

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MYERS BEACH**  
**Community Resource Advisory Board (CRAB)**  
Town Hall – Council Chambers  
2523 Estero Boulevard  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**Thursday, June 5, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Vice-Chair Weeg. Members present: Olga Carballo, Elizabeth D'Onofrio Halladay, Bobbi Kemp, Carla Mandel, and Keri Weeg.

Excused: Miffie Greer.

Staff present: Josh Overmyer.

Council Liaison: Dan Andre.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 1, 2014**

**MOTION:** Ms. Mandel moved to approve the minutes; second by Ms. Kemp.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Joe Workman expressed frustration regarding the lack of information and outreach to residents concerning bay accesses. Mr. Workman indicated that the side streets were too narrow to accommodate additional traffic. He questioned who was behind the idea of creating bay accesses. Ms. Weeg informed Mr. Workman that CRAB was an advisory committee under the direction of Town Council.

Ms. Judy Haataja requested clarification concerning the responsibilities of CRAB. Ms. Haataja stated that additional traffic in the neighborhood of bay accesses would be an intrusion to the neighborhood. Ms. Haataja remarked that citizens needed to be involved with Council concerning changes to their community. Ms. Haataja concluded by stating that she was opposed to anything that would intrude on the bay and into residential property.

Ms. Debra Grohl (sp?) voiced her concern regarding intrusion on residential areas. Ms. Grohl noted that there were several accesses already available to the public. Ms. Grohl presented signatures of residents who did not want bay access on Delmar and Pearl. Ms. Grohl cited the lack of outreach to communities surrounding bay accesses.

Mr. Karl Andres (sp?) supported beach accesses, but he referred to quiet zones on Coconut in relation to bay accesses. Mr. Andres felt that the issue needed to be addressed.

**V. UPDATES ON WORK LIST**

**Beach Accesses**

Hyde Park Access - Ms. Rexann Hosafros discussed compromises reached with Catherine and Robert Giammatteo concerning the Hyde Park Access.

Memorial Bench Donations and Regulations - Ms. Weeg shared photos of pictures featured on benches. Ms. Mandel questioned maintenance.

Bay Accesses - remove from agenda.

Restrooms at Beach Accesses - no update.

Ms. Weeg revealed that Mayor Cereceda agreed to move forward with beach access signs.

Discussion was held regarding animal designs, height, and banners.

Public Education - no update.

Art Projects - remove from agenda.

**VI. CRAB MEMBER ITEMS & REPORTS**

Ms. Kemp thanked the public for their opinion and she urged them to speak to Town Council.

Ms. Weeg added community gardens to the agenda.

Discussion was held concerning the film commission idea. Ms. D'Onofrio Halladay offered to invite someone to present information about a film commission.

Consensus was reached to skip the July meeting. The next meeting will be August 7.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Dianne Easterbrook shared negative comments from neighbors regarding depressing aspects of Estero Blvd. Discussion was held regarding specific areas of concern. Ms. Easterbrook compared Naples Beach accesses to Fort Myers Beach accesses. Ms. Easterbrook questioned the location of memorial benches.

Mr. Dan Andre stated that Public Comment was not a discussion period per Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Andre referred to a sign sent to him by Ms. Mandel. Mr. Andre pointed out that bay access areas were generated to improve neighborhoods. Mr. Andre referenced Estero Blvd. improvements in relation to depressing aspects and he discussed the wrack line on the beach.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Ms. Kemp moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Mandel.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Adopted 8-7-14 with/without changes. Motion by Kemp/Weeg  
(DATE)

Vote: 5-0 Signature: Mary J. Greer

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