

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

Wednesday, September 19, 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 and Sam Lurie.

Excused: Greg Holmes

Staff: Chelsey O'Riley, Austin Gilchrist

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 21, 2018

V. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT

Austin Gilchrist, Harbormaster, reported that all balls were cleaned and inspected, one system needed to be replaced and there was a fault in another. He indicated that pennant lines 1-50 were clean and should be on the hook. Some of the older pennant lines were scheduled to be replaced. He noted they were busy regulating the dinghy dock and performing routine maintenance. Mr. Gilchrist reported that he was working with the Lee County Sheriff's Department to correct gaps and errors in policies. Since the Town did not patrol the field on weekends, he indicated that they will provide a registration list to the Sheriff's Department on Fridays so they could verify registrations in the field on Saturdays.

Ms. O'Riley indicated that they received a grant from the Florida Boating Improvement Program to help fund improvements to the dinghy dock. Staff applied for a federal grant for assistance and the maintenance of the Mooring Field and they passed the first round. She noted that they contacted Matanzas regarding a point of sale system, which was recommended by the Town's finance department. They were in the process of working with Matanzas to implement a system. Mr. Lawwill reviewed the year-to-year usage and income in the Mooring Field over the years. He noted that the red tide did not seem to affect attendance. Ms. O'Riley stated that she will provide a year-end analysis of the numbers.

Mr. Lurie brought up a change to the website regarding parking permits for the Mooring Field.

VI. MAINTENANCE

Ms. O'Riley noted that staff was capable of maintaining the field with additional training to further their skills.

VII. MOORING FIELD WELCOME PACKET

Mr. Gilchrist provided a copy of the packet for review. Chair Light suggested reading the information for discussion at the next meeting.

VIII. DINGHY DOCK REGISTRATION

Mr. Gilchrist distributed information regarding a proposed permit to eliminate problems at the dinghy dock. Permit stickers would be free and correspond with registrations. He noted that public users would also be required to register at Matanzas. Chair Light questioned visitors who planned to stay for a couple of hours. Mr. Gilchrist compared them to vehicles paying to park in Town. Mr. Gilchrist stated that the safety factor was the main focus of the permit program. He reviewed the proposed signs at the dinghy dock. Ms. O'Riley indicated she would like them to review the information before meeting with Matanzas.

Ms. O'Riley noted that they were going to bid out an engineer for a dinghy dock design mid-season. She will keep them informed of the status and will email the designs.

IX. CRUISER'S APPRECIATION DAY

Mr. Lurie will meet with Matanzas to check the availability of March 30, 2019 or April 6, 2019.

X. COUNCIL LIAISON ITEMS & REPORT

Town Manager Hernstadt questioned alternatives to partnering with Matanzas in the future. Mr. Kubicek III noted that they recently sent out bids and Matanzas was determined to be the best provider. Mr. Beasley noted that not many companies responded to their request for proposals.

XI. MEMBERS ITEMS & REPORTS

Chair Light questioned FEMA funds from the hurricane. Ms. O'Riley replied that all FEMA reimbursement requests were submitted but the Mooring Field repairs were not covered.

Ms. O'Riley noted that advertising costs were included in the budget.

Ms. O'Riley indicated that she will email recommendations from a patron who visited the Mooring Field for their discussion.

Mr. Kubicek III questioned how people will get their groceries without Topps. Mr. Gilchrist suggested that they use the trolley system, ride a bike, or call Uber. Mr. Lurie noted that there were no accommodations for dinghies at Snook Bite.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Leon Moyer, noted that Snook Bite informed him that people could leave their dinghies there for a short time while shopping at Publix. Publix confirmed that statement with him. He stated that the AAC should have been allowed to provide input into the design for the new dinghy dock. He requested that the architectural diagrams be submitted publically. He suggested that they require more cleats and that the area around the bridge pylons be properly designed to prevent dinghies from banging against the barnacles. He discussed proving that people were in the Mooring Field legally. He did not think that the Mooring Field should be expanded.

XIII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING – October 17, 2018.

XIV. ADJOURN

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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

Vote: _____ Signature: _____

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