

MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)

Town Hall Council Chambers
2731 Oak Street
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Wednesday, May 21, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Vice Chair Hill.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Betty Simpson

Town Staff: Community Services Director Jeff Hauge and Parks & Recreation Manager Neill Mathes.

Town Council Liaison: Karen Woodson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 21, 2025

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

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

V. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Manager Mathes reported that the final painting on the gym basketball court was complete, including lines for volleyball and pickleball. The bridge was repaired yesterday and the water fountain station by the tennis courts was working. The pickleball court lines on tennis court number one were completed and the contractor left paint for future touch-up work. The rubber matting for the strength equipment in the cardio room arrived; however, the equipment was delayed and is scheduled to be delivered the week of July 6. Bay Oaks will open the week of June 2 and some programs will start June 9. All the fire extinguishers will be recertified.

Summer camp registrations were going well and 20 signed up for each of the nine weeks. Camp t-shirts were in the works, field trips had been scheduled, and the vans had been recently serviced. Interviews for the senior recreation coordinator will start tomorrow and four other vacant positions have been posted. The rec center will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Fridays. Once the positions are filled, the hours may be adjusted.

Classes will likely start in the fall, but Sue may begin her classes in the summer, depending on the level of interest.

Director Hauge indicated that the RFQ (Request for Quotes) for the pool design was sent out a couple of weeks ago and will come back within 30 days. He noted they were working with a concrete company to install the shade sails for the outdoor fitness equipment. Director Hauge will inspect the pavilion's condition to determine if it can be painted and a new picnic table will be installed. BORCAB Member Guidry asked about the school situation. Liaison Woodson replied that they would learn more at the Board meeting on June 3, 2025.

Work on Beach Accesses will start after the renourishment and dune plantings are complete. Regarding the redevelopment, a contract was awarded for the earthwork to grade for sod, pickleball courts and a walking trail. Picnic tables will be installed.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Friends of Bay Oaks Recreation Center

Vice Chair Hill noted they all had a copy of the incorporation documents for the Friends nonprofit group that had existed years ago. BORCAB Member Guidry will stop by the bank after the meeting to make sure everything is in order. She still did not know what happened to a large check, but \$17,000.00 was in the town's account. Manager Mathes reached out to Mike Cleary, Julie Dussliere, Don Fleming and Bill Murphy and they were still interested in participating in the Friends. Director Hauge noted that someone had to step up and take charge and BORCAB Member Guidry's name should be removed from the bank account. BORCAB Member Cherney said she would have Dawn call BORCAB Member Guidry about details.

Liaison Woodson revealed that the missing check from the Woman's Club was reissued but was lost in the mail. Stephanie is the treasurer for the Woman's Club and will meet with Liaison Woodson to hand over the check.

VII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

Vice Chair Hill asked for an update on the pocket parks. BORCAB Member Schoonover noted that the price of the land near his place has been reduced.

BORCAB Member Dussliere offered to be the liaison for the Friends group if needed.

BORCAB Member Cherney summarized that she will give Dawn BORCAB Member Guidry's phone number to transfer the bank account and Manager Mathes will send the incorporation documents to the candidates.

Manager Mathes thanked the Beach Community Foundation for the \$3,000.00 check and stated that it would be used for the Halloween event. He also thanked the library for letting them meet there for so long.

A discussion was held regarding when the new town hall would be open for business, with the expectation that it would be sometime in June.

Director Hauge discussed the grant he received to install another fitness court at Newton Beach Park. He indicated that he would also like to add something on the south end of town if they had additional property.

A discussion was held regarding adding the fee schedule to the agenda. BORCAB Member Cherney volunteered to research the fees of other rec centers in the area.

Manager Mathes said that they planned to have a Fourth of July Parade and an application was on the website. Permits have been submitted for the parade and fireworks. He added that Bay Oaks would have a float.

BORCAB Member Guidry requested an excused absence for June.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA AND DATE – June 18, 2025, at noon.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

Adopted 6/25/25
DATE

with/without changes. Motion by

Michelle Cherry

Vote:

all

Signature:

Barbara Hile