

**MINUTES**  
**BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS**  
**ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)**  
Mound House  
451 Connecticut St.  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chair Simpson.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

Excused: Bruce Butcher

Staff: Director Culture, Parks & Recreation Jeff Hauge

Council Liaison: Karen Woodson

**IV. REORGANIZATION**

BORCAB Member Hill nominated Betty Simpson as Chair and BORCAB Member Guidry nominated Barbara Hill as Vice Chair. Both renominations were approved.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2023, August 9, 2023, and September 6, 2023.**

The June minutes were approved on September 6, 2023:

**MOTION:** BORCAB Member Dussliere moved to approve the June 6, 2023 minutes; second by BORCAB Member Guidry.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

The August 9, 2023, minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**MOTION:** BORCAB Member Guidry moved to approve the August 9, 2023 minutes; second by BORCAB Member Dussliere.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Corrections to September 6, 2023: He felt the ~~fields~~ field would be ready by the beginning of October. A damaged water line to the building was replaced, irrigation for the ball ~~fields~~ field was complete and the restrooms would be replaced.

**MOTION:** BORCAB Member Hill moved to approve the September 6, 2023 minutes as amended; second by BORCAB Member Field.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

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

**VII. STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

Director Hauge reported that there were opportunities to partner with other departments regarding Bayside Park. Quotes to repair the pool were being received and the pump room had to be replaced. The pump will be raised and bids for the electrical work were requested. Pink Shell tentatively agreed to run some pool programming and details will be discussed soon. A yoga instructor contacted Director Hague regarding having classes at Bayside Park. Discussion was held regarding multiple funding sources and opportunities for a new residential pool.

BORCAB Member Hill questioned whether input from BORCAB was considered useful to the Town or whether BORCAB members were spinning their wheels. BORCAB Member Dusliere said he had a great meeting with Town Manager Hyatt a month ago. He added that programming needed to be in place before the pool was designed.

Liaison Woodson mentioned that a new group from Bonita Springs would take over internal building management functions like permitting and noted that planners were part of that team. She reassured BORCAB that the Town did listen to them.

Director Hauge indicated that he would send out a survey in a week or two to discover what programs the residents wanted. Liaison Woodson noted that a live survey was currently on the website.

A crane to replace the AC units at Bay Oaks is scheduled for next Tuesday and the gym equipment has been ordered. Director Hauge confirmed that the gym floor was not damaged. BORCAB Member Hill brought up offering balance and fitness classes and Director Hauge noted he was open to all programming ideas. The tennis courts will be repaired and will stay in the same location. Liaison Woodson suggested that Lee County replace the volleyball courts with pickleball courts on their property. Director Hauge brought up making the one-lane road to two lanes between Bay Oaks and the new Town Hall property, but the outdoor fitness equipment would have to be relocated. He added that there were no plans, but they were considering possibilities.

BORCAB Member Hill congratulated Nicole for being promoted to Recreation Campus Manager. She reviewed the other open positions and Director Hauge replied that the Recreation Supervisor and the Youth and Teen Coordinator would be posted any day. The Athletics Coordinator has not been posted yet because he was working on the organization of Bay Oaks. He confirmed that Public Works was addressing beach accesses at this point. A marketing person and environmental education positions were being reworked. BORCAB Member Hill requested a job organization chart so they understood what Director Hauge was doing with the positions. He responded affirmatively.

**VIII. FRIENDS OF BAY OAKS REPORT**

BORCAB Member Field revealed that the officers listed on the 501(c)(3) paperwork had to be present at the bank to open an account. He noted that the officers listed could be changed before they open a bank account. BORCAB Member Hill recommended that Friends of Bay Oaks not be members of CELCAB and that Friends of the Mound House not be BORCAB members due to Sunshine Laws.

**IX. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**A. Halloween Event – October 20, 2023, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Bounce houses and a trunk**

or treat event will be held.

**B. Ball Field Reopening Event** – Director Hauge noted that some sod was replaced last week and JSM would be contracted again to maintain the field. The tentative grand reopening date would be October 25 or 26, 2023 and he was targeting the 26th. He questioned whether they wanted to put a water line on the foul ball pole, indicating how high the water was during Ian. He received a consensus to add the water line. BORCAB Member Hill suggested adding a line around the interior of the gym.

**MOTION:** BORCAB Member Hill moved to commemorate Hurricane Ian by marking the pole at the ballfield and inside the gym where the height of the storm surge reached; second by BORCAB Member Dussliere.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

BORCAB Member Field indicated that his children were attending school in Sanibel and they were trying to recruit players for Little League. He suggested making the Bay Oaks Little League field a destination for tournaments.

### **C. New Year's Fireworks**

Donors paid for the fireworks that will be detonated from a barge out from the pier.

### **D. Softball Field at Bay Oaks**

Director Hauge asked for ideas concerning amenities around the field. The softball field will be in the same position as the last iteration of the plan and the surface will be natural grass.

**E. Pickleball Courts at Bay Oaks** – not addressed.

## **X. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

BORCAB Member Dussliere reported that after an informal survey, community members on Mango, Widgeon and Driftwood suggested adding bike racks to the beach accesses. They loved the idea of adding a couple of pieces of outdoor fitness equipment at accesses.

BORCAB Member Field requested a list of specific equipment needed or wanted for Little League. BORCAB Member Guidry questioned whether basketball for the kids was a possibility in the future. Director Hauge responded that he did not see why not.

BORCAB Member Sullivan congratulated everyone who was reappointed to BORCAB. She requested that Dan Allers be removed as Council Liaison to BORCAB on the website. She noted that Director Hauge will be surprised when he attends the next Community Foundation meeting, but she was not allowed to elaborate. BORCAB Member Hill mentioned that a donation would be presented, but BORCAB Member Sullivan did not confirm.

No items from other members.

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

**XII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA AND DATE** – November 1, 2023 at noon.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Adopted 11/10/2023 with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: Best Hill

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