up and there was room for BORCAB to include their information. Ms. Rusk commented that they have done over 50 pop-up events since last April and spoke to thousands. She reviewed items for distribution and explained that every brochure distributed came with a conversation.

Discussion was held regarding the town's lighting plan.

**VI. REDEVELOPMENT PLAN STATUS – 90% Design Review**

Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley presented the design and stated the next steps were to fine-tune details. She noted that Town applied for a South Florida Water Management District permit and had to apply to the county for a Limited Development Order (LDO) to adjust the front parcel entrance. Town also had to apply for a Development Order from the town. She stated the plan was to start construction in May, but there were plenty of steps to take before shovels hit the ground. She revealed the last item remaining to fulfill the agreement with the school was the playground. She stated there was an osprey's nest on one of the lights in the ballfield and FP&L agreed to install another pole for the ospreys after nesting season.

BORCAB Member Hill questioned what happened to the roundabout at the entrance. Director O'Riley replied that it was altered to provide accessibility for trams. She confirmed that the entrance off Estero Blvd. was one-way only and the exits did not change. Benches, shade sails and landscaping were also included. BORCAB Members Butcher and Guidry thought the three parking spaces at the entrance took up valuable space for future use. BORCAB Member Butcher questioned the map scale and Director Giesen commented that she would check. BORCAB Member Cherry suggested creating a visual model of the design and Director Giesen stated she would work with Communications Coordinator Jennifer Dexter.

Discussion was held regarding an unidentified symbol on the first-floor design. Director Giesen indicated restrooms were not located on the first floor and she would check what the symbol represented. BORCAB Member Hill discussed the smaller welcome space on the second floor and suggested it be more curved to open the space. All BORCAB Members agreed with the change.

BORCAB Members discussed involvement in pickleball tournaments and Director Giesen noted she would check the requirements for participation.

A consensus was reached to request that the three parking spaces at the entrance be eliminated. Director Giesen indicated that the pool would be closed for a few days during construction due to the dust. Director O'Riley stated that she was unsure whether pickleball courts would be lit up for play, but safety lighting was included. She added that conduit would be installed regardless. She explained that first-floor restrooms were removed due to budget constraints, but plumbing would be installed for future use.

## **VII. FRIENDS OF BAY OAKS**

BORCAB Member Cherry reported that Denise Monahan agreed to help. Director Giesen stated that BORCAB Member Woodson received a check for \$1,714.95 from the Putt and Pub Crawl fundraiser.

## **VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

Director Giesen reported 25 children were enrolled in Club Rec and new clubs were starting up. She noted that registration deadlines were now on the website. She described the variety of BOSS trips and stated they were very popular. BORCAB Member Hill and Chair Simpson thanked Director Giesen for her hard work.

## **IX. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

BORCAB Member Hill was excited about participating in MRTF's pop-up event. Chair Simpson appreciated BORCAB Member Butcher's presentation to Town Council. She encouraged members to participate in the pop-up event. No items from other members.

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.**

**XI. FUTURE MEETING DATE – April 5, 2022**

Director Giesen stated that Chambers was not available on March 1 due to construction. She noted if something came up before the April meeting, she would contact them.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** BORCAB Member Hill moved to adjourn the meeting; second by BORCAB Member Butcher.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Adopted 4-5-22 with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: 

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