

MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)

Town Hall Council Chambers
2731 Oak Street
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Wednesday, September 18, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chair Simpson.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members present: John Dussliere, Becky Guidry, Barbara Hill, Ed Schoonover and Betty Simpson.

Excused: Jesse Field and Joy Sullivan.

Staff: Director Culture, Parks & Recreation Jeff Hauge and Parks & Recreation Manager Danielle DiBona.

Council Liaison: Karen Woodson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –August 21, 2024

MOTION: BORCAB Member Guidry moved to approve the minutes, seconded by BORCAB Member Hill.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

V. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Manager DiBona reported that participation for August was impressive for the summer. Indoor volleyball started on August 21, 2024. Pickleball was doing well, and the instructor offered lessons indoors on Wednesday mornings. The youth program was very successful, with an average of 30-40 participants. Club Rec was still open and 42 children were registered from Beach Elementary School. The Senior Program was on hold but will return in November. The Lee County soccer team used the indoor gym to practice on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The Special Olympics pickleball participants practiced on Thursdays for an upcoming tournament.

Director Hauge stated the baseball field was open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., weather permitting. BORCAB Member Guidry commented that it was locked up on Sunday. New mulch was added to the playground and the garden. The gym divider will be installed next week. Despite calling several times weekly, Director Hauge has not heard anything about the state-funded parks grant for the ballfield. Discussion was held regarding reimagining the space if the grant was not extended. Liaison Woodson indicated that the town trailers would be gone in January, so the space will be much larger. She felt it was a good time to look at a new master plan

and questioned whether a community building was needed since there was extra space in the new town hall. Creating a multi-use field was discussed.

Liaison Woodson commented that Operations & Compliance Director Frankie Kropacek was meeting with the R2P2 planners, and she questioned whether they planned parks and recreation areas. Director Hauge will check. The order for the shade structure poles was canceled and will be reordered from another company.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Update on Funding for Pool

Director Hauge reported that funding came through for the pool and a site inspection was scheduled for tomorrow. BORCAB Member Dussliere asked when a design would be available, and Director Hauge replied that the funds would probably not be available until January. BORCAB Member Schoonover commented that they could discuss designs, but there would be engineering challenges.

Director Kropacek stated that the pool's footprint will not change, but the area around the pool will be reimaged. He noted that BORCAB could start discussing ideas and the project would be sent out for bid in February. He confirmed that R2P2 would assist with designing a multi-purpose field. He added that the water tower would be replaced and Newton Park redesigned with the funds.

VII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS – no items.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

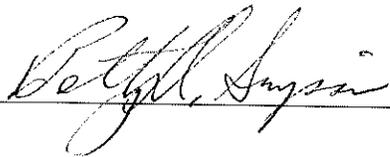
IX. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA AND DATE – October 16, 2024, at noon.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: BORCAB Member Schoonover moved to adjourn, seconded by BORCAB Member Guidry.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Adopted 11/20/24 with/without changes. Motion by GUIDRY
DATE

Vote: 6-0 Signature: 

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