

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
Cultural and Environmental Learning Center Advisory Board**

Town Hall - Council Chambers
2523 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Thursday, June 26, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Chair Hill.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Barbara Anderson Hill, Betty Simpson, Cherie Smith, Ceel Spuhler, and Lorrie Wolf.

Excused: Becky Werner

Unexcused: Rex Pontius

Historical Advisor: Bill Grace

Town Council Liaison: Anita Cereceda and Rexann Hosafros.

Town Staff: Penny Jarrett, Mark Lewis, Randy Norton, and Paul Rapp.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 22, 2014.

MOTION: Ms. Simpson moved to table approval of the minutes until July 24; second by Ms. Smith.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Cereceda thanked staff for their hard work. Mayor Cereceda revealed that Council member Rexann Hosafros would replace her as Town Council Liaison to CELCAB when she is out of town.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Rapp reported that Ms. Doherty resigned June 7, 2014.

Newton Park Signage - in progress.

Shell Mound Exhibit - progressing. Mr. Rapp reported that a dimmer module had to be replaced. Discussion was held regarding delays by Strong Vision. Mr. Rapp indicated that had a meeting scheduled with Strong Vision to discuss issues.

Mound House Grounds Signage - underway.

Interior Museum Exhibits - nearing completion of content development. Mr. Rapp noted that CELCAB would be included in the review and approval of the content before fabrication. Mr. Grace questioned the professional capability of SEARCH. Discussion was held concerning past performance and how the contract was set up. Ms. Spuhler requested a meeting between SEARCH and CELCAB. Mr. Norton stated that he would schedule the meeting. Mr. Norton reiterated that members may ask him questions at any stage of the process.
Observation Pier - in the permitting stage. Mr. Rapp indicated that, after a change order, Fowler would be involved with construction.

Educational Programming - Mr. Rapp reviewed May participation.

Grants and Reporting - Mr. Rapp indicated that the Town had not received official confirmation regarding the Special Category grant of \$333,614.

Mr. Rapp referred to an activity report and timeline compiled by SEARCH. Discussion was held concerning estuary and bathroom panels in production.

Mr. Rapp provided a report and proposal from Donna Gillroy. Discussion was held concerning the SWOT analysis and obtaining additional proposals.

VI. MOUND HOUSE STRATEGIC PLANNING

A) Southwest Florida Community Foundation

Ms. Simpson and three others took notes while visiting the Marco Island Historical Museum. Ms. Spuhler distributed and read an individual report that included a compilation of ideas as a result of the visit. Discussion was held concerning the report. Mr. Rapp stated that he would look into obtaining TDC funds.

B) Operating Hours

Addressed.

C) Admission Fees

Tabled until July.

D) Volunteer Needs and Roles

Addressed.

VII. MUSEUM OPENING EVENT

On hold.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ellen Biella (sp?) commented on memberships and admission fees.

Ms. Catherine Wallace described her visit to the Marco Island Historical Museum. Ms. Wallace voiced her frustration with SEARCH.

MOTION: Ms. Smith moved to remove Rex Pontius from CELCAB and move forward with a replacement; second by Ms. Wolf.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Smith stated that she would write a letter to Mr. Pontius and copy Ms. Mayher.

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Wolf informed members that her email address had changed. Ms. Wolf described her visit to Mote Marine Aquarium.

X. UPCOMING MEETING DATE - July 24, 2014

XI. ADJOURN

MOTION: Ms. Simpson moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Wolf.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Adopted July 24, 2014 with/without changes. Motion by C. Spuhler
(DATE)

Vote: unanimous Signature: Barbara A. Hill

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