

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
Cultural and Environmental Learning Center Advisory Board

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

Thursday, July 24, 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.

Historical Advisor: Bill Grace.

Town Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros.

Town Staff: Randy Norton and Paul Rapp.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 22, 2014 and June 26, 2014

MOTION: Ms. Simpson moved to approve the minutes from May 22, 2014; second by Ms. Smith.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

On page 3 of the June 26, 2014 minutes, Chair Hill stated that she would write a letter to Mr. Pontius and copy Ms. Mayher.

On page 2 the sentence, "Mr. Rapp stated that he would look into obtaining TDC funds," needs clarification. Mr. Rapp stated that he would review the DVD.

On page 2 under Public Comment, Ms. Ellen Biella's name should be spelled Ms. Ellen Biellasaggau.

MOTION: Ms. Spuhler moved to approve the amended minutes from June 26, 2014; second by Ms. Wolf.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Susan Grace urged staff and CELCAB to form a group of lay people to review verbiage on panels. Ms. Grace offered to review the panels.

Ms. Catherine Wallace mentioned that the key fob to the house didn't work. Mr. Rapp stated that it had been fixed.

Ms. Kelly Leary stated that the red fob still did not work. Mr. Rapp stated that he would fix the red fob.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

Shell Mound Exhibit - ready for installation.

Mound House Grounds Signage - underway.

Interior Museum Exhibits - nearing completion of content development.

Observation Pier - in the bidding stage. Completion date is January 8, 2015.

Educational Programming - Mr. Rapp reviewed May participation.

Grants and Reporting - Mr. Rapp reported that he was completing two grants.

VI. WRITTEN REPORT FROM HISTORIAL ADVISOR BILL GRACE

Mr. Grace distributed and discussed the museum action plan from SEARCH. Mr. Grace identified services not included in the SEARCH contract. Mr. Grace distributed graphs illustrating completed and unfinished issues. Discussion was held regarding funding for the museum shop, inventory, orientation theater, production of video, permanent museum director, parking, staffing, and salt water intrusion.

Discussion was held regarding postponing the grand opening. Mr. Norton reminded the committee that the SEARCH contract was approved for one year and that fees would be charged in the event the contract was extended. Ms. Spuhler suggested that the museum open when completed instead of focusing on a target date. Discussion was held concerning various delays and unacceptable material from SEARCH.

VII. MOUND HOUSE MUSEUM CONTENT

A) Contemporary History Room Rename

Chair Hill suggested that chronological order determine the name of the room. Ms. Smith and Ms. Spuhler agreed. Ms. Hosafros felt that it could be wordy. Discussion followed concerning the use of dates versus names.

MOTION: Ms. Smith moved to change the name of the Contemporary History Room to the Post-Colusa Room; second by Ms. Simpson.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

B) Estuary Panel Review

Chair Hill reviewed available options for the completed panels. Mr. Grace pointed out that the SEARCH contract specified the use of the Mound House logo color scheme, which they did not do. Discussion was held concerning the fate of the panels. Consensus was reached to approve the panels.

MOTION: Ms. Spuhler moved to accept the estuary panels as presented with concessions made and that the panels were not what was expected, but CELCAB will approve

so as to not hold up the process. CELCAB wants it understood that what was originally planned with the logo and colors is what CELCAB wants in the future; second by Ms. Wolf.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-1.

C) Bathroom Panel Review

Discussion was held concerning colors, continuity, design, text, and number of pictures. Consensus was reached to change the panel design and keep the current text.

D) Calusa Room Design Review

Chair Hill revealed that the design was already approved and was in the SEARCH action plan. Discussion was held regarding different designs. Consensus was reached to match the design and color scheme to the first estuary panels and to remove the border around the pictures.

MOTION: Ms. Wolf moved to recommend to SEARCH that they reproduce the panels for the Calusa room consistent with the pages that Mr. Rapp will fax to them and to keep the edges straight as they appeared in the action plan submitted by SEARCH to CELCAB; second by Ms. Simpson.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

E) Saving our Site and Modernizing the Mound House Panel Review

Chair Hill questioned the vague text. Ms. Spuhler pointed out that part of the text was incorrect. Mr. Rapp revealed that the design was for approval, not the text. Consensus was reached to remove the palm in the background, increase the size of the photos, use an inch border, and change the colors.

MOTION: Ms. Simpson moved to change the colors on Saving our Site and the Century of Change, take out the trees on the Century of Change, create a larger rendition of the house, and add the logo; second by Ms. Smith.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

F) Plant ID Panel Review

MOTION: Ms. Smith moved to approve variation two without the border and the logo moved over; second by Ms. Simpson.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Smith moved to include the colored logo on all panels; second by Ms. Wolf.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kelly Leary reiterated that the Calusa Mound was not a burial mound.

Ms. Catherine Wallace thanked Ms. Hosafros for her input. Ms. Wallace expressed concern for the lack of funding for the salt water intrusion. Ms. Wallace felt that it was unfair to set an opening date for the house. Ms. Wallace questioned what would happen if work was not completed within the timeframe.

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Simpson revealed that she would present to Council in September and Ms. Wolf would present in August. Ms. Simpson stated that she would not be able to attend August CELCAB meetings.

Ms. Spuhler indicated that information would be presented in August regarding ideas for the museum shop. Ms. Spuhler reminded the committee about the Code of Ethics in the SEARCH packet.

Chair Hill revealed that she and Mr. Grace would be involved with the search for the museum director.

Ms. Smith requested excused absences for August and part of September. Discussion was held regarding a quorum for August and September.

X. UPCOMING MEETING DATE - August 14, 2014

XI. ADJOURN

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Adopted 8/28/14 with/without changes. Motion by Coel/Laine
(DATE)

Vote: unanimous Signature: Barbara Hill

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