

**Bayshore Gardens Park & Recreation District**  
**Board of Trustees Work Session**  
**Wednesday October 7, 2020 @ 7:00PM**

1. **Roll Call** - John Lindsay- Chairperson, Barbara Susdorf - Vice Chairperson, Terry Zimmerly, Morris Raymer, Melanie Woodruff, Barbara Greenberg, Daniel Rawlinson, and Lorna Pierce. Absent: Steve Watkins. Other Attendees - see Sign-In Sheet
2. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05. PM by John Lindsay.
3. Pledge of Allegiance conducted.
4. **Committee Status:**  
Acoustic Panels - M. Raymer reported the panels have been ordered. Should arrive in November. To be installed by staff for BGRC and/or board volunteers. Cost was \$5,200.  
Hall Blinds - M Raymer reported they have been ordered. Should be arriving any time, but there was no specific date, just soon. Will installed by staff for BGRC and/or board volunteers.

**DISCUSSION**

5. **Chairs** - The examples of chairs previously provided at the Trustee meeting in September were discussed. Several board members were not in favor of the white folding chair. The other examples were looked at and there was no consensus as to which one to choose. There was much discussion about staining, durability, cost and whether chairs even need to be purchased at this time. B. Greenberg discussed the need for clarification or tracking data of past renters, types of event, any reports of damage, and whether it was residents or non-residents renting the hall and that information should be collected before any decision on purchase of chairs should be made. J. Woodruff was asked from his past experience who booked the hall in the past. He said the majority of bookings were residents. The capacity was about 200 at that time. The alcove and screen room were not part of the hall at that time. There were some non-residential events that paid a higher rental fee. Several attending residents voiced opinions that purchase of the chairs were an unnecessary and unwarranted cost for the District at this time. It was finally agreed that the purchase of chairs should be tabled.
6. **Boat Lifts** - M. Raymer provided a quote from a boat lift vendor for the approximate cost of installation of a boat lift. Many Trustees and various residents took issue with allowing non-residents to install a lift in the marina. It was repeatedly pointed out that once a lift is installed, it becomes the property and responsibility of Bayshore Gardens Recreational District (BGRD), upon the expiration or vacated lease of the slip occupant. It was also pointed out that the Dock Master's right and/or authority to reassign boats to different slips becomes negated by allowing one person to occupy any slip continuously. After further discussion regarding insurance, responsibility for maintenance, fairness to residents and other issues, installation of Boat Lifts in the Marina has been deferred indefinitely.

**Boat Ramp Use by Non-Residents** - Discussion of selling fobs for a higher fee to non-residents for use of the boat ramp was held. A majority of the Trustees and attending residents did not see the benefit of this idea. Issues of how to insure who was using the ramp and how to enforce it were discussed. The only high traffic time ramp time seems to occur during holidays. After much discussion, it was decided the Ramp use should be for residents only. Selling fobs to non-residents for the boat ramp has been tabled for later consideration and discussion.

7. **County Hall Use** - The Florida Department of Transportation made a request to hold a meeting/or classes for their personnel in the Hall. Dates/Times for the meeting were provided for the Board's review. FDOT is only requesting one day. Trustees would like more detail what the meeting entails and whether residents and BOT could attend. M. Woodruff thought FDOT should be scheduled after the panels and acoustics are fixed. S. Denson brought up that anytime we can improve our relationship with either the County or State agencies, it can only help the District. J. Lindsay will ask Gia to get more information and provide that at the next Board of Trustee meeting so the Board can make a final decision.
8. **Small Boat Area** - Security issues - Theft in the small boat area of kayaks and damage to the fence has become an on-going issue. The area was originally to be purposed for small Hobie Cats and just a small section for kayaks. Charging people for storing boats only to have them stolen does not seem fair. A. Riga said the current racks were inappropriate for kayak storage. Five or so kayaks are being stored in the area at this time. There was suggestion of the addition of more observation cameras or better lighting but no one believed that it would be a deterrent to the theft of kayaks and vandalism of the area. M. Woodruff asked if anyone has been arrested after being caught stealing from the kayak area. It was suggested that residents that want to store their small boats or have issues with the small boat area need to come to the meetings. This matter needs to be potentially revisited by the Board at the next meeting.
9. **Screen Room Locking** - The screen room used to be left unlocked to allow residents to use it during the evening hours or to move a picnic out of the rain. It has recently been locked to prevent non-resident trespassers from sleeping or using the electricity on the screen room. It was suggested that more lighting at night might deter non-residents from using the area. OCSO can be called if there are non-residents camping in the screen room. Additional lighting would be a good deterrent and perhaps should added as a budget item or discussion at a BOT meeting. The replacement or repair of the screen room is on the budget for next year.
10. **Committee Reassignments** - Trustees discussed the need for a Long-Term Planning Committee. Currently there is only a Planning Committee to deal with current or short-term projects. There is currently some interest in whether BSG can acquire Mosquito Island and the legality of doing so. B. Greenburg suggested it could potentially be turned into a habitat for Monarch Butterflies. J. Lindsay said maybe it alternatively be set up as a bird sanctuary. If the District acquires it, it would be BSG property. B. Greenburg will look into it and report back to the board. The Policy and Procedure Committee chair will be changed to M. Woodruff. M. Woodruff brought up for discussion the difficulty in setting up Committee meetings timely and the advertising rules as required by the Sunshine laws. Discussion was brought up that maybe all committee meeting be held on the same night. Setting up future committee meetings and how they are calendared will be discussed later. B. Greenburg suggested that future meetings be advertised in the Banner. M. Woodruff suggested that a committee be formed to change the charter. There was more discussion on procedure issues surrounding setting committee meetings and how things take so long to be brought to the board. Anything that is not a "yes or no" item for the Board has to go back to committee
11. **Sprinkler Park** - B. Greenburg will be forwarding her presentation to Gia to disseminate to the Trustees regarding water usage, conservation and drainage. M. Woodruff asked about the issue of using County Water. B. Greenburg said that was permitted.

M. Raymer made a motion to Adjourn the meeting/seconded by M. Woodruff. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

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