

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

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Light. Members present: Greg Holmes, Ted Lawwill, Katherine Light, Sam Lurie and Mike Ratliff.

Excused: Robert Beasley

Absent: William Kubicek III

Staff: Austin Gilchrist and Chelsea O'Riley.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leon Moyer complimented AAC for doing a good job on the Mooring Field. He commented on how the Mooring Field was lit up with anchorage lights.

Richard Chandler stated that his ticket was thrown out after he appealed it in court. He suggested that the 10 boats being stored in the front Mooring Field be moved to the back. He thanked the Sheriff's Department for doing a good job.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 19, 2018**

**MOTION:** Mr. Lurie moved to approve the minutes as amended; second by Mr. Holmes.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Addition under Maintenance: He noted they were waiting to reconstruct the dinghy dock after season.

**V. MOORING FIELD AND STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Gilchrist reported that they lost two balls by popping the systems off, but they were still usable. They replaced the systems entirely and they had an inventory of systems being retrofitted to the updated systems. Coastal Engineering was assisting with inspecting shackles and downlines. A boat was recovered and returned after drifting into the Mooring Field. Cleaning and maintaining systems were ongoing. An anchor needed to be sunk before replacing the perimeter bouy at the south bridge. New bike racks were installed under the bridge. The Town is working in conjunction with FWC (Fish & Wildlife Conservation) regarding the crab traps and WCIND (West Coast Inland Navigational District) on the derelict vessels. The watering station under the dinghy dock was scheduled to be improved by adding 4 x 4's against the seawall.

The Sheriff's Department was invited to attend AAC meetings. Manager O'Riley indicated that a grant from WCIND was available for additional law enforcement marine control and the request to submit an application will go before Town Council for their approval. The application deadline is March 1, 2019. She was waiting to hear back regarding the dinghy dock grant. She noted that a grant opportunity for a marginal dock between Nervous Nellie's and Snug Harbor was available and they will seek direction from Town Council to pursue the grant. Mr. Lurie brought up underground utilities in the area. Manager O'Riley replied that they would investigate. Manager O'Riley stated that she will check with Council regarding whether there was a consensus to pursue expanding the Mooring Field to the north side of the bridge before moving forward with the designation. Chair Light noted that Coastal Engineering was also looking into the anchorage light issue. Manager O'Riley will follow up. Mr. Gilchrist indicated that the Coast Guard was still pursuing designation but they had to start over due to staff changes. Manager O'Riley noted that the joint session with Council was Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

## **VI. MAINTENANCE**

See above.

## **VII. MOORING FIELD WELCOME PACKET**

Chair Light questioned the status of the packet. The Town is still waiting on the final draft.

## **VIII. CRUISER'S APPRECIATION DAY**

Chair Light reviewed the checklist. Member Lurie will handle all press releases. He questioned whether everyone preferred last year's menu. He will contact Dave from Matanzas for his opinion.

**MOTION:** Member Lurie moved that they provide \$7.00 in tickets for Mooring Field participants to be split with Matanzas for a maximum of four people per mooring; second by member Holmes.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. Lurie moved to provide \$7.00 in tickets for Town Council member and staff, paid for by the AAC; second by Mr. Ratliff.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Light will send public relations information to a sailing club she belongs to. She will forward information to Manager O'Riley for the Town's website. Mr. Gilchrist will inventory items in the box from last year and update the date on the banner. Mr. Lurie will check with Matanzas regarding entertainment. Chair Light will send invitations to Council. Manager O'Riley will confirm that they will not need a special event permit.

Mr. Lurie will contact Mr. Kubicek's wife regarding his absence from meetings.

Chair Light reviewed the list of businesses for raffle items. She forwarded letters and flyers to each member to copy and use as needed.

## **IX. RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR EXTENDED STAY**

Manager O'Riley indicated that they were working with Matanzas Inn to acquire a point of sale system. Chair Light questioned whether they should pursue the rate adjustment after the point of sale was installed. Manager O'Riley will talk to Finance regarding the process. She noted that municipalities should not collect tax and Finance was reviewing the submerged land lease to make sure they were in compliance. The fee schedule was updated to remove the tax and the new point of sale system would reflect the correct fees. She stated that they were trying to obtain an ice machine at Matanzas or a vendor to provide ice.

## **X. MARITIME BUDGET AND PUBLIC/PRIVATE PROVIDER**

Mr. Lawwill stated that his presentation was confusing and he would rather incorporate the figures and present them. The consensus was that the deficit to the Town was approximately \$50,000 - \$60,000.00. He will continue to work on the presentation and he thanked staff for their continued help.

## **XI. MEMBERS ITEMS & REPORTS**

Mr. Lawwill - no items.

Mr. Holmes - no items.

Mr. Lurie - questioned 24-hour restrooms.

Mr. Ratliff - no items.

Chair Light - questioned the crab trap issue. Mr. Gilchrist replied that his concern was the safety of the boaters and the investigation was ongoing. He noted that they were working with the individuals to voluntarily remove their traps.

## **XII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Chandler questioned whether stickers were issued after passing safety checks. Lieutenant Chris Nice from the Lee County Sheriff's Department replied that the program was implemented last year.

Don Hansen commented that his daughter ran a paddleboard tour business and would like to donate a raffle prize for Cruiser's Appreciation Day. He invited members to join him at the dinghy dock for lunch if they could find a spot. He complimented them on their progress and encouraged members to continue to push for improvements to the dinghy dock.

David Boshane reviewed his history as a liveaboard for 20 years. He was supposed to be one of the 10 year-round liveaboards at Fort Myers Beach but because parking was not included in the monthly fee, he ended up in Fort Myers. He left Fort Myers after seven years and moved back to the beach before moving again to Key West. He described his experience with hurricane Irma and he eventually moved back to Fort Myers Beach. He complimented Mr. Gilchrist and staff at Matanzas Inn. He looked forward to staying at the Mooring Field.

Leon Moyer noted that Lee County informed him that they were probably going to install a floating dinghy dock at Bowditch.

## **XIII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING - same**

**XIV. ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Mr. Lurie moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Holmes.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Adopted 6-0 with/without changes. Motion by Lurie  
(DATE)

Vote: 6-0 Signature: Katherine Tigh

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