

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

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

**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.  
Staff: Austin Gilchrist

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT** - no public comment.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - December 15, 2017

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**V. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT**

Discussion was held regarding numbers in the report. Mr. Gilchrist will meet with the Finance Department after the meeting. Mr. Gilchrist indicated the dinghy dock repairs were completed. He noted that options to expand the dock were discussed and they were approved for a rebuild with possible reimbursement from FEMA. He stated that the whole dinghy dock needed to be redesigned and rebuilt. He noted that the Mooring Field had been neglected and they were trying to catch up.

**MOTION:** Mr. Lawwill moved to recommend that a serious investigation of extending the dinghy dock be made and that a report comes from that investigation; second by Mr. Lurie.

**VOTE:** Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Gilchrist stated that he met with FEMA to inspect the systems. He stated that all had updated pennants. Mr. Lurie questioned when the color-coordinated reports would be available. Mr. Gilchrist replied that the report came from Coastal Engineering and he will forward the next one. Chair Light noted that she was pleased with the new eye and float.

Mr. Lurie stated that the link in Cruisersnet.net was not configured correctly. He noted that the meeting was not on the Town's calendar and he requested that CAD be entered on the calendar. Mr. Gilchrist will check on the link.

Mr. Ratliff questioned whether money was available to upgrade the dock at Topps. Mr. Gilchrist noted he was pushing for access to the channel. The channel was shallow and the mangroves were starting to block it. He was told that nothing could be done but he will continue to push for access.

He stated that the property was privately owned and the owner was deceased. He was attempting to locate the responsible party. Mr. Lurie offered to assist Mr. Gilchrist. Mr. Gilchrist indicated that damaged markers will be replaced as soon as the paperwork was completed.

## **VI. BALL #1**

Mr. Gilchrist indicated that he wanted to keep the ball open for transients. Mr. Lurie suggested that it be a staging ball for check-ins. Mr. Gilchrist did not want to lose money on the ball and Chair Light noted it that it was one of two balls with a bigger radius for big boats.

Mr. Gilchrist stated that he was working on changing several procedures regarding checking in. Mr. Ratliff questioned whether Matanzas had a swing radius with a map to identify the correct ball. Mr. Gilchrist will check with Matanzas.

Chair Light questioned whether Mr. Gilchrist received updates regarding derelict vessels. Mr. Gilchrist replied that ex-Ball #1 claimed his vessel was a residence and the Town could cite him for felony dumping but the boat would still be there. Mr. Lurie noted that a woman named Leslie reported that 15 of 17 derelict vessels had been cleaned up. Mr. Gilchrist noted that the Sheriff's department stated that ex-Ball #1 could move the boat himself, the Sheriff's department would assist him or he would be cited for felony dumping.

## **VII. ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Chair Light sent an email noting that sentences in the Harbormaster Appointment and Harbormaster Duties were switched. Mr. Lawwill indicated that there were conflicting definitions for harbormaster and there was no line of communication indicating who was in charge of what. Chair Light and Mr. Gilchrist noted that details were in the Harbor Management Plan. Consensus was reached to add references to the Harbor Management Plan whenever necessary.

Chair Light questioned the Council meeting regarding advisory committees. Mr. Gilchrist was unable to attend but he will follow up and email results.

## **VIII. CAD**

**MOTION:** Mr. Lurie moved to hold the 2018 Cruiser's Appreciation Day from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Matanzas on the Bay on Saturday, April 7, 2018; second by Mr. Lawwill.

**VOTE:** Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Lurie will coordinate details with Matanzas and handle press releases. One banner was located and the date will be changed. It was determined that there were plenty of key chains and tickets. Mr. Lurie will check about permitting. Chair Light will invite Council. Businesses were assigned to members to acquire raffle items.

## **IX. MAINTENANCE REPORT - see Mooring Field Report**

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Philomena indicated that the three women at Matanzas could not be held responsible for the check-in process when boaters did not call in. She stated that they did have a list of all available balls

with the corresponding size of boats. The dinghy dock was crowded, some boats had 20 foot dinghies and some were aluminum. She suggested that notification regarding the size of dinghies be posted. She noted that some people tied up at the painter line and left an inch or two instead of four to six feet, which created a dangerous situation. Mr. Ratliff suggested adding dinghy procedures to the contract or distribute a hand-out. Mr. Gilchrist stated that he was designing a new sign to be installed at the dinghy dock with a list of rules and regulations. Mr. Lurie questioned whether they could review the sign before it was finalized. Mr. Gilchrist will email a list of enforceable rules. Discussion was held regarding rules versus suggestions/ etiquette.

**XI. COUNCIL LIAISON ITEMS & REPORTS** - no items or reports.

**XII. MEMBERS ITEMS & REPORTS**

Mr. Lurie stated that the Mooring Field was on the front page of The New-Press on January 11, 2018. Their ad appeared in the December and January issues of Southwinds. Mr. Holmes indicated that he would not be able to attend the March meeting.

**XIII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING** - February 21, 2018

Remove Ball #1 and add dinghy dock.

**XIV. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Mr. Lurie moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Holmes.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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