

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

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Light.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Rob Beasley, Greg Holmes, Ted Lawwill, Katherine Light, Sam Lurie and Mike Ratliff.

Excused: Douglas Eckmann

Staff: Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley and Harbormaster Austin Gilchrist.

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 21, 2020

MOTION: AAC Member Lurie moved to approve the minutes; second by AAC Member Holmes.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VI. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT

Harbormaster Gilchrist reported that the field was filling up and five to ten pump-outs were being done every three days. He noted that requests from out of the field had increased. New systems were almost complete in the front field and old balls would be replaced as needed.

VII. EXPANSION OF THE MOORING FIELD UPDATE

Director O'Riley stated that Hans Wilson was in favor of the expansion and a letter to the Town and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was pending. She indicated that funding to expand the field was not allocated.

VIII. UPLAND SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATE

Director O'Riley indicated that they were transitioning from ShopKeep to avoid paying for two points of sales systems. They were working on Dockwa to accept cash payments. Matanzas will

provide updates regarding the new rates to patrons of the Mooring Field. The Finance Department will take over issuing security deposit refunds.

Director O'Riley reviewed financial information regarding purchasing the two units at Harbor House. Discussion followed regarding Harbor House versus Matanzas.

MOTION: AAC Member Lawwill moved to recommend to Council that they accept the Harbor House proposal pending review of the condominium documents; second by AAC Member Lurie.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IX. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW/COMMUNICATION PLAN

Director O'Riley commented that status reports would be distributed at future meetings. Chair Light reviewed the strategic plan. Director O'Riley noted that she and Harbormaster Gilchrist met with Matanzas every month. Harbormaster Gilchrist described the new online pump-out procedure. Director O'Riley stated that the Town's website was under construction.

X. FEE RATE COMPARISON

Chair Light reviewed inaccuracies in the comparison information. AAC Member Lawwill questioned whether raising rates would affect the number of people who visited the Mooring Field. AAC Member Holmes suggested they wait until Council made a decision concerning the upland services provider. He felt they should look at charging different fees between the east and left fields. Chair Light agreed with waiting for Council.

XI. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

AAC Member Ratliff questioned how long it would take to complete construction of the Harbor House. Director O'Riley replied that it was difficult to predict. AAC Member Ratliff questioned the status of the dinghy dock expansion. Director O'Riley replied that they had to close out the expansion permit before applying for the dinghy dock.

No items from other members.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Director O'Riley indicated that due to the coronavirus surge, they could meet via Zoom. Liaison Hosafros questioned whether they needed to meet in December. AAC Members agreed to participate via Zoom.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Adopted 12-16-20 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: 6-0 Signature: Katherine Light

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