

MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)

Town Hall
2525 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Simpson.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members present: Bruce Butcher, Beth Cherry, Becky Guidry, Barbara Hill and Betty Simpson.
Excused: Karen Woodson
Staff: Cultural, Parks & Recreation Director Alison Giesen and Campus Manager Jeff Hauge.
Council Liaison: Dan Allers

IV. Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2022

MOTION: BORCAB Member Hill moved to approve the minutes; second by Chair Simpson.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. Public Comment – no public comment.

VI. Discussion of Merging BORCAB, CELCAB and CRAB

BORCAB Member Guidry noted that Town Council tabled the merge until June 2023. She questioned whether vacancies would be filled in the meantime. Director Giesen replied affirmatively.

BORCAB Member Butcher questioned why BORCAB and CELCAB events would overlap if one person was responsible for scheduling all events. Town Manager Hernstadt explained that scheduling programs for five venues would take a group to coordinate. He suggested that BORCAB hold off filling vacancies until October and take the time to discuss the details of merging.

Town Manager Hernstadt revealed that the governor vetoed the \$1 million grant for Times Square. BORCAB Member Hill suggested that Lorna Kibbey facilitate a joint charrette with CELCAB to help determine how to move forward. BORCAB Member Guidry agreed. Director Giesen stated that Ms. Kibbey recommended meeting with individual committees first, then the two groups together and conclude with a follow-up meeting. Director Giesen noted that Ms. Kibbey charged \$2,500.00 for each session plus travel and BORCAB could ask for funds from Town Council. She indicated that she would follow up with Ms. Kibbey regarding possible alternatives. Director Giesen commented that CELCAB requested funds for Ms. Kibbey to facilitate.

MOTION: BORCAB Member Hill moved to recommend to Council that it develop a discretionary fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 and spending to be determined at a future date; but recommending that the funds be used for the consultant to review merger conversations; second by BORCAB Member Cherry.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

BORCAB Member Butcher questioned the advantage of merging the committees just for programming issues with different facilities. He felt that the facilities themselves dictated certain events or programs. Liaison Allers brought up staff resources with multiple meetings and reallocating assets. Discussion was held regarding programming at different facilities and completing a calendar of events for the season.

Consensus was reached to hold another joint meeting with CELCAB.

Director Giesen provided information regarding a proposed \$5.00 fee increase. Discussion was held regarding distinguishing between residents, taxpayers, property owners and renters and which documents were required to qualify for a free membership. BORCAB Member Butcher questioned why the rec center was free for residents, but the pool was not. Director Giesen will research the question. Campus Manager Hauge will look into how Sanibel defined a resident.

VII. Redevelopment Plan Update

Director Giesen provided an update. The concrete pad for the National Fitness equipment will be poured once Lee County approves the permit. BORCAB Member Butcher questioned whether a pickleball court would be eliminated. Director Giesen will check with Public Works Manager Jason Freeman.

Director Giesen described the new sign and noted it was in production. She will forward the design to BORCAB and Liaison Allers.

Public Works Manager Jason Freeman joined the meeting and stated that the sign was in the final design and that he would forward the rendering to Director Giesen. Manager Freeman indicated that he would double-check whether one of the pickleball courts was eliminated and he was still waiting for the Water Management District permit. He commented that he would send updates to Director Giesen and confirmed that the entrance would be paved with asphalt.

Director Giesen explained state and federal requirements regarding discovering artifacts on the property.

VIII. Friends of Bay Oaks Status – no update.

IX. Departmental Report

Director Giesen stated they had 38 summer campers and Manager Hauge described upcoming field trips. Director Giesen noted that the pool was open seven days a week and the rec center was open six days per week with reduced hours. She commented that a new youth and team coordinator was hired. BORCAB Member Butcher questioned how hiring was progressing and Director Giesen replied they would be fully staffed by the end of the month.

Director Giesen described FEMA certification requirements for all staff. Manager Hauge listed current programs and noted he was working with vendors regarding concessions.

X. Board Member Items and Reports

BORCAB Member Hill congratulated staff at the parks department and the success of the summer camp program attendees.

Chair Simpson described the new amphitheater in downtown Fort Myers.

No items from other members.

XI. Public Comment – no public comment.

XII. Future Meeting Date – joint meeting with CELCAB TBD.

XIII. Adjourn

MOTION: BORCAB Member Butcher moved to adjourn; second by BORCAB Member Cherry.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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