

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MYERS BEACH**  
**Anchorage Advisory Committee**  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
2731 Oak Street  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Monday, April 28, 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: Ron Fleming, Chris Riedel King, Sam Lurie, John Wesley Nash, Jennifer Rusk and Ed Schoonover.

Excused: Ted Lawwill.

Staff Liaison: Harbormaster Curtis Ludwig

Council Liaison: Jim Atterholt

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 24, 2025**

The meeting started at 9:00 a.m., the permit was received from LCSO, not LCEC and Chair King would attend the council meeting on the 21st if needed.

**MOTION:** AAC Member Lurie moved to approve the amended minutes, seconded by AAC Member Fleming.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. CRUISER APPRECIATION DAY – Debrief**

Chair King was impressed by AAC members and individually thanked them. Chair King sent an email to members recapping the event. AAC Members thanked each other and agreed the event was a success.

**MOTION:** AAC Member Lurie moved to authorize submitting an invoice for \$2,000.00 to the town (after confirmation) to pay Snug Harbor for meals, seconded by AAC Member Nash.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

Harbormaster Ludwig will provide a breakdown of costs at the next meeting. AAC Member Nash suggested that AAC order official name tags for members. Chair King indicated she would talk to the Woman's Club about their interchangeable name tags. AAC Member Nash suggested that they hold the event earlier in the season next year. Members agreed and discussed an earlier start.

Harbormaster Ludwig will contact Cruisers.net about submitting content from the event. The recording skipped and started with Chair King discussing promoting the Mooring Field. She noted that she sent a lot of photos to Harbormaster Ludwig and Communications Coordinator Nicole Berzin.

AAC Member Rusk thanked Emergency Services & Compliance Director Thomas Yozzo for directing the nonprofits to their parking spots. Director Yozzo stated it was a great turnout and everyone did a great job.

Chair King asked to be the contact to funnel information to Coordinator Berzin and Harbormaster Ludwig. She suggested having a sign to welcome people at the dinghy dock next year. AAC Member Fleming suggested having signs to direct where nonprofits were supposed to park. Chair King stated that she will add a page to her notes regarding lessons learned and thoughts for next time so that they can build on the event.

## **VII. STAFF REPORT AND UPDATES**

Harbormaster Ludwig noted he was still advertising for a third marine operator. The debris removal contract will expire on May 30, 2025, and they will discuss whether they will proceed. There was still debris in the canals, but the remainder of the large debris would be removed before the end of the month. He discussed the limits of the sonar for items in the mud and lying flat on the bottom. Vice Mayor Atterholt suggested they submit pictures and data of the debris removed to social media and encourage the media to attend the last day of debris removal. Harbormaster Ludwig stated that the navigational channel was clear of debris and the depth restored. There was no hazard to navigation.

A discussion was held regarding liability issues in the Mooring Field. Harbormaster Ludwig indicated they were waiting for the materials to arrive for the dinghy dock. He anticipated it would be installed by the end of the summer. AAC Member Fleming had to leave the meeting.

Harbormaster Ludwig said they received a tool trailer located at the north tower, they will be sharing a new F150 with the code department and the mooring systems were starting to be cleaned. There was still no word on the six balls. He revealed they could now use Salty Sam's system to offload their pump-out boat. He has no update regarding the sunken boat at ball 48, but noted it was going through the process. Harbormaster Ludwig informed members that Director Yozzo was his new boss. He was waiting for the boat builder to put the boat on the GSA website per Director Onzick. Once it gets updated, they could move forward. The boat ramp at the end of Coconut would be repaved soon.

## **VIII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

AAC Member Rusk thanked everyone for the wonderful event.

AAC Member Lurie acknowledged Harbormaster Ludwig for his upcoming first anniversary with the town. He thanked him and listed his attributes. AAC Member Nash added that it was a pleasure to work with him.

AAC Member Schoonover noticed that MERTF (Marine & Environmental Task Force) will recommend to the council that canals be dredged. He encouraged everyone to watch the meeting and felt the AAC should be involved. A discussion was held regarding the town council being responsible for dredging canals before Ian. A plan was in place for the Buccanear Lagoon, but Ian wiped out the plan and money was refunded to property owners. A discussion was held regarding determining private and public canals and who was renting their house on the canals.

Harbormaster Ludwig will provide the monthly revenue reports at the next meeting.

Chair King reviewed best practices from the Sunshine training and discussions ensued. AAC Member Rusk left the meeting early. Chair King volunteered to report to the town council on May 5, 2025.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT** – no public comment.

**X. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA** – TBD

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Adopted 5/27/25 with/without changes. Motion by Sam Lurie  
(DATE)

Vote: unanimous Signature: Chris Needel KG

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