

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

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Light.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Douglas Eckmann, Ted Lawwill, Katherine Light and Sam Lurie.

Excused: Bob Beasley and Mike Ratliff.

Absent: Greg Holmes

Staff: Public Works Director Chelsea O’Riley and Interim Public Works Director Jason Freeman (both left early for other meetings).

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Larry Abramoff, Tropical Shores resident, questioned whether the AAC had an update regarding the upland facility location.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 16, 2022**

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Light thanked Director O’Riley for her hard work on behalf of the AAC and the town. Director O’Riley stated that her last day was May 4, 2022. She reviewed Jason Freeman’s experience. Jason introduced himself and looked forward to working with the AAC.

**VI. STAFF REPORT**

Director O’Riley reported that the pilings and signage for the expansion were going in today. She noted that Harbormaster Gilchrist provided a written staff report.

Chair Light reported that the Mooring Field was 100% occupied with 30 vessels on the waitlist. Staff met with citizens to discuss the property behind Town Hall. The seagrass area was surveyed for replacement signs. Systems 1-45 were inspected and cleaned. Chair Light will request a graph

of where the systems were located. A new pick-up truck was purchased and staff assisted with multiple vessel and boater issues.

## **VII. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW**

The plan was updated and will be emailed.

## **VIII. CRUISERS' APPRECIATION DAY**

Chair Light distributed a financial comparison from previous years. Thirty-two boats attended and the raffle raised \$360.00. Chair Light noted that the AAC should have paid for 73 meals, but Director O'Riley indicated that they paid for 100. Chair Light will follow up regarding the discrepancy and other issues. AAC Member Lurie stated that the vendor ran out of food very early. Chair Light described the lax ticket tracking with the food truck and suggested the AAC should be refunded for at least 40 meals.

Chair Light sent a letter to The Observer with a list of raffle contributors and she sent personal thank you notes. She felt that it was a successful event; however, three hours was long enough.

## **IX. HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW**

Chair Light noted that new items were added to the red and blue formatted copy. She stated that the staff needed to go back to the numbering and lettering system from the original plan. She brought up consistency issues regarding using the word "the" throughout the document and cleaning up punctuation issues once the language was in place.

Chair Light reviewed changes in the Appendices. She will check with the finance department regarding preparing and submitting bank deposits. Discussion was held concerning requiring pump-outs every three days, language addressing wet-storage vessel contracts and new language stating that no markers or dingies shall be left as a placeholder. Chair Light noted that placeholders should be allowed for day trips. She encouraged AAC members to review the formatted document.

## **X. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Chair Light will not be available for the May meeting.

AAC Member Lurie indicated that the town did not apply for the grant to build a facility on the new property at Tropical Shores. He was thrilled with the contents of the welcome package for Cruiser's Appreciation Day.

Chair Light updated AAC Members concerning her report at the Town Council meeting.

No items from other members.

## **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Helen Gray, Ball 23, commented that Cruiser's Appreciation Day was great this year. She stated that squatters took her ball twice during a day trip over the last year and a half. She indicated that she used a milk jug as a placeholder now. She commented that requiring a pump-out three times a week was not feasible with the current schedule.

Larry Abramoff questioned line items in the financial report and wondered whether it would be audited. He asked why the town allowed wet storage.

**XII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA – June 15, 2022**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Adopted 6-15-22 with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: 4-0 Signature: Katherine Light

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