

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
Cultural and Environmental Learning Center Advisory Board
Town Hall - Council Chambers
2523 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Thursday, March 12, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Hill.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Barbara Anderson Hill, Cindy Richardson, Betty Simpson, Ceel Spuhler, Becky Werner, and Lorrie Wolf (arrived at 2:25).

Excused: Cheri Smith

Historical Advisor: Bill Grace

Town Staff: Alison Giesen

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IV. MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Giesen reviewed February numbers. She noted that donations would be included in next month's report. The observation pier lighting will be completed in April. Ms. Giesen indicated that Timothy Parsons from the state preservation office would be in Town in April. She noted that grant funds may be available to stabilize the wall in the underground exhibit. Ms. Giesen stated that they were working with David Sacks and were in the bid process to obtain three quotes to update the master concept plan. Ms. Spuhler questioned having a plan B if the cost was prohibitive. Ms. Giesen replied that she had a phasing-in cost plan and would do minimal work first.

Ms. Giesen discussed plans for the Jacaranda Festival on May 2, 2015. Discussion was held concerning the legality of charging rental fees for Friends of the Mound House. Mrs. Barbara Hill, President of the Friends, will provide a proposal indicating what the Friends would be responsible for regarding their Derby Day event at the Mound House on May 2, 2015. Discussion was held regarding fees, revenue, and the budget.

Ms. Giesen reviewed locations of the benches provided by Mr. Sacks. She noted that he eliminated location #6 due to the slope and he submitted information concerning bench styles. Consensus was reached to put a bench at the end of the sidewalk alongside the office. Ms. Giesen remarked that she would request samples of colors and materials for the benches.

V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - no report

VI. MOUND HOUSE MUSEUM EXHIBIT UPDATE

A) Ancient People - graphic panels - final review

Ms. Giesen revealed that, due to requirements written into the grant agreement, all panels had to be sent to the state before fabrication. She explained the timeline for changes and final approval. Discussion was held concerning changes and Ms. Giesen asked members to email any other changes to her by Monday.

B) Settlers on the Shells - graphic panels - final review

Discussion was held regarding placement of the Historical Resources logo. Ms. Spuhler questioned the Long purchase of 25 acres from Mildred James; she thought it was 27 acres. Ms. Giesen deleted the last sentence in the first panel concerning the first permanent structure on the Island.

C) Saving our Site - graphic panel - final review

Ms. Giesen remarked that she would email new text to CELCAB members for feedback. Chair Hill indicated that she would verify the mission statement.

D) Mound House Timeline - graphic panel - final review

Discussion was held concerning the year electricity was available to the Mound House. Ms. Giesen noted she would delete the reference. Discussion was held concerning the scale and contents of the Long Period blueprint.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Richardson will present an update to Council in April. *March*
Ms. Spuhler commented on visitors to the Mound House.

IX. UPCOMING MEETING DATE - Thursday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURN

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Adopted 3/26/15 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: Barbara Hill

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