

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

Mound House  
451 Connecticut St.  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Wednesday, August 9, 2023

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Simpson (via phone).

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Bruce Butcher, John Dussliere, Becky Guidry, Barbara Hill, Betty Simpson (via phone) and Joy Sullivan (via phone).

Excused: Jesse Field

Staff: Cultural, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hauge

Council Liaison: Karen Woodson

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2023**

Due to technical difficulties, the minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.**

**VI. STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

Director Hauge reported that they were looking for contractors for the pool and it could be four months to six months to get the equipment. Staff was still trying to find a pool to use to offer programs. BORCAB Member Dussliere described a complete pool renovation by a company named Bertha. He added that there was a 25-year guarantee. Director Hauge commented that he would contact them. He stated that the structural engineer recommended they renew the pool, although it was done three to five years ago. Director Hauge will forward the link to the company to BORCAB members. Director Hauge stated that he had yet to sign a contract with DRMP because the Town was investigating options to bid it out per contractor rather than a bid package. Director Hauge reported that since the berm project was on hold due to birds nesting, ICS donated their time and equipment to scrape the ball field. He indicated that replacing the chain link fence would take two to three weeks, and irrigation was ready. The grand opening was scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2023.

The fire department signed off on the Rec Center and Gleason Construction was ready to stage after they receive the permit. The goal was to be open by November 1, 2023. A water line was being installed and should be completed today. Three of the six poles from the stadium lighting need to be come down and the other three have cracks, so all will come down. Four poles will be replaced instead of six and Director Hauge will share the design at the next meeting. BORCAB Member Hill confirmed that the stadium lights will be turtle-friendly.

Director Hauge described summer camp at the Mound House and noted it was successful. BORCAB Member Guidry added that not a single parent had a negative comment and everyone had a great time. Director Hauge stated that Matt Hansen from Salty Sams Marina offered a pirate cruise on the last day of camp and it turned out to be free. BORCAB Member Hill suggested that they be thanked publicly.

Director Hauge was looking at hosting youth camps, fun days and club rec when they open Bay Oaks. Discussion was held regarding after-school programs. A scaled-down Halloween party at the ball field was being considered. He remarked that they would utilize the ball field as much as possible and welcomed suggestions. Yoga on the beach was being looked at. The outdoor exercise equipment would be replaced, but he was still determining what was covered and was looking at options.

Director Hauge revealed that Nicole Berzin was promoted to Recreation Campus Manager. After the permit is issued, the fitness equipment will be ordered and should take about two months to receive. Parking will be available and the Town Hall tents will be moved to the corner of the property. Director Hauge did not have an update regarding swapping property with the fire department. Liaison Woodson stated that nothing had been decided, but talks were ongoing.

BORCAB Member Dussliere revealed that he was the new high-performance director for USA Karate and that they would be looking for locations to train. He noted that it would be a couple of years down the road. Director Hauge said he welcomed groups and looked forward to partnering with entities.

## **VII. FRIENDS OF BAY OAKS REPORT – no report.**

## **VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **A. Program Ideas at Bay Oaks, Public Input**

BORCAB Member Sullivan suggested that programming be shared on social media. Director Hauge noted they would be posting more after they open in November. BORCAB Member Hill stated that Chris Doyle was posting on social media daily via Fort Myers Beach Islander and he might be interested in a daily update of what was happening in the Town. He could supplement the information from Beach Talk Radio. Liaison Woodson added that Communications Coordinator Jenny Dexter was doing a great job of getting information out and had access to many resources. Director Hauge will invite Town Manager Hyatt to the next meeting.

### **B. Strategic Plan**

BORCAB Member Hill described how the plan was reviewed previously and Director Hauge will work on it.

### **C. Little League Ball Field**

Director Hauge reported that very little debris was found on the field.

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

BORCAB Member Sullivan stated that the Community Foundation was looking for ideas for a Bay Oaks donation. Director Hauge replied that he would forward something to her.

BORCAB Member Butcher questioned whether some shade, a bike repair and a water hydration station would be installed near the outdoor fitness equipment. He suggested adding a Chickee Hut for shade.

BORCAB Member Dussliere questioned whether one or little two pieces of fitness equipment could be installed at beach accesses. Discussion ensued. Director Hauge noted that the Town might have an opportunity to create a pocket park on the beach that would be a good place for equipment. BORCAB Member Hill suggested installing showers at accesses to rinse off feet. Director Hauge agreed.

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

**XI. NEXT MEETINGS AGENDA AND DATE** – Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at noon.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** BORCAB Member Dussliere moved to adjourn; second by BORCAB Member Hill.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Adopted 10-4-23 with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote:

Signature:



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