

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

Town Hall
2525 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Tuesday, April 5, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Bruce Butcher, Becky Guidry, Barbara Hill, Betty Simpson and Karen Woodson.

Excused: Beth Cherry

Staff: Cultural Parks & Recreation Director Alison Giesen and Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley.

Staff Liaison: Dan Allers

Director Giesen stated that Holly Sweeten submitted her resignation on April 6, 2022.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 1, 2022

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. REDEVELOPMENT PLAN STATUS

Director Giesen stated that a tentative schedule and lighting plan were included in their information packet. Council Member Butcher noted the three parking spaces were still in the plan. BORCAB Member Guidry replied that the request to remove them was vetoed.

Director O'Riley stated she accepted another position and her last day was May 4, 2022. She introduced Jason Freeman, who would transfer into the position.

Director O'Riley addressed the three parking spots and noted that Town Council decided to keep the parking. She stated that the South Florida Water Management District stormwater permit was resubmitted and the architect would apply for the building permit within the next week. Once the stormwater permit was received the application for the development order would be submitted. The goal was to start construction on June 16, 2022.

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BORCAB Member Hill questioned lighting at the pickleball courts. Director O'Riley replied that lighting was in the plan and revealed that one of the pickleball courts might be eliminated due to stormwater retention. She provided an update regarding the front parcel and noted she would meet with contractors at 10:00 a.m. for a price on the asphalt driveway and three parking spaces. She indicated that the National Fitness equipment was in good shape after being stored for years.

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Town Manager Hernstadt noted that the total budget for the three projects was now \$14 million due to grants received and a \$1 million contribution from Town Council. He discussed the budget for furnishing the community center.

Consensus was reached to include Bay Oaks Park, Welcome (on the crossbar), Pool & Recreational Campus and Open to the Public on the sign.

VII. FRIENDS OF BAY OAKS

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VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

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IX. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

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BORCAB Member Hill felt that merging BORCAB and CELCAB was worth a conversation. Chair Simpson supported discussing the pros and cons. BORCAB Member Butcher noted that the focus would be on constructing Bay Oaks for the next two years. BORCAB Member Hill commented that it would probably take a couple of years to complete the merge. She requested that the topic be added to the next agenda.

Chair Simpson felt the conversation about merging the two boards was pertinent now.

No items from other members.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

XI. FUTURE MEETING DATE – May 3, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: BORCAB Member Hill moved to adjourn the meeting: second by BORCAB Member Woodson.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Adopted May 3, 2022 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: 

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