

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

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

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

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 20, 2019

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 reported that they started inspections and removed pennant lines 70-50 to limit the damage. He described a system (Ball 20) that came off of the anchor head. He was not sure how it happened since nothing was missing. They will double check all systems and inspect more frequently. He noted that the sink holes were forming at the water station again and they will continue to fill them. He will contact the state.

Mr. Gilchrist stated that they inspected the field every three months in conjunction with Mark Kincaid. He indicated that staff was being trained to inspect the systems. He will forward the next inspection report to the committee.

Discussion was held regarding the Mooring Field Welcome Packet. Mr. Gilchrist will forward his draft to members for final comments.

Chair Light reviewed the finances from Cruiser's Appreciation Day. She noted that 24 boats with 47 people attended and they ended up with \$164.50, which was applied to costs incurred. She provided a three-year comparison of the event.

VI. IN-HOUSE UPLAND SERVICE PROVIDER

(Mr. Lawwill noted that they had not reviewed the data provided to them by Town staff at the joint meeting.) Council Member Hosafros stated that she was under the impression that the AAC already reviewed and endorsed the idea of an in-house provider. Chair Light replied negatively and noted

that they had not come to a consensus regarding expanding the Mooring Field either. Council Member Hosafros suggested that they view the video presentation by Mark Kincaid from the April 4, 2019 Council Meeting. Mr. Ratliff noted that the idea to expand the Mooring Field came from a previous Council Member, not the AAC, and he expressed concern regarding how the matter was handled. He preferred that they discuss the issue in a logical matter to determine whether it was viable. Chair Light agreed that they needed to investigate further.

MOTION: Mr. Lawwill moved to approve that Chair Light send an email and request for information to Council Member Hosafros to be brought before Council; second by Mr. Beasley.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding further investigation of both topics and avoiding future communication issues. Mr. Gilchrist will check with Mr. Kincaid concerning a presentation to the AAC.

VII. BUDGET

Chair Light reviewed the budget process.

MOTION: Mr. Beasley moved for Chair Light to draft the budget; second by Mr. Lawwill.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

VIII. MEMBER'S ITEMS AND REPORTS

Mr. Lurie questioned the status of the special anchorage designation. Mr. Gilchrist ^{reported} replied that Mr. Lawwill joined him in a meeting with the commanding officer at the Coast Guard station. They discussed creating a communication web between the Town and law enforcement entities to make sure everyone was operating in a safe and lawful manner. Mr. Gilchrist reported that Mr. Kincaid was working on the special designation on a federal level. Mr. Lurie questioned the status of a dinghy area at Bayside. Council Member Hosafros replied that Council approved a contract for a planner to look at the area and submit suggestions.

Chair Light appreciated having Council Member Hosafros attend their meetings.

Mr. Gilchrist reported that a boat from Belize was abandoned in the field and he questioned how they wanted to proceed. He was moving forward with a lien for back rent and he will contact the Town Attorney for further legal guidance.

Mr. Lawwill suggested that they needed more information regarding the cost benefit ratio of an upland provider. Chair Light agreed and requested that members write down their thoughts and questions regarding both topics. Mr. Gilchrist provided copies of Mr. Lawwill's comments to AAC members.

Mr. Beasley and Mr. Ratliff requested excused absences for the next meeting.

Chair Light requested an exact number of how many days the Mooring Field was full. Mr. Gilchrist will provide the information.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment

X. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING – May 15, 2019

XI. ADJOURN

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Adopted 5-15 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: Katherine Light

- End of document