

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
Anchorage Advisory Committee
Town Hall Council Chambers
2731 Oak Street
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Monday, March 24, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair King.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Chris Riedel King, Ted Lawwill, Sam Lurie, John Wesley Nash and Jennifer Rusk.

Absent: Ron Fleming (new member)

Excused: Ed Schoonover

Staff Liaison: Harbormaster Curtis Ludwig

Council Liaison: Jim Atterholt

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 24, 2025, and Joint AAC/MERTF Meeting February 21, 2025

MOTION: AAC Member Lawwill moved to approve the February 21 minutes, seconded by AAC Member Lurie.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: AAC Member Lawwill moved to approve the February 24 minutes, seconded by AAC Member Lurie.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CRUISER APPRECIATION DAY

Chair King sent an update to members regarding a conversation with the town attorney and council. They had approval to move forward with a drawing instead of a raffle since they were affiliated with the town. They were allowed to ask for donations and ask businesses for monetary support. The council approved funding of about \$2,000.00 if the AAC did not receive enough support from the community. Beach Talk Radio donated \$500.00 and offered to provide services on the day of the event. Chair King mentioned that a subcommittee could be formed and meetings had to be held in chambers.

Harbormaster Ludwig stated that the fire department's portion of the permit included a fee. AAC Member Lurie noted that everything on the permit was completed except for the final approval from the LCEC (Lee County Electric Cooperative).

AAC Member Rusk said that additional nonprofits were interested in participating and suggested they keep the number at ten pop-ups. AAC Member Lurie estimated 150-200 people would attend the event. Tables and chairs would be provided to set up under the tent. Members decided to take up Ed Ryan's offer to provide a sound system and play music. A discussion was held regarding supplies needed and Harbormaster Ludwig noted he ordered the key chains. AAC Member Lurie distributed a list of restaurants to contact and described how the process worked in the past. Discussion was held concerning changes for the event, who to contact to underwrite the cost of the meals, sponsorships, who received free meals, drafting communications for various groups and day passes. AAC Member Lurie and Harbormaster Ludwig will contact Snug Harbor and Wahoo Willies.

Subcommittee dates are April 2 at 10:00 a.m., April 10 at 1:00 p.m. and April 16 at 9:00 a.m. Chair King will attend the April 21 town council meeting. *- 17 November*

VII. STAFF REPORT AND UPDATES

Harbormaster Ludwig referred to his color-coded debris report and noted they were on canal 21 and would jump to canal 28 next. The project was expected to end on April 30, 2025, but he would request another extension if debris remained. He hoped to get a construction timeline for the dinghy dock by the end of the week. The Mooring Field had almost 75 boats in the field over the weekend. A discussion was held regarding the current owner of the partially submerged vessel. Harbormaster Ludwig said he would contact Lee County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) for an update. He indicated they were in the process of replacing the enforcement skiff and pontoon boat with an operational boat.

Finance Director Joe Onzick utilized PowerPoint for his presentation. Slides included the Mooring Field 2025 Budget, 2025 YTD Actual, 2020-2024 Actual and Mooring Field 2025 Budget versus Actual by Category.

Harbormaster Ludwig described the pump-out process and noted that the boating community kept an eye out regarding illegal discharges. He was not allowed to require dye in tanks and stated there were no issues.

VIII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS – no items.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

X. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA – April 28, 2025 – add recap event

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: AAC Member Lurie moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by AAC Member Lawwil.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Adopted 4/28/25 with/without changes. Motion by Sam Lurie
(DATE)

Vote: unanimous Signature: Chris Reed King

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