Baycrest Park Special Dependent Tax District

Minutes of July 13, 2026, Regular Meeting

The Bay Crest Park Special Dependent District will conduct its 2026 regular monthly meetings at the Town N' Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Dr. Tampa, FL beginning at 7:10pm. 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: Dan Cope (President), Michelle Burnside (Treasurer), Jonathan Jordan (Secretary), Joe Bonafide (Trustee), and Molly Finn Johnson (Trustee). This consisted of a quorum (5 of 7

President Cope called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, and Secretary Jordan read the June minutes. President Cope a MOTION to approve, Trustee Finn Johnson seconded. The MOTION was approved unanimously (5-0).

Treasurer Burnside read the Treasurer's Report for June 2026. The district started with $103,651.22 and ended with $104,525.00.

President Cope made a MOTION to accept the June 2026 treasurer's report, Trustee Finn Johnson seconded. The MOTION was approved unanimously (5-0).

The Bay Crest Special Tax District board meeting focused on resolving land maintenance liability, administrative reimbursements, and clarifying notification requirements following the successful tax cap referendum.

Land Maintenance & Liability

The board discussed a standardized maintenance agreement with Hillsborough County for the Memorial Avenue frontage road. While the district has historically maintained this land, legal ownership resides with the county.

• Insurance Concerns: Trustee Finn Johnson raised concerns regarding the independent contractor's (Swanson) liability limits. The county agreement requires $2 million in coverage, which may exceed the vendor's current policy.

• Decision: The board voted to delay signing the agreement. President Cope will contact Swanson to determine if they meet the insurance thresholds and if an increase in coverage will result in higher service costs.

• Enforcement: The agreement would grant the district authority to enforce "No Parking" rules on the grass, potentially allowing for immediate towing of abandoned trailers.

• The board decided not to replace a downed "No Parking" sign on Baycrest Drive unless parking issues arise.

Referendum Notification Requirements

A debate occurred regarding the legal necessity of a mass mailer and public hearing following the passed referendum to raise the tax cap to $500.

• Current Stance: The district is not raising the actual assessment above the previous $100 limit this year.

• Conflict: Some members believe the notification is only required when the assessment is actually increased, while others (citing Mary Mahoney from the county) suggest it should be done now to "clear the deck" for future boards.

• Next Step: Dan will seek final clarification from Ashley Conway at the county to determine if the notification is mandatory regardless of the current assessment rate.

"District Fund Allocation (Approximate)"

Dredging Fund | 70 | #007AFF

Operational Reserves | 25 | #34C759

Maintenance/Admin | 5 | #FF9500

*Sign removal and boat Ramp “Please close the Gate” sign repaired.

Someone drove over the “Do not park” sign on Bay Crest Drive that needs to be picked up and disposed of. We will keep the sign and make a decision at a later date to replace the black pole. We will ask to have it removed and also have the “Please close the Gate” sign fixed that has come off. Estimate charge $50.

Reimburse Michelle Burnside for purchasing a Universal 45W Chromebook Charger USB-C for $13.38. The original charger was lost during the hurricane.

Reimburse Dan Cope for purchase of Pocket Transcription to transcribe meeting minutes. $

Vice-President Starr made a MOTION to end the meeting at 7:24 pm. Trustee Poulis seconded. The MOTION was approved unanimously (5-0).

__Dan Cope_____ _Jonathan Jordan_____

President Cope Secretary Jordan