

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

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Excused/Absent: William Kubicek III

Staff: Austin Gilchrist and Public Works Manager Chelsea O'Riley

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 18, 2019 ad October 16, 2019

MOTION: AAC Member Lurie moved to approve the minutes of both months; second by AAC Member Beasley.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT

Mr. Gilchrist reported that cleaning was scheduled for December 1, 2019. Thirty-two balls were available and 19 were on the hook on the other side of the bridge. He noted two vessels on the north side of the bridge were under investigation and a sunken boat was removed behind Snook Bight. He commented that boats had been abandoned and he suggested that AAC have a discussion regarding how to handle them. He informed members that four boats were delinquent in payment. He was still waiting to hear from officials concerning the abandoned international vessel and he indicated the Town Attorney was also involved.

Mr. Gilchrist revealed that they had to refund money due to unhappiness regarding services from Matanzas and there still was no ice machine. There was an instance of renting without a lease but they eventually collected the rent. He will copy suggestion cards and include them in next month's report along with a summary of refunds.

Mr. Gilchrist reported that the pump-out boat was operating but a pontoon on the service boat was taking on water and they were searching for a replacement. He indicated that they were looking for an inspection boat as well.

Chair Light noted that she was having trouble locating financial information on the excel sheet. AAC Member Lawwill replied that he and Manager O'Riley were working on the document.

VI. DINGHY DOCK UPDATE

Mark Kincaid from Coastal Engineering indicated that the floats were scheduled for delivery on December 15, 2019. He stated it would take approximately a week to complete the project. Mr. Kincaid remarked that the State revised speed limits throughout Southwest Florida. Mr. Gilchrist explained that the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) provided a list of criteria if the Town wanted to apply to change the signs.

VII. EXPANSION OF THE MOORING FIELD UPDATE

Mr. Kincaid reported that the DEP was reviewing the application before submitting it.

VIII. UPLAND SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATE

Chair Light stated that they would like to have a building considered at Bay Front Park. Liaison Hosafros commented that several committees were interested in utilizing the space. Mr. Kincaid suggested that AAC ask Council to direct staff to investigate all possibilities for a location. AAC Member Lurie questioned building a facility in the parking lot at the dinghy dock. Mr. Kincaid noted that the DEP (Department of Transportation) owned the lot. Mr. Kincaid mentioned Bowditch Park, Diversified and Bay Oaks as possible locations. AAC Member Lurie noted that the area behind Shipwrecked might be an option.

MOTION: AAC Member Beasley moved to ask Town Council to direct staff to look into possible locations to build an adequate facility for the Mooring Field with the ability to own and control the property; second by AAC Member Lawwill.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding making it clear that their first location choice was Bay Front Park. AAC Member Lurie commented that the Matanzas contract expired in 13 months and he suggested that they approach Matanzas regarding deficiencies. Mr. Gilchrist noted that issues were addressed as they came up.

IX. ADVERTISING

Advertising was on schedule and the new emblem would be included in December.

X. CRUISER'S APPRECIATION DAY – April 18, 2020

Chair Light will send information to CMCS and Marco Island. She noted it was later than usual and suggested they advertise heavily locally. Mr. Gilchrist suggested they invite local marinas, code enforcement and yacht clubs.

XI. MEMBER'S ITEMS AND REPORTS

Chair Light submitted comments at the recent branding workshop.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

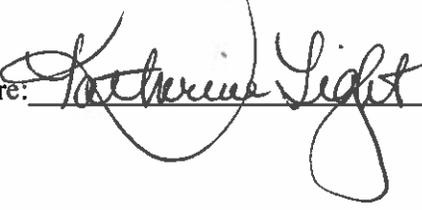
XIII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Remove Advertising.

XIV. ADJOURN

Chair Light adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Adopted 2-19-20 with/without changes. Motion by LIGHT
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature:  _____

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