

MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)
Bay Oaks Recreational Center
2731 Oak Street
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Wednesday, February 7, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at noon by Chair Simpson.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

MOTION: BORCAB Member Hill moved to allow Chair Simpson to participate virtually; seconded by BORCAB Member Butcher.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Members present: Bruce Butcher, John Dussliere, Jesse Field, Barbara Hill, Betty Simpson (virtually) and Joy Sullivan.

Excused: Becky Guidry

Staff: Director Culture, Parks & Recreation Jeff Hauge

Council Liaison: Karen Woodson

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 10, 2024

MOTION: BORCAB Member Simpson moved to approve the minutes; seconded by BORCAB Member Butcher.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Director Hauge distributed the January report and reported that indoor and outdoor pickleball participation was great, the weight room was open and received positive comments. Adult and youth athletics would begin once the staff positions were filled. He indicated that the part-time rec aid position was posted and the full-time athletics coordinator would be posted soon. Pickleball lessons were available and senior softball was on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The sewer problems last week were repaired and the restrooms were functioning. There was no update regarding the Silver Sneakers program.

BORCAB Member Sullivan offered to present a BORCAB update at the next town council meeting. Director Hauge will provide a membership update at the next BORCAB meeting.

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Beach Accesses

Chair Simpson thanked BORCAB Member Dussliere for submitting his ideas. Director Hauge said he would start working on the accesses once the beach renourishment was completed. He indicated that 12 mobi mats had to be replaced and additional beach wheelchairs would be purchased with TDC (Tourist Development Council) funds. Discussion was held regarding redesigning signs for the accesses.

Director Hauge noted that some ideas from BORCAB Member Dussliere could be implemented in the short-term and others would be included in next year's TDC grant list. Liaison Woodson reported that the county commissioners supported an 18-20 foot wide pier but did not plan on increasing the length; however, they welcomed sketches.

Director Hauge reported that Parks & Rec would be responsible for the Shrimp Fest parade. Liaison Woodson discussed positive reactions from some of the county commissioners regarding the pier and potential TDC funds for Times Square.

BORCAB Member Hill suggested voting to support the proposal submitted by BORCAB Member Dussliere. After discussion, BORCAB decided to meet with the town manager first. Adding a walking path at the former Red Coconut property was mentioned.

B. Redevelopment Plans

Funding for the redevelopment of Bay Oaks was on hold until options were identified. Director Hauge stated that four pickleball courts were quoted at \$550,000.00. Adding more pickleball courts due to their popularity was discussed. BORCAB Member Hill suggested reevaluating the best use of Bay Oaks square footage now. BORCAB Member Field described adding higher fences at the Little League field and building pickleball courts. BORCAB Member Hill stated that their responsibility was to respond to the community's needs.

Director Hauge explained the status of the pool and indicated they were requesting more funds from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

BORCAB Member Sullivan stated an indoor pickleball tournament would be held on March 16, 2024. She described the event's details and noted she would seek approval for a special event permit from the town council at their next meeting this month. The charge for the event was \$40.00 and proceeds would go to the Community Foundation. She thanked the Bay Oaks team for encouraging her to move forward with the idea. She explained the details of how the tournament worked.

Liaison Woodson questioned holding a St. Patrick's Day parade and Director Hauge replied that they could work on it. Discussion was held regarding potential parade routes.

No items from other members.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

X. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA AND DATE – March 6, 2024, at noon, with the location TBD.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: BORCAB Member Butcher moved to adjourn; seconded by BORCAB Member Hill.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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

Vote: 5-0 Signature: 

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