

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

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Light.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley (via phone) and Harbormaster Austin Gilchrist.

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 16, 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 stated that the field was starting to fill up and he relocated a couple of unoccupied vessels. He noted that online pump-out services were working well and they were addressing minor issues. The systems were due for inspection and cleaning next week. New systems would be installed and extensions updated. There were a couple of issues with the seawall and they were waiting on a response from the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Director O'Riley stated that they implemented the tax on Dockwa. She noted they were pursuing a delinquent vessel with the Town Attorney.

AAC Member Lawwill questioned when they would receive the usage and income statements. Liaison Hosafros stated she would contact the Finance Director. Director O'Riley suggested that AAC Member Lawwill send her an email with his request. Chair Light questioned receiving the fiscal year-end report. Director O'Riley suggested that Chair Light send her an email with her request.

VII. EXPANSION OF THE MOORING FIELD UPDATE

Chair Light noted they were waiting for the DEP permit. Director O'Riley clarified the steps to implement the expanded field. The Harbor Management Plan had to be approved by Town Council via resolution, which was scheduled for February 1, 2021. She hoped that Council would also support a resolution to apply for the Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) grant to expand the Mooring Field. She stated that the DEP wanted to approve the updated Harbor Management Plan and the permit simultaneously. They needed the grant application, and it closes on April 6, 2021, so the timing was of the essence. She indicated that once DEP issued the expansion permit, they closed the file. Then they would apply for the Bayside Park dock permit and potential finger pier. She added that the \$150,000.00 grant was a 50% match and the Town would have to come up with \$75,000.00 next fiscal year.

Chair Light commented on the changes made to the Harbor Management Plan.

MOTION: AAC Member Holmes moved to approve the Harbor Management Plan with the changes; second by AAC Member Eckmann.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Director O'Riley stated that they were working with Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) on an application to put signage up. She described the difference between the FBIP grant and the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIGP).

VIII. UPLAND SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATE

Town Council was scheduled to discuss details tomorrow. Liaison Hosafros commented that the Town Attorney reviewed the condominium documents and expressed reservations. Director O'Riley added that the Town Attorney would draft an opinion on specific items to help Council prepare for discussion. Liaison Hosafros addressed a parking concern.

IX. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW/COMMUNICATION PLAN

On hold.

X. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

Chair Light stated that she submitted a report to Town Council for tomorrow's joint meeting with Committee Chairs.

AAC Member Lurie clarified a marker placement in the diagram on page 3 of the Harbor Management Plan.

No items from other members.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director O'Riley stated that the Sheriff's Department did a great job removing derelict vessels.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA - Wednesday, February 17, 2021

No changes.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Adopted 2/17/21 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: 6-0 Signature: Katherine Light

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