

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
Anchorage Advisory Committee
Town Hall
2525 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Light. Members present: Robert Beasley, Greg Holmes, William Kubicek III, Ted Lawwill, Katherine Light, Sam Lurie and Mike Ratliff.
Council Liaison: Anita Cereceda
Staff: Austin Gilchrist.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 15, 2017 and March 15, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Lurie moved to approve the February 15, 2017 minutes; second by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Correction: TOPS should be spelled TOPPS in the March 15, 2017 minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Lurie moved to approve the March 15, 2017 minutes as amended; second by Mr. Kubicek III.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. MOORING FIELD & STAFF REPORT - March, 2017

Chair Light questioned the status of adding the phone number and address of Matanzas Inn to the contract. Austin replied that the information was being added.

MOTION: Mr. Holmes moved to sell pump-out tickets at Matanzas in addition to Town Hall; second by Mr. Lawwill.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gilchrist reported that legal paperwork was delivered to Ball #1 and a judge will have to sign the order to evict. Ms. Rischitelli will follow up.

Chair Light reported that the mobi-mat at the water area was a success. She indicated that there were no lines on several balls in the east field. Mr. Gilchrist remarked that some of the lines had been pulled and they were being replaced.

Mr. Ratliff relayed questions from a boater: why do the balls have to be so large and why were the pennants so long? The boater suggested a five-foot pennant. Mr. Kubicek III stated that he was questioned regarding the length of the lines as well. Mr. Beasley was questioned about making the dinghy docks under the bridge and behind TOPPS larger. Mr. Ratliff questioned whether they could swing the floating portion around in front so one could step off the floating portion onto tier one and then on tier two to get up on land. Mr. Lawwill indicated that the lease line stopped where the pilings were and they were not allowed to build beyond them. Mr. Ratliff stated that if they could build out to the pilings they could install a ladder. He would like to explore what they could do to make it more convenient for people.

Mr. Kincaid displayed a shorter pennant line with a lighter ball. He explained that they would not want to put the Town's pennant on the boats due to chaffing. Discussion was held concerning the evolution of systems.

Mr. Lurie questioned a paint that advertised no barnacle formation. Mr. Kincaid replied that he could look into new products. Chair Light questioned paint rubbing off.

MOTION: Mr. Lawwill recommended trying the new balls on a one-at-a-time basis to replace old balls; second by Mr. Beasley.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kincaid addressed missing pennant lines in the east field. He recommended removing the systems during off-season. Chair Light requested a copy of the maintenance schedule. Mr. Kincaid will forward a copy.

VI. CAD

Chair Light reported that the day was perfect and all committee members attended. She stated that participation was similar to last year, but they sold more tickets this year. Proceeds from the raffle were \$433.00 compared to last year at \$403.00. Chair Light reviewed expenses. She questioned the location of the banner. Mr. Gilchrist stated that he dropped it off at Matanzas and he will look into what happened.

VII. AAC GOALS

Mr. Ratliff was not in favor of the Dockwa. He stated the current system worked fairly well.

Mr. Lawwill felt it would change the way they operate and be more of a problem than a help and he was not in favor of it.

Mr. Beasley was a little iffy with it.

Mr. Lurie was somewhat in favor of it but there were conflicts. He supported a discussion but not implementation at the present time.

Mr. Holmes was not in favor of it and thought it was too complicated.

Chair Light felt it was more for marinas and she could not see paying a company to make reservations.

MOTION: Chair Light recommended that the Town Manager and staff do not pursue Dockwa at the present time; second by Mr. Lurie.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gilchrist reported that the Management Plan had been sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for review and he expected to hear back within a couple of weeks.

Mr. Gilchrist would like to pursue improvements to the dinghy dock behind TOPPS. Mr. Lawwill questioned building out to the pilings or removing them. Mr. Gilchrist replied that he would look at the site.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

A boater stated that the Mooring Field had a particular problem with the strength of the tide. He suggested that the loop be at the top instead of the bottom so they do not wrap around. He indicated that he would run over an eight-foot line. He stated that the paint discussed above did not exist at this time. He indicated it was for boats with slick bottoms that constantly moved. He complimented Austin for his hard work.

Penny from Matanzas revealed that a cruiser's net was on channel 68 Wednesdays and Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

IX. COUNCIL LIAISON ITEMS & REPORT

Ms. Cereceda reported that they were in negotiations with a Town Manager from Marco Island. She questioned the summer meeting schedule. Mr. Gilchrist stated that he was told not to schedule any meetings until further notice from Council. Chair Light noted that she had to create a budget and discuss advertising. Ms. Cereceda indicated that they could discuss the budget and advertising in June.

X. MEMBER ITEMS & REPORTS

Mr. Lurie stated the Southwinds ad and index were correct in the April edition. Chair Light will create the budget and email it to Mr. Richard before the next meeting.

XI. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING - June 21, 2017

Remove CAD and add TOPPS dinghy dock.
Add Harbor Management Plan update.

XII. ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Lurie moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Ratliff.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Adopted 6/21/17 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: Katherine Light

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