



## Minutes of The Bay Park Conservancy Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, July 14, 2025

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. via Zoom

Executive Committee members in attendance: Jennifer Compton (Chair), Rob Lane (Treasurer), Emily Walsh (Secretary).

BPC Board Members in Attendance: Charles Hines and Mark Pritchett

Management participants: A.G. Lafley (CEO)

Public Present: None

Ms. Compton called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Mr. Lafley reported on the State of the Park, BPC organization and culture, Phase 2 projects and other ongoing construction progress.

He shared that the park is delivering on all goals/targets through mid-year for guest attendance and satisfaction, financial performance, fundraising, programming and continuing to make progress with key stakeholders, beginning with the City of Sarasota.

The organization is strengthening staffing-wise, adding one Advancement manager in June, and about to add another Marketing manager in July. The culture of focusing on the park guest experience and collaborative teamwork is strong.

Phase 2 Canal District and Cultural District capital project improvements are well underway, on budget and on schedule. In addition, there are several ongoing current park improvement projects – Garden Club grounds, wood replacement on the Mangrove Bayou Bridge and Sunset Deck and the annual maintenance for Common Ground lawns and windowing of the mangroves.

Ms. Compton explained the RFP process for the first of three restaurants on the site. She shared that six restaurants were interested, four submitted and three were selected for interviews. The bayfront restaurant selection committee that reviewed the proposals included Ms. Compton, representing the Board, Mr. Lafley, Diana Shaheen and Adam Gelter.

Mr. Lafley recommended that the EC approve the bayfront restaurant selection committee's recommendation of Venice Pier Group for the first of three bayfront restaurants in the park. Ms. Compton made the motion, Mr. Lane seconded, approval was unanimous. Executive Committee/Ms. Compton will recommend to the full board approval of the selection at the July 15 Board meeting.

Ms. Compton shared that she and Mr. Lafley would nominate Marty Hylton and Teri Hansen as new board members at the Board meeting on July 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.