

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING - To Discuss Bayshore Live Oak Park CHARLOTTE HARBOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Friday, February 25, 2011 – Noon**

Bayshore Live Oak Park – Fireplace Pavilion – Bayshore Rd, Charlotte Harbor, FL

*(These minutes are not official until they have been approved by the Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee.)*

#### **Members Present**

Michael Haymans, *Vice Chairman*  
Grace Amodeo, Secretary  
Nate Cooley  
Eddie Hale  
Charlotte Ventola  
Garland Wilson

#### **Staff Present**

Debrah Forester, Redevelopment Manager  
John Jackson, Community Services  
Elizabeth Spicer, Community Services  
David Milligan, Facilities

#### **Members Absent**

James Herston, *Chairman*

#### **Guests**

Deputy Miller, CCSO  
Dale Phillips, CCSO  
Gene Pawlowski, Team Punta Gorda

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#### **I. Call to Order**

Vice - Chairman Michael Haymans called the February 25, 2011 Special Meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee to order at 12:10 p.m. in the Bayshore Live Oak Park.

#### **II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

A Quorum was determined.

#### **III. Format of the Meeting**

Mr. Haymans noted the purpose of the meeting was to allow the Committee to get a hands-on experience of the amenities available at Bayshore Live Oak Park and gather input on additional considerations to improve the function of the park. The following items were discussed at the meeting:

#### **IV. Update on Bayshore Park Projects-**

- a. David Milligan gave an update on two projects currently underway:
  1. Shoreline Restoration – this project requires an ACOE permit and there is no timeline of an expected approval.
  2. Bathroom Facility – expected to begin this year. After completion the port-o-let will be removed.
  3. Interpretative Exhibits at the nodes are already established as part of the park but the funding for the exhibits is not available at this time
  4. Additional land for the park – although the long-term plan was to complete the acquisition of property near the fishing pier, there are no plans to continue that acquisition at this time.
  5. Purchase of land for additional parking near the park would be appropriate.

#### **V. Project List**

The Committee discussed the items identified on the “Power of Ten” for Bayshore Live Oak Park. The bench program, which was ranked as number one, was further discussed and the Committee agreed to have Elizabeth Spicer move forward on developing the program in more detail. David Milligan will provide input on the location of the benches in the park with the concept of developing

groupings of three to encourage conversation nodes. Elizabeth will provide the Committee an outline on the theme, the artist solicitation, timing, and selection process for their approval before she begins the project. The Committee agreed that the bench project was the most viable one to complete at this time. Elizabeth will also work on developing a “Friends of Bayshore Live Oak Park” to help fund and support these activities.

**VI. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design**

Dale Phillips and Deputy Miller provided input on the concept of natural surveillance and agreed that the more organized activities in the park the more people will feel comfortable in the park and want to enjoy the setting. John Jackson will post additional signage that will provide the “non-emergency” number to the Sheriff’s Office to report suspicious behavior. John Jackson will also investigate posting a larger sign that will announce that the park is reserved. The Committee discussed options for hiring an off-duty deputy to patrol the park on bicycle or foot. The Sheriff’s Office requires a minimum of 3 hours of off-duty at \$25 per hour. The consensus was to offer the option to private individuals who were renting the pavilions and the CRA would consider the option on a case by case basis.

**VII. Other Items**

Gene Pawlowski, Team Punta Gorda – Mr. Pawlowski will be the liaison between Team Punta Gorda and the Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee. Mr. Pawlowski has participated in a number of Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee meetings in the past and the Committee welcomed his further participation. Mr. Pawlowski commented on the conditions of the blustery day at the park – that Bayshore Live Oak Park was the “sunny and warmer side of the harbor” and something like that could be part of the marketing campaign. Mr. Pawlowski noted the bicycle brochure being developed will include both Punta Gorda and the Charlotte Harbor CRA.

**VIII. Adjournment** –The consensus of the Committee was to meet periodically at the park in order to keep informed on the current conditions. Mr. Haymans adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m. in part due to the weather conditions.

Note: Mr. and Mrs. Wooden, Bonnie Southwind, and Commissioner Deutsch arrived at 1:10 p.m. – stating that the newspaper had published the meeting start time as 1:30 p.m. which was an error.

Respectfully submitted,

Debrah Forester, Recorder

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_