

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)**

Council Chambers
2525 Estero Blvd
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Thursday, June 2, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Simpson.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Dave Anderson, Becky Bodnar, Denise Monahan, Tom Myers, Betty Simpson and Rae Sprole.

Excused: Janna Holmes

Staff present: Sarah Mayher, Adam Leicht, Danielle F. and Natalie H.

Council Liaison: Tracey Gore

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 5, 2016

MOTION: Ms. Monahan moved to approve the minutes; second by Ms. Bodnar.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Faircloth expressed her support for BORCAB and offered to assist in any way she can. Charlie Whitehead questioned whether anyone had budget information. Ms. Gore replied that she received information but had not read the BORCAB portion.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - Staff Reports

Ms. Natalie, the new lifeguard, introduced herself. She stated that 21 participated in the swim club last year.

Ms. Mayher commented on summer camp enrollment numbers. She indicated that \$2,500 of the \$5,000 donation was allocated to assist families who could not afford summer camp. Part of the remaining \$2,500 would help fund the trip to Broadway Palms.

Ms. Monahan questioned whether fees from soccer camp went back to Bay Oaks or went to the Town. Mr. Leicht replied that Council waived the field rental fee they would have normally charged for the soccer camp.

Ms. Sprole questioned whether a Director would be hired.

Mr. Leicht stated that youth basketball would resume this year.

Ms. Gore noted that the Town Manager would decide whether to hire a Director. Town Council indicated that Friends of Bay Oaks did not need their permission to set up a 501(c).

Ms. Bodnar questioned whether a Director was budgeted. Mr. Leicht had not seen the budget.

Ms. Gore indicated that she would forward budget information.

Mr. Anderson questioned whether staff could attend BORCAB budget discussions. Ms. Gore replied that she would check.

Ms. Monahan questioned whether someone was looking into securing general sponsors. Mr. Leicht responded that they had not formulated a plan, but there was interest from the community.

Ms. Bodnar questioned whether Lewis Monaco had a position. Mr. Leicht replied that he was hired on a full-time basis.

Mr. Leicht stated that they were organizing the Fourth of July parade.

Mr. Anderson indicated that he was attending the crowd management class held by the fire department.

Ms. Monahan revealed that Ann Dalton will work with her to set up Friends of Bay Oaks and she will eventually create a website. She will seek clarification regarding whether BORCAB members were allowed to serve on the Friends board. Chair Simpson thanked Ms. Monahan for her involvement. Ms. Monahan noted that community feedback and support was amazing. Mr. Anderson mentioned that BORCAB members could participate as general members of the Friends group.

Mr. Anderson reported on the special taxing district issue and Sunshine Laws. He stated that he was setting up an independent committee to gather information, put together a plan and present it to Council. Ms. Gore stated that Council did not give BORCAB direction to pursue research concerning a special taxing district. Mr. Anderson invited the public to be a part of the committee. Ms. Gore commented on the Town giving up control of Bay Oaks to a special taxing district. Mr. Anderson discussed how costs would be spread out over a larger pool of taxpayers by including residents who lived off the Island.

Ms. Bodnar questioned who would administer the campus. Mr. Anderson replied it would be run by an independent, elected board comprised of people in the taxing district.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlie Whitehead stated that fees were waived because the soccer camp was a fundraiser. He pointed out that more kids would be attending little league at Bay Oaks since the boundary dispute had been settled.

John Morton, The Observer, questioned what recreational facility off-Island people were currently paying taxes for. Mr. Whitehead clarified that residents in unincorporated Lee County paid into an unincorporated MSTU that provided municipal-type services for unincorporated areas. Part of that money went into Lee County parks and rec, which was Wa-Ke Hatchee.

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Myers felt that BORCAB was good for the Town.

Ms. Monahan thanked staff and reported that the sailing camp was in its ninth year.

Ms. Bodnar expressed concern regarding the lack of a Director.

Consensus was reached to meet on July 7, 2016 at Town Hall. Discussion was held regarding agenda items.

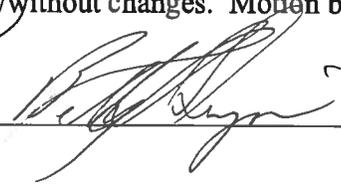
IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Sprole.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Adopted _____ with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: 

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