

**MINUTES
BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS
ADVISORY BOARD (BORCAB)**

Mound House
451 Connecticut St.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Wednesday, September 6, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Chair Simpson (via phone).

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: John Dusliere, Becky Guidry, Betty Simpson and Joy Sullivan.

Excused: Bruce Butcher and Barbara Hill.

Absent: Jesse Field

Staff: Cultural, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hauge

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 6, 2023

MOTION: BORCAB Member Dusliere moved to approve the June 6, 2023 minutes; second by BORCAB Member Guidry.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The August 9, 2023, minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Director Hauge reported that they were still looking at options concerning the pool. The restrooms and showers at the pool were functioning and the lines would be flushed out. The ball fields were about 95% complete and the 20-foot fence will eventually replace the 8-foot fence. The sod was coming back and a windscreen will be installed. He felt the fields would be ready by the beginning of October.

The rec center permit was complete, and the goal was to open November 1, 2023. Electricity had to be replaced in 30 to 50 weeks, or the switchboard and transformers could be rebuilt, which would be quicker. A damaged water line to the building was replaced, irrigation for the ball fields was complete, and the restrooms would be replaced.

Bayside Park was 99% complete and activities were being planned.

Programming - A trip to Lakes Park was planned for the next fun day and Club Rec would be up and running soon. Fitness equipment was ready for approval from the Town Council.

Job postings for a Recreation Supervisor and a Youth and Team Coordinator would be posted and an Athletics Coordinator might be hired.

VII. FRIENDS OF BAY OAKS REPORT – no report.

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Halloween Event – October 20, 2023, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Bounce houses, a trunk or treat event with local businesses and individuals will be featured. People will vote on the best-decorated trunk and the best costumes. Director Hauge noted that food trucks will be available.

Ball Field Reopening Event – Director Hauge noted that the date was not final, but he suggested September 25 or 26, 2023. However, it depended on coordination with major league baseball and representatives from Scotts Lawncare.

Projects for Friends of Bay Oaks – Bounce houses for Halloween, batting cages and a new pickleball net were mentioned. Discussion was held regarding Sunshine Laws and BORCAB Member Sullivan will investigate setting up a table at the Bay Oaks reopening and other events regarding information for fundraising ideas and projects.

IX. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

BORCAB Member Dussliere commented that the timeline for repairing the pool was not unusual. He questioned whether it would be helpful to address projects that would take longer than anticipated to manage expectations. Director Hauge agreed. BORCAB Member Dussliere discussed the importance of disseminating information and thinking about grand ideas and pipe dreams. He brought up using Bay Oaks as a training facility for sports.

BORCAB Member Guidry noted that the increase in social media above the ballfield was amazing. She questioned who was responsible for the beach accesses and indicated that her access was terrible. Director Hauge will follow up.

BORCAB Member Sullivan described the proposed renovations to the Myerside property at the recent meeting. She noted that the meeting was positive and they did great with the design. She reiterated that the Community Foundation had between \$5,000 - \$10,000 to donate, but she needed a simple proposal for what the funds would be used for. BORCAB Member Guidry suggested the ball field or the rec center. Director Hauge will submit ideas.

Chair Simpson thanked everyone for their input.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA AND DATE – October 4, 2023 at noon.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: BORCAB Member Guidry moved to adjourn; second by BORCAB Member Sullivan.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

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