

MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)

Town Hall
2525 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Tuesday, January 5, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Members present: Beth Cherry, Barbara Hill, Lee Melsek, Betty Simpson, Holly Sweeten and Karen Woodson.

Absent: Janna Holmes

Staff: Cultural Parks & Recreation Director Alison Giesen and Recreation Campus Manager Sarah Mayher.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 18, 2020 & December 1, 2020

MOTION: BORCAB Member Woodson moved to approve the November 18, 2020 minutes; second by Chair Simpson.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: BORCAB Member Woodson moved to approve the December 1, 2020 minutes; second by BORCAB Member Hill.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Friends of Bay Oaks Update – Denise Monahan

Manager Mayher stated that Ms. Monahan could not attend the meeting and the Friends of Bay Oaks was inactive. She noted an update would be provided at the January 11, 2021 meeting. She indicated that the Friends of Bay Oaks would turn over \$18,000.00 to be used for the youth program. Discussion was held regarding the vision and mission of the Friends of Bay Oaks. BORCAB Member Hill stated that she would join the Friends of Bay Oaks.

B. Stand-alone Amphitheater or Combined

Manager Mayher explained that they needed to review five items in the packet and the amphitheater. Discussion was held concerning the amphitheater. Director Giesen

added to the discussion. BORCAB Member Hill brought up phasing the project as they originally intended. BORCAB Member Hill discussed the 30% plan for the whole project. Chair Simpson noted that they had recommendations with consensus and dates. Manager Mayher stated that once they decided on the amphitheater, they would add that to their list of recommendations.

MOTION: BORCAB Member Melsek moved to ask the Town Manager and Council for a clear explanation of the cost of building the community center, a clear answer of where the \$1.5 million for Times Square would be spent, where the savings from Bayside Park would go and request that the money be reallocated to Bay Oaks; second by BORCAB Member Hill.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: BORCAB Member Melsek moved that BORCAB request that Town Council adopt the July concept to build out Bay Oaks in phases with the understanding that the current Council had three more years in office; second by BORCAB Member Woodson.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

BORCAB Member Hill noted that they agreed on the stand-alone amphitheater. BORCAB Member Melsek questioned whether other organizations would attend the January 11, 2021 meeting. Director Giesen indicated that no public comment would be allowed at the meeting. BORCAB Member Hill suggested that residents of the community be involved. BORCAB Member Woodson felt that including others at the January 11, 2021 meeting was premature but input would be welcome after consensus was reached for the project. Discussion was held concerning publicity and Beach Talk radio. BORCAB Members Hill and Woodson stated they would be on Beach Talk radio Saturday to encourage community attendance at Town Council meetings.

BORCAB Member Hill noted that lighting had to be added to the amphitheater. BORCAB Member Melsek suggested that they push for clay tennis courts. He discussed tearing down the gym and the lack of utilization. BORCAB Member Sweeten brought up the unrealized potential of Bay Oaks.

BORCAB Member Hill discussed utilizing portable cooking equipment since the culinary kitchen would not be built in the near future.

BORCAB Member Sweeten questioned whether they could receive a breakdown of the costs. BORCAB Member Hill noted that they voted for an explanation of costs. BORCAB Member Woodson stated that some residents wanted the lighting issue addressed before moving forward with Bay Oaks. BORCAB Member Woodson mentioned Margaritaville's guests using facilities at Bay Oaks.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

BORCAB Member Sweeten agreed to speak with Beach Talk radio along with BORCAB Members Hill and Woodson. BORCAB Member Melsek noted that he would try to attend.

No items from other members.

VIII. FUTURE MEETING DATE

January 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with Town Council and Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: BORCAB Member Hill moved to adjourn the meeting; second by BORCAB Member Cherry.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

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

Vote: _____ Signature: _____

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