

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

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

**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 and Chelsea O'Riley.  
Council liaison: Council Member Hosafros

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Education Coordinator Penny Jarrett distributed a document and discussed it off microphone. Mr. Kubicek III brought up pollution in the back bay and he noted that a gentleman almost lost his legs to an infection after he scrapped his leg trying to get into his dinghy in the back bay. Mr. Ratliff questioned the current data regarding the quality of the water in the back bay. He questioned derelict boats being the major source of pollution.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 20, 2019**

Chair Light requested that minutes and attachments be sent electronically before each meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Lurie moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. Ratliff.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**V. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Gilchrist noted that a few balls were available. He stated that he was working with the Lee County Sheriff's Department to issue citations to people who were not operating legally. He met with the Coast Guard regarding cleaning up the water and to build communications between the County and the Town. He noted the top two violations were marine sanitation devices and anchoring where they were not allowed. He encouraged AAC members to review the website and provide feedback. He questioned whether they wanted to create a Facebook page.

Mr. Ratliff questioned the number of boats with improper sanitation devices. Mr. Gilchrist explained that he was creating a list categorizing each vessel and he will be able to extract numbers from that list. He described the different categories used by Florida statutes. Chair Light clarified that Mr. Gilchrist was addressing vessels outside the Mooring Field. Mr. Gilchrist stated that he turned information over to law enforcement for issues outside of their jurisdiction.

Discussion was held regarding the mooring system diagram.

Chair Light questioned whether the Excel document could be updated.

Utilities Manager O'Riley distributed the numbers from the last three years regarding taking the upland services in house. Finance Director Robert Lange discussed the figures. He concluded that if the Town were to take the upland services over, they would save money. Mr. Lawwill questioned why those figures were different from the ongoing figures. Director Lange replied that the numbers were an aggregate of three years. Mr. Lawwill stated that the numbers did not correlate with what he had. He suggested that they investigate the migration of data into the new system. Director Lange indicated that he would be glad to review Mr. Lawwill's figures. Mr. Lawwill recommended that they be given ongoing detailed figures. Director Lange replied that he will provide current data. Mr. Beasley questioned purchasing trailers and amenities for \$150,000. Manager O'Riley stated that two possible locations for the trailer and amenities were on Virginia Ave. and Gulf Beach Rd. Chair Light commented that they needed more information before they could make a decision. Discussion was held regarding the figures provided by Director Lange. Manager O'Riley reported that they were authorized to move forward with the bid package for the remodel of the dinghy dock under the bridge. She indicated that Council passed a resolution for staff to move forward with an application for a grant to improve Bayside Park.

Town Manager Hernstadt commented that the Westin Hotel offer to improve the dock was preliminary and he will keep them posted.

Manager O'Riley commented that the POS (Point of Sale) system at Matanzas was operational.

## **VI. MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Gilchrist reported that he was missing Buoy J but he is in the process of replacing it. He was working with the state to repair the hole at the fresh water outlet. The pump-out boat will be in the shop on Thursday to replace the trim motor. He commented that an outboard motor and a 200 lb. winch were removed under Ball 62 after a complaint of a keel catching on debris. Mr. Gilchrist indicated that inspections were scheduled for next month.

Mr. Lurie questioned an update regarding the designation for the Mooring Field. Chair Light noted that they would discuss it with Council at their joint meeting.

## **VII. MOORING FIELD WELCOME PACKET**

Chair Light suggested that additional comments be directed to Mr. Gilchrist.

## **VIII. CRUISER'S APPRECIATION DAY**

Mr. Gilchrist will purchase more tickets. Chair Light requested a list of items from members for raffle items so she could keep her list current. Mr. Lurie stated the press release will appear a week before the event. Chair Light sent out invitations. Mr. Gilchrist noted the banner was back and he will put it up next week. Chair Light will provide Mr. Gilchrist with a flyer for the bulletin board at the dinghy dock.

## **IX. MEMBER'S ITEMS & REPORTS**

Chair Light reminded members of the joint meeting with Council tomorrow.

Mr. Gilchrist invited members to go out in the field with him.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Don Hansen on Ball 12 stated that the water could not be too bad due to the wildlife in the area. He mentioned banning fertilizers. He noted that many cruisers left before the annual Cruiser's Appreciation Day.

**XI. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING – April 17, 2019**

Add inhouse upland service operations.

**XII. ADJOURN**

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: Katherine Sigler

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