Bay Crest Park Special Dependent Tax District

Minutes of February 10th, 2025

Regular Meeting

The Bay Crest Park Special District will conduct its 2025 regular monthly meetings at the Town N Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Drive, Tampa, Fl beginning at 7:00 pm. These regular, monthly meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month. All meetings are open to the public.

In attendance were the following trustees: Winston Starr (VP), Jann Poulos (Trustee), Jonathan Jordan (Secretary), Molly Finn-Johnson, and Joe Bonafine (Trustee). This comprised a quorum (5 of 7).

President Cope called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and read the January minutes. Vice-President Winston Starr made a **MOTION** to accept the January 2025 treasurer's report. Sec. Jordan seconded. The **MOTION** was approved unanimously (5-0)

VP Winston Starr read the Treasurer's Report that Treasurer Michelle Burnside prepared for February 2025. Vice-President Winston Starr made a **MOTION** to accept the March 2025 treasurer's report. Sec. Jordan seconded. The **MOTION** was approved unanimously (5-0).

New Business:

Landscaping

Landscaping report was presented by Molly Finn-Johnson : The report covered a meeting with Swanson to review landscaping expectations and field concerns, including trash issues at the Memorial Highway easement, wood creek easement, the boat ramp, and traffic islands along Baycrest Drive and Lopez Drive. Swanson's crew schedule was detailed (new Baycrest on Wednesdays, old Baycrest on Thursdays). Trash accumulation, especially at Memorial Highway, was discussed, with mention of resident and homeless contributions. Past efforts with Home Depot and potential future cooperation with local organizations or volunteer groups (e.g., Scouts, Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful) were considered. The possibility of installing trash cans and arranging for regular maintenance was discussed, with Swanson open to assisting. The transition of Swanson's business to his son over the next five years was also noted.

Shed Installation at Boat Ramp

Shed Installation proposal by Sec. Jordan : Two quotes for a four-by-four shed were reviewed (Tough Shed and Tampa Bay Shed, approximately $2,600–$2,800). An alternative suggestion was discussed to raise the existing weatherproof camera/equipment box on four-by-fours to protect electrical equipment from flooding, potentially eliminating the need for a new shed. The camera vendor confirmed that raising the box would be effective and is standard practice in local parks.

Artificial Turf Consideration For Islands

Fake grass landscaping proposed by Sec. Jordan: There was a proposal to install artificial turf at Baycrest, complemented with shrubs and palms, to enhance appearance and reduce maintenance and curb damage. The group discussed the feasibility, cost, and potential for combining turf with other landscaping elements, as well as the need for protective features (e.g., large rocks) to prevent vehicle damage. The idea was considered for Baycrest Drive but not for Lopez due to traffic concerns.

Email Regarding Referendum Signs

The allocation for referendum signs was discussed in response to an email request. It was clarified that the matter had been addressed and approved at a prior meeting, and no new decision or expenditure was made at this meeting.

Canal Dredging Update

The canal dredging project is proceeding, with a grant extension in place. The dredging at the boat ramp is complete, and the county is administering grant funds. An invoice for mobilization has been forwarded to the county, and the district expects to receive $50,000 in reimbursement. The process for forwarding invoices and providing documentation was reviewed. The use of flotation barriers to contain debris during dredging was explained, and the civic association will notify residents not to disturb these barriers. Equipment is moved on weekends to allow boat access, and the contractor is responsible for ensuring debris does not escape into the bay. The group discussed the challenges of obtaining quotes from other dredging companies and the logistical complexities of the project.

Vice President Winston Starr made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Trustee Jan Poulus Seconded. The **MOTION** was approved unanimously (5-0)

Jonathan Jordan _____ _____

Sec. Jordan Pres Cope