

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Sam Lurie.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Bob Beasley, Douglas Eckmann, Ted Lawwill and Sam Lurie.
Excused: Greg Holmes, Katherine Light, and Mike Ratliff.
Staff: Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley and Harbormaster Austin Gilchrist.
Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no comment.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 19, 2021

MOTION: AAC Member Beasley moved to approve the minutes; second by AAC Member Eckmann.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VI. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT

Harbormaster Gilchrist reported that everything was running smoothly. He noted they were doing five to ten pump-outs per day, but pump-outs outside the field had slowed down. He stated he was working with several entities to regulate MSD pump-outs outside of the Mooring Field. He indicated two divers were being trained in open water and advanced. New buoys were ordered for the field and the shape should cut down on growth and be easier to maintain.

Harbormaster Gilchrist reported that two new staff members were hired to focus on customer service in the maritime division. Director O'Riley stated the new contract with Matanzas allowed them to lease amenities monthly. She noted the town was taking over the administrative side effective October 1, 2021. She added that they had three months of dockage at Matanzas for the pump-out boat and Harbormaster Gilchrist was investigating dockage space at other locations. Director O'Riley indicated that the administrative office would be staffed seven days from 7:00 a.m. to noon. New employees Patrick Zamorano and Matthew Ball introduced themselves. Harbormaster Gilchrist stated that the VHF radio would be set up in the office.

VII. EXPANSION OF THE MOORING FIELD UPDATE

Director O’Riley noted they would receive a grant from the Florida Boating Improvement Program for construction of the expansion and expected formal notification soon.

VIII. UPLAND SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATE

Properties were being reviewed and Director O’Riley will speak with Mark Kincaid at Coastal Engineering in the next week or two. Vice Chair Lurie will check the status of the Pink Shell property and get back to Director O’Riley.

IX. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW/COMMUNICATION PLAN

Director O’Riley will set up a round table discussion for the next meeting.

X. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

Vice Chair Lurie welcomed Patrick and Matthew.
No items from other members.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA - October 20, 2021

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: AAC Member Eckmann moved to adjourn the meeting; second by AAC Member Beasley.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Adopted Oct 21-2021 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: 5-0 Signature: Katherine Right

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