

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

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Light. Members present: Greg Holmes, Ted Lawwill, Katherine Light, Sam Lurie and Mike Ratliff.

Excused (?): Robert Beasley

Absent: William Kubicek

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

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Goebel stated that oil was leaking out of boats and there were boats that had been tipped over for years. He questioned what could be done to remove them. He stated that his boat was 50 feet and would not fit on a ball in the Mooring Field. He questioned whether code enforcement could monitor the dinghy dock.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 15, 2020

Director O'Riley was recreating the minutes from the meeting.

V. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT

Mr. Gilchrist noted that the banner was being updated for Cruiser's Day. The pump-out boat was very active. The field was almost full and there were approximately nine delinquent accounts. The signs required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) were installed. Mr. Gilchrist noted there had been complaints regarding loitering at the dinghy dock and fishing pier. He stated law enforcement was notified and they would patrol the area. He indicated that Snook Bight did not mind people using their dock to shop at Publix. He reported that a PVC pipe would be installed on the dinghy dock to prevent boats from rubbing against it and the fishing pier was being addressed as well. He commented that pump-outs in the front field had ceased since the beginning of the year and he will contact the Coast Guard regarding future actions. Mr. Gilchrist reported that lost channel markers would be replaced. He stated that the Mooring Field could accept vessels over 48 feet as long as the swing radius was sufficient. He noted that expanding the Mooring Field to the other side would allow for a 120-foot swing radius.

Chair Light stated that the process for removing derelict vessels was time-consuming and expensive. Mr. Gilchrist remarked that they were going to do another sweep of vessels soon. AAC

Member Lawwill clarified that the tackles on the balls were sufficient to support larger boats. AAC Member Ratliff questioned whether a schematic for 50-foot boats was available at Matanzas. Mr. Gilchrist replied affirmatively. AAC Member Lurie commented that the Coast Guard would respond to oil leaks. Mr. Gilchrist noted that they experienced a diesel fuel sheen lately but it dissipated with the sun. He encouraged boaters to call him with reports of any leaks.

Director O'Riley reported that they discussed delinquent fees and security deposits with Matanzas Inn. She indicated that six-month contracts would be allowed if paid in full. She stated that the welcome packets were redesigned for consistency. Town Council approved the WCIND grant application and a grant application to provide a dinghy dock at Bayside Park. She discussed providing internet access as a pilot project. Discussion ensued and the majority decided not to pursue the project at present.

AAC Member Lawwill suggested that insurance requirements be added to the check-in system. Director O'Riley agreed and questioned whether anyone reviewed the links concerning online signup registration systems. AAC Member Holmes agreed they should research different systems. Chair Light suggested that people be handed a signed contract after registration. Director O'Riley explained the current process that sent the contract to the registrant days later. Liaison Hosafros suggested adding a disclaimer to the contract that it was not valid without a signature from a Town representative. Director O'Riley will investigate options.

Director O'Riley revealed that she was prohibited from sharing financial information with committees in the future. She indicated that she would request them monthly from the Finance Department. AAC Member Lawwill commented that it was an insult to the committee and they needed accurate expense data to do their job. Chair Light added that they needed financial information to oversee the Mooring Field as mandated by the State. Liaison Hosafros pointed out that Director O'Riley was no longer allowed to provide data, but the finance director might. Chair Light will meet with Director O'Riley after the meeting. AAC Member Lawwill remarked that he expected Finance to provide the information they previously received for years. Director O'Riley stated she would pass along any information she received.

VI. EXPANSION OF THE MOORING FIELD UPDATE

Director O'Riley reported that the survey would occur sometime after April.

VII. UPLAND SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATE

Director O'Riley stated that they identified potential sites for an upland service provider. AAC Member Ratliff questioned whether an upland service building was considered for Bayside Park. Liaison Hosafros reported that it was not addressed in the plan but there was still time to bring it up. She encouraged the AAC to contact Council Members.

Director O'Riley discussed outstanding balances.

VIII. CRUISER'S APPRECIATION DAY – April 18, 2020

AAC Member Lurie remarked that the menu and prices would remain the same as last year.

MOTION: AAC Member Lurie moved to provide all patrons, up to four people per boat, \$7.00 plus Council and staff who worked the event as was done in the past; second by AAC Member Lawwill.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Chair Light emailed information to yacht clubs in the area. AAC Member Lurie will check Southwinds for their ad. Mr. Gilchrist reported they had enough tickets and Chair Light confirmed the entertainment. Chair Light indicated that she would be unable to perform administrative duties after the event. AAC Member Lurie will submit press releases.

IX. MEMBER'S ITEMS AND REPORTS

No member items.

Director O'Riley requested that members read the planning summary packet before the next session. AAC Member Holmes reminded members he would not be in attendance.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

•Don Hansen, Ball 11, was concerned with twisted pennants. He questioned whether there were issues with the swivels under some of the balls. He suggested using an automatic payment system to pay monthly rents. He noted that they could require a pump-out within the first 24 hours of arrival. He commented that the parking fees had been adjusted.

Mr. Gilchrist stated that there was a tension problem with the swivel and it was being addressed. He indicated that they were going to use dye tabs to make sure people were not discharging. He explained why they would not offer autopay. Director O'Riley noted they were researching a better parking option but the fees did not increase.

•David Boshane, Ball 34, suggested that deposit fees were excessive. He suggested that people who were there for six months should be grandfathered.

•Mary Lincoln questioned whether the deposit consisted of cash or a credit card on file. She described the social aspects of hanging out at the dinghy dock.

Mr. Gilchrist explained the deposit process.

XI. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING – March 18, 2020

No change.

XII. ADJOURN

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Adopted 6-17-20 with/without changes. Motion by Shur L
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Vote: 6-0 Signature: Katherine Light

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