

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

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Light. Members present: Robert Beasley, Katherine Light, Sam Lurie and Mike Ratliff.

Excused: Greg Holmes

Absent: William Kubicek III and Ted Lawwill

Staff: Austin Gilchrist and Public Works Manager O'Riley

Manager O'Riley encouraged members to send her an email if they were not able to attend a meeting.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Leon Moyer supported expanding the Mooring Field due to the noise and pollution.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 15, 2019

The September 18, 2019 minutes were not available.

In the May 15, 2019 minutes, delete the sentence in VII.: The AAC did not come to a conclusive decision but did make a motion.

Clarifications: AAC Members discussed personal and group concerns on the Mooring Field expansion and the upland service provider.

AAC did not come to a conclusion after a discussion but did agree to proceed with a recommendation to Town Council to proceed with design and permitting.

MOTION: AAC Member Lurie moved to approve the minutes as amended; second by AAC Member Beasley.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT

Mr. Gilchrist reported that all 50 lines were back in working order. They repaired channel marker #5 and the pump-out boat was running. An update regarding removing the international vessel was given. The Department of Homeland Security will send a specialist out to assist. He stated that it was time to complete a system overhaul and they would update systems within the next month. Manager O'Riley indicated that they were waiting for a grant to go through before

swapping out 10 systems. She provided options for an upland service provider: no change to current setup, acquire land and build a structure with required amenities and have an outside vendor run a concession or have staff run the facility. Manager O'Riley stated that the Matanzas contract would expire in December of 2020.

Manager O'Riley indicated that DRMP would have sketches available for review at their afternoon meeting on October 30, 2019. She encouraged members to provide input.

AAC Member Beasley supported building upland provider facilities at the bayfront. He did not support a facility on Virginia. AAC Member Lurie agreed regarding a Virginia facility.

VI. REORGANIZATION

MOTION: AAC Member Beasley nominated Katherine Light for Chair; second by Mr. Lurie.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Chair Light nominated Sam Lurie for Vice Chair; second by AAC Member Beasley.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

VII. DINGHY DOCK UPDATE

Mark Kincaid from Coastal Engineering stated that it would take at least 10 weeks to get the floats. He estimated that it would take a week or less to install the dock after fabrication. AAC Member Ratliff questioned whether the existing dinghy dock would remain in place. Mr. Kincaid replied that the configuration would remain the same except for the ramp, which would be redesigned and ADA compliant.

VIII. EXPANSION OF THE MOORING FIELD UPDATE

Chair Light mentioned updating the infrastructure before expansion. AAC Member Ratliff agreed that it would have to be done in chronological order. He questioned overlapping submerged land leases if they expanded the field. Mr. Kincaid thought they would be separate leases.

IX. UPLAND SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATE

Chair Light felt the options would be to stay with their current provider or build a new facility with staff running operations. Manager O'Riley brought up the number of grants available. AAC Member Ratliff suggested scheduling a workshop to discuss options after the October 30, 2019 meeting. Manager O'Riley will schedule a workshop if needed.

Mr. Kincaid discussed visions for the future, their current facilities, future clientele and what they wanted the Mooring Field to look like in five years. AAC Member Beasley agreed that the Town needed to own the land and facilities for the Mooring Field in the future.

AAC Member Lurie noted that the restaurant and hotel were higher priorities for Matanzas Inn than facilitating the Mooring Field.

Chair Light will attend the October 30, 2019 meeting.

X. BUDGET – nothing to discuss.

XI. ADVERTISING

Mr. Gilchrist submitted advertising for Southwinds and Cruiser's Net. Chair Light questioned whether the new design was incorporated. Mr. Gilchrist will verify.

XII. CRUISER'S APPRECIATION DAY

AAC Member Lurie reported that everything could be the same as last year, but Matanzas preferred April 18, 2019, which was after Easter. Discussion was held regarding the date.

MOTION: AAC Member Lurie moved that they host Cruiser's Appreciation Day on April 18, 2020, at Matanzas Inn per the usual as previous years; second by AAC Member Ratliff.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

AAC Member Lurie suggested that they promote the event to the public. Chair Light discussed marketing the event to other boat clubs in the area.

XIII. MEMBER'S ITEMS AND REPORTS

No items.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Leon Moyer discussed a Mooring Field and welcome center at Bowditch. He noted that a lot of facilities were already in place and they could build what was lacking. He indicated that former Commissioner Kiker expressed interest in building a floating dock at the location; however, the County did not show interest.

XV. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING – November 20, 2019

Delete Budget.

XVI. ADJOURN

MOTION: AAC Member Lurie moved to adjourn; second by AAC Member Ratliff.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Adopted 11-20-2019 with/without changes. Motion by Saw
(DATE)

Vote: 5-0 Signature: Katherine Light

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