

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MYERS BEACH**  
**Anchorage Advisory Committee**  
2731 Oak Street  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Monday, September 16, 2024

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lurie. (No audio.)

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Jim Hockett, Chris Riedel King, Ted Lawwill, Sam Lurie and Ed Schoonover.

Excused: John Wesley Nash

Staff: Harbormaster Curtis Ludwig

Council Liaison: Jim Atterholt

**MOTION:** AAC Member King moved to allow AAC Member Nash to call in during Member's Items, seconded by AAC Member Lawwill.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Town Council Member John King commented that the AAC needed to vote to allow AAC Member Nash to call in during Member's Items.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 26, 2024**

**MOTION:** AAC Member King moved to approve the minutes, seconded by AAC Member Hockett.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. STAFF REPORT AND UPDATES**

Harbormaster Ludwig reported that the state removed the fishing pier underneath the bridge. The dinghy dock bids were closed last week and the best bid will be chosen and sent to the town council for approval. He indicated that Coastal Engineering would assist the team with maintaining the systems. Harbormaster Ludwig met with the Coast Guard regarding the buoys in the channel and suggested they take a boat ride to assess the situation accurately. He has not heard back yet. The next FEMA project was removing debris in the Mooring Field and canals.

Environmental Projects Manager Chadd Chustz discussed the status of the canal dredging analysis project and funding strategies. He confirmed that the beach renourishment project should be completed by the end of the year. He will forward historical information regarding the canal maintenance project to AAC members.

Harbormaster Ludwig displayed an informational sheet from the FMB Chamber of Commerce for the Mooring Field boaters. The QR code could be added to the website and he will work on making the document smaller. Chair Lurie described bouy keychains to add in goody bags for boaters and noted they used to give them out for Cruiser's Appreciation Day. Discussion was held regarding working with the Chamber of Commerce to modify their informational sheet.

Harbormaster Ludwig reported they were helping Salty Sam's by pumping out their pirate ship and dolphin tour boat and an agreement will be presented to the town council. After reviewing charges for the Mooring Field, it was decided the daily rate would increase by \$5.00. He noted that a \$50.00 cancellation fee would be added to the fee schedule.

Harbormaster Ludwig revealed that two people resigned and the listing was posted. He will take the pontoon boat in this week and the pump-out boat is working well.

Chair Lurie stated there was an obstruction near ball 44 and Harbormaster Ludwig would follow up. He requested the color-coded chart for the maintenance reports and Harbormaster Ludwig will share it after updating. Chair Lurie offered to draft an email to rental boat companies and marinas to remind boaters to slow down in no-wake zones.

## VII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

AAC Member Schoonover thanked Harbormaster Ludwig and Projects Manager Chustz for following up on questions.

AAC Member King suggested adding Cruiser's Appreciation Day to the agenda.

Chair Lurie noted there were only a couple of days left to reapply to the AAC.

AAC Member Hockett will be traveling on October 28, 2024 and will not attend the meeting.

No items from other members.

## VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

## IX. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA – October 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Add Cruiser's Appreciation Day, Reorganization of Election of Officers and discussion of future meeting dates.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** AAC Member Schoonover moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by AAC Member Hockett.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Adopted 11-25-24 with/without changes. Motion by SCHOONOVER  
(DATE)

Vote: UNANIMOUS Signature: [Signature]

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