

MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)

Town Hall Council Chambers
2731 Oak Street
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Town Staff: Jeff Hauge

Town Council Liaison: Karen Woodson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 15, 2025

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

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

V. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Director Hauge reported that pickleball and tennis players were active, the after-school program had 42 registered kids and about 30 attended daily. The insurance company estimated they would complete Bay Oaks by April at the latest. Director Hauge has a meeting with the flooring people and the contractor next week. He indicated the floor would be epoxy and had not yet heard back from the architect regarding the raised floor. The plumbing and electrical work were done, leaving the air handling units and the flooring.

BORCAB Member Hill asked whether Director Hauge could flip the message to make it positive regarding ongoing programs at Bay Oaks even though the building is closed. Director Hauge will talk to Communications Coordinator Nicole Berzin about changing the message.

BORCAB Member Cherney noted there were 25-35 people at the pickleball courts and she said they had to get a bathroom back there since the other bathrooms were locked. Director Hauge replied that they were supposed to be open and he would follow up. BORCAB Member Cherney asked that the black tape be used on the other three pickleball courts because it held up well. Director Hauge revealed that the new nets just came in and that he would talk to staff about relining.

BORCAB Member Dussliere asked whether the outside fitness area would be covered. Director Hauge replied that it should be done soon.

The redevelopment project bid went out this week and the plans will be modified to stay within the \$2 million budget. The parking lot could be reduced and crushed shell used for the surface. The picnic areas did not need tiki huts right now. He noted the previous bids were between \$3.6 million and approximately \$6 million. Liaison

Woodson asked whether town staff could do any of the work. Director Hauge explained that they had to bid the work out. Town priorities were discussed.

BORCAB Member Dussliere brought up adding Bay Oaks projects as a public benefit to developers. Liaison Woodson explained that impact fees were being restructured and could be used for projects like Bay Oaks. BORCAB Member Dussliere challenged members to talk to two people regarding the Friends of Bay Oaks even if those two people declined to participate. BORCAB members discussed getting the message out and inspiring people to get involved.

Director Hauge stated that a person was hired for the Bay Oaks manager position and he had a lot of parks & rec and pool experience. He will start on March 3, 2025

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Site Plan for Pool

Director Hauge sent members a map, but professional designs would not be created until the funds were released.

B. Tax Status – Is it Reportable?

Director Hauge stated that town donations were considered tax-deductible contributions by the IRS.

VII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

BORCAB Member Sullivan agreed with the need for bathrooms at the pickleball courts, even if they were temporary.

BORCAB Member Schoonover noted there was land behind the condos torn down at the south end, but he did not know if it was for sale. Director Hauge will research the property.

BORCAB Member Hill suggested that someone present a BORCAB report at the next town council meeting.

BORCAB Member Dussliere repeated his call for volunteers for the Friends.

BORCAB Member Schoonover volunteered to report to the town council at the March meeting.

No items from other members.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

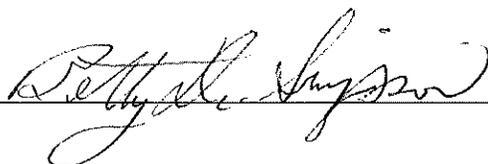
IX. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA AND DATE – March 26, 2025, at noon

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Adopted 3-26-25 with/without changes. Motion by QUIDRY
DATE

Vote: 7-0 Signature: 

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