

**MINUTES**  
**BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS**  
**ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)**  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
2731 Oak Street  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Wednesday, April 3, 2024

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Vice Chair Hill.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

Excused: Betty Simpson

Unexcused: Bruce Butcher

Staff: Director Culture, Parks & Recreation Jeff Hauge

Council Liaison: Karen Woodson

BORCAB Members unanimously voted to allow BORCAB Member Sullivan to participate via phone.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 7, 2024 and March 6, 2024**

The minutes of February 7, 2024, will be reviewed at the May meeting.

Bruce Butcher had an unexcused absence at the March meeting.

**MOTION:** BORCAB Member Guidry moved to approve the amended March 6, 2024 minutes, seconded by BORCAB Member Field.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

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

**VI. STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

Director Hauge reported that applications for the campus manager position have been received. The Easter egg hunt went well. Shanette Thomas, from permitting, was hired as the new athletics and fitness coordinator. Planning for summer programming was underway and BORCAB will occasionally utilize the Mound House. Indoor and outdoor pickleball and BOSS programs were popular. The flooring in the gym was redone and a divider curtain was ordered. Quotes to resurface the tennis courts were in the works and decorative stone and painting were done on the ballfield. Little League will play a couple of games on the field in April and May and senior softball played two days a week. FEMA inspected the pool again at the town's request because

the valuation was very low. Discussion was held regarding naming rights for the pool and other town-owned properties. The concert at Bayside Veterans Park on Easter was successful. BORCAB's application for the Fourth of July parade has been submitted and funds were being raised for the fireworks. Discussion was held concerning extending the walkway around the bay to Matanzas in the future.

## **VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Pool & Fitness Court Discussions**

Pool - There were no funds yet to rebuild the pool. Two estimates were received, one around \$400,000.00-\$500,000.00, while the other was over \$1 million. The estimates did not include plumbing, wiring, or showers and the town was researching grants. Liaison Woodson commented that the town council had not discussed the pool because the focus was on finding a new town hall. There is a contract for a building, but the governor has not approved the \$8 million yet. Public works and mechanicals would be located at the old town hall property and one of the trailers would be moved there.

BORCAB Member Dussliere stated that investment groups partnered with towns all the time and he questioned where the town was regarding partnering with a private entity. Liaison Woodson commented that the town manager would have to be involved. BORCAB Member Dussliere indicated that groups were gearing up for the 2028 Olympics and spent millions on state-of-the-art facilities. He noted that three or four communities in the US would establish themselves as training facilities. He described building a potential training location with a right-sized pool and an auxiliary or lazy river pool. He remarked that the opportunities were limitless. BORCAB Member Fields agreed that it was a huge opportunity that should be explored. BORCAB Member Dussliere will contact the town manager.

Director Hauge questioned whether maintenance would be included in a state-of-the-art facility. BORCAB Member Dussliere replied that sometimes separate companies were hired. He would have to research what the investment groups would do on a smaller scale. Director Hauge stated that the goal was to provide access to the community. Liaison Woodson revealed that a meeting with the town manager was scheduled for 1:30 today. BORCAB Member Guidry felt it was essential to incorporate structures like a slide for families.

Fitness Court – Director Hauge noted that the equipment will be installed June 10-14, 2024. BORCAB had two design options and option A was unanimously chosen. The Bay Oaks sign for the entrance was in production.

## **VIII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

BORCAB Member Fields renewed the Friends of Bay Oaks 501(c)3 and was searching for someone to help. A bank account would be opened with Vice Chair Hill and BORCAB Member Fields on the account. Liaison Woodson noted that the Sanibel Captiva Bank wanted to work with non-profits and were wonderful. She will provide contact information to BORCAB Member Fields. They still had \$16,000.00 in the budget and a couple of checks to deposit. Director Hauge will speak with PIO Nicole about adding the Friends to the town's Facebook. Vice Chair Hill suggested that the Bay Oaks social seniors might be interested in becoming active. Director Hauge will inform Nicole.

BORCAB Member Sullivan noted that over \$2,300.00 was raised from the pickleball tournament, which was a positive event. She added that Nicole and Danielle were a big part of it and volunteers from Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) assisted. She suggested having a sportsperson of the month for the Observer and she will contact them for details.

No items from other members.

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

**X. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA AND DATE** – May 1, 2024 at noon

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Adopted 6/5/24 with/without changes. Motion by HILL  
DATE

Vote: 5-0 Signature: 

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