

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)**

Bay Oaks Recreation Campus
2731 Oak St.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Thursday, February 5, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Becky Bodnar, Janna Holmes, Denise Monahan, Tom Myers, Rae Spole, and Betty Simpson.

Excused: David Anderson

Council Liaison: Summer Stockton

Staff present: Kyle Karczewski, Adam Leicht, Sarah Mayher, Randy Norton, and Paul Rapp.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 8, 2015

MOTION: Ms. Spole moved to approve the minutes; second by Ms. Holmes.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

V. REPORTS

A. Town Council Report - Summer Stockton

No report. Ms. Monahan summarized plans for fireworks fundraising. Ms. Stockton felt that it was up to the community to fund the fireworks; it should not be BORCAB's mission. Discussion was held concerning marketing and advertising, eliminating the fireworks on July 4th, and matching funds.

B. Town Staff Report

Youth: Average of 50 kids daily. Groups were split up by personality type instead of just by grade.

Toddler Tuesdays: Going strong.

Teen: The teen program was going well. The community garage sale was well attended and netted approximately \$500.00 from the silent auction. Ms. Spole questioned holding the sale on a quarterly basis. Mr. Karczewski agreed that it was a

good idea. The craft beer festival is scheduled for March 28, 2015 and eight breweries have signed up.

Athletics & Fitness: The texture above the fencing had been installed at the baseball field and Little League will be putting up covered bleachers, which are scheduled to be ready by opening day - February 28, 2015. Mr. Leicht indicated that new equipment was purchased for the weight room and feedback was positive.

Aquatics/Senior Swim: The kid's pool had been repaired and would be open for the weekend. The water slide stairs will be refinished with stainless steel and an inflatable obstacle course was ordered to be used during slow times and special events.

Seniors: The March/April newsletter went out early to allow time for seniors to sign up for upcoming events.

Mr. Norton proposed changing BORCAB meetings to 9:30 a.m. Consensus was reached.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Friends of Bay Oaks - no change.
- B. Fitness Trails - some permits have been approved, but the next round of permits would cost \$8,000.00. Mr. Norton indicated he had a meeting with the DEP the following week. He stated that actual construction of the trail would be between \$3,000.00 and \$4,000.00.
- C. Playground - still no Bocce Ball activity. Mr. Norton stated that he was looking into grants for playground material in the event the playground moves forward.
- D. Gym Floor - ongoing.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Landscape Redesign - mangroves will be planted around the pond, which will help shore up the coastline, and rocks will be added to help stem erosion. The current mulch will be replaced by rubberized mulch. Public works cleaned out the walkway by the tennis courts and they added a chart to identify plants in the garden.
- B. Reef Property - no update. Mr. Norton stated that he was working with the finance director to write a grant for land purchase and they would present it to Council for approval on February 17, 2015. The grant is a matching grant up to \$200,000. He indicated the pool offices would be converted into the senior center and the entrance would be rerouted. Mr. Norton planned to complete renovations within 3-4 months. Discussion was held concerning surrounding properties for sale.
- C. Lightning Detection - remove from agenda.
- D. Town Rebranding - on hold until Council moves forward.
- E. July 4th - plans were moving along. Mr. Norton indicted that the 3 year contract ended after this 4th and it would be sent out for bids. Ms. Monahan met with Tracey Gore concerning fundraising. Ms. Gore agreed to share information from her database and assist Ms. Monahan with the process. Bob Layfield offered to share his equipment and resources for mailings. Ms. Monahan stated she would create a letter to send to individuals in the database. Mr. Norton indicated staff was searching for sponsors. Discussion was held concerning sponsorship

packages approved by Council last November. Mr. Norton stated he would like to have t-shirts available in May.

F. Volunteers for July 4th - phone calls will be made after the letter is mailed.

G. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon - Mr. Norton indicated that each advisory board would recognize their own volunteers. He requested ideas from committee members. He indicated he would like to host the event within the first two weeks in April. Discussion was held concerning dinner instead of lunch, a slide show of volunteers, an outside picnic, gifts, and a luau at the pool.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Norton reviewed the packet of information for new members and he indicated he would bring back FAQs concerning Sunshine Laws. He stated the completion date for the Newton seawall was March 24, 2015.

Mr. Myers commented that lighting at the park in the evening was a good idea and should be continued.

Ms. Spole agreed with the lighting situation and she described a park in Destin, FL. She stated that the needs of the kids should come first. Discussion was held concerning a lack of communication and/or misinformation between groups.

Ms. Monahan agreed with the lighting and stated that safety was a big issue and she enjoyed being on the committee.

Ms. Holmes praised staff for their organization and efficiency. She agreed with the lighting. Mr. Norton indicated they may bring lighting to Council for inclusion in the next budget.

Ms. Bodnar noted that the senior program was going well. She indicated participation by seniors was building up.

Chair Simpson thanked staff for putting the packet of information together and she appreciated everything they did throughout the year.

X. PROPOSED NEXT MEETING DATE - March 5, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

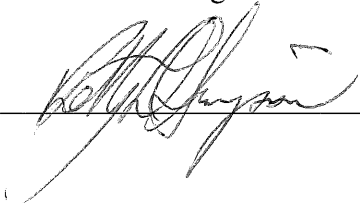
XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. _____ moved to adjourn; second by Ms. _____ .

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Simpson adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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

Vote: _____ Signature:  _____

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