

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

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Light. Members present: Robert Beasley, William Kubicek III, Ted Lawwill, Katherine Light, Sam Lurie and Mike Ratliff.

Excused: Greg Holmes

Staff: Austin Gilchrist

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

•Lloyd Heim from the Mooring Field appreciated the ladders on the dinghy dock and the new pennants. He indicated that one of the posts around the dinghy dock was filled with barnacles and he asked if they would cover it so inflatable dinghies could dock there.

•Don Hansen, Ball #13, complimented staff for the good job they do. The mooring balls were well maintained and the new pennants were a blessing. He commented that the dinghy dock was not large enough for the Mooring Field. He suggested that a dock be constructed next to Nervous Nellie's.

•Edith Kirkster from the Mooring Field commented that things went very well in the Mooring Field. She suggested that a waiting list be created when the field was full to make it more equitable.

•Kurt Taylor from the Mooring Field noted that more boats were at the dinghy dock lately and there was insufficient space. He indicated that boats came from outside the Mooring Field as well.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 17, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Lurie moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. Kubicek III.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT

Mr. Gilchrist noted that the Mooring Field was full. The dinghy dock at Topps was resecured and cleats will be added. Chair Light took pictures of the signs at the dinghy dock. Mr. Gilchrist noted that they were recently updated. She commented that there was not a lot of room for expansion and it was open to the public. Mr. Lurie suggested requiring longer tethers and he questioned having an overflow at Matanzas. Chelsea O'Riley, Public Works Manager, stated that they recently executed a supplemental task agreement with Coastal Engineering Consultants to assist staff with a West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND) application for additional funding for the dinghy dock. Mark Kincaid, Coastal Engineering, stated that the current dinghy dock needed

repair. He explained his proposed to move the gangway off the existing pier and rebuild the fixed timber access. A new concrete float would be added between the existing dinghy dock and the seawall, which would provide another place for the gangway and free up space on the dock. He commented that the area was restricted and he suggested looking at other locations for expansion. Mr. Lawwill noted that Matanzas Inn was willing to put in a dock as part of the contract for the Upland Service Proposal. Ms. O'Riley will follow up. Mr. Ratliff suggested moving forward with repairs to the existing dock and engage with Matanzas regarding options for their dock. He questioned how they should move forward. Ms. O'Riley remarked that the AAC could address the issue in their report to Council or staff could review the agreement. She suggested that staff do research before moving forward with contacting Matanzas.

MOTION: Mr. Beasley moved to accept the findings of Coastal Engineering and recommend those changes be made; second by Mr. Lawwill.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Ratliff moved to direct staff to explore the idea of expanding the dinghy dock; second by Mr. Lawwill.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gilchrist indicated that staff did explore options and he will present the report at the next meeting. Mr. Kincaid noted that he would look for a solution to the barnacles on the piles. He commented that the piles were owned by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and they needed permission to modify structures. Chair Light noted that Council passed the submerged land lease and the Harbor Management Plan.

Chair Light thanked Mr. Gilchrist for providing the comparison chart for occupancy. She noted that she located a copy of Public Works Maritime. Ms. O'Riley was working on locating the six-year Revenue and Expense Report. Chair Light requested an updated maintenance report. Mr. Kincaid will provide a copy.

Mr. Gilchrist noted that they were making sure that all the applications were filled out properly. Chair Light noted that IDs were required for the new contracts and Mr. Gilchrist signed the contract. She questioned what happened with people who checked in and out over the weekend without obtaining a signature. She addressed receiving a copy of the contract, which included rules and regulations from the Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Beasley suggested having staff discuss witnesses signing the contract with the Town Attorney.

VI. MAINTENANCE - discussed above.

VII. REPORT FOR TOWN COUNCIL FOR MARCH 19, 2018 MEETING

Chair Light wrote the report and Ms. O'Riley forwarded it to members. Ms. O'Riley suggested that duties and tasks be first on the report and additional items be listed under those. She stated that a boilerplate will be created for each advisory committee and individual committees were tasked with adding their specific duties. Chair Light will continue working on the report.

VIII. CAD

Chair Light questioned whether Mr. Beasley would contact businesses for raffle items. Mr. Beasley stated that he secured Key West tickets and he will contact other businesses. Mr. Lurie suggested that members email Chair Light after contacting businesses to avoid duplication. Mr. Gilchrist had tents and the date on the banner was being changed. He noted that the application to waive fees needed to be submitted as soon as possible. Mr. Lurie noted that the event was on private property and an application was not required. He stated that he checked with Patty last week and she did not request an application. Mr. Lurie and Mr. Gilchrist will review the requirements.

Mr. Lurie noted the menu will be similar to last year. He will take care of press releases. He suggested adding that the event was open to the public. He will confirm details with Tony at Matanzas. Chair Light indicated that they needed a change box with \$200.00.

MOTION: Mr. Lurie moved to give Anchorage patrons seven (7) tickets up to four (4) people per boat; second by Mr. Lawwill.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Lurie moved to give seven (7) tickets to members of Town Council, staff working the event, Mooring Field staff and Town Manager; second by Mr. Beasley.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Light reviewed who was responsible for contacting which businesses. She will forward the list to members.

IX. COUNCIL LIAISON ITEMS & REPORT - no items or reports.

X. MEMBERS ITEMS & REPORTS

Mr. Lurie questioned whether they could get an event notification in the front of Southwinds. Mr. Gilchrist will check. Mr. Lurie thanked Ms. O'Riley and Mr. Gilchrist for their good work.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

•Don Hansen stated that the staff at Matanzas was great as well as Mr. Gilchrist. He stated that the dock at Topps would be a great solution for the problem at the Mooring Field. He noted that requiring a 12-foot pennant would create more problems because people would have to climb over boats to access the dock. He questioned expanding the dock under the fishing bridge. He suggested ticketing dinghy boats that do not move from the dock.

Mr. Ratliff questioned how Mooring Field occupants would feel about placing a sticker on dinghy dock motors to delineate who was a general public user or Mooring Field user. Mr. Hansen nodded affirmatively. Mr. Lurie commented that they could not expand the Topps dock because they did not own the property. Chair Light noted that they could not expand under the fishing pier for the same reason.

•Sherri Lincoln suggested that they investigate a docking system called an Easy Launch for kayaks. She explained the parallel setup. She questioned how to access the ad in Cruiser's Net. She offered

to provide a raffle item for a paddleboard lesson in the event her permit gets signed in time for CAD. She suggested contacting a parasailing company.

•Mike Nickens thanked the AAC for all their efforts. He was encouraged by possibly reconfiguring the dinghy dock and he appreciated the new pennants and ladders. He noticed that the barnacles were scraped off the wall by the water hose. He suggested scraping the poles by the dinghy dock. He questioned whether they could put the 2 x 4 on the other docks instead of cleats. The women were doing a great job at Matanzas but he did not think the area would be feasible for a dock because it was very crowded. Mr. Gilchrist stated that he was unaware of the barnacle situation and he will take the proper route to address the issue.

•Philomena Roselli suggested a launch program to solve the long-term dinghy problem. Chair Light thought it was a great idea but staff and funds were limited. She questioned whether the water taxi was still operating.

XII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING - March 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Ratliff suggested looking into modifying the bottom lease to expand the dinghy dock and create a decal for Mooring Field occupants as long-term issues.

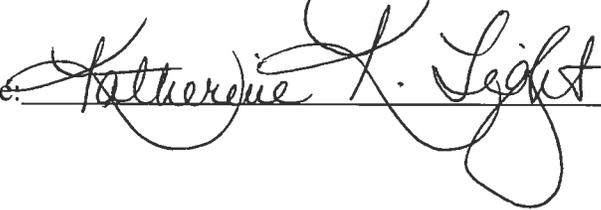
XIII. ADJOURN

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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

Vote: _____ Signature: 

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