

New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 9, 2013

6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church, 5290 Canal Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm and requested a roll call by Taylor Casey.

Board of Directors Present:

Reginald Smith
Warner Tureaud
Thomas Forbes
David Halpern
Ashlyn Graves
Connie Uddo

Board of Directors Absent:

Howard Rodgers
Alva See
Shannon Sims

A quorum was present.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

The agenda was approved and adopted on a motion by Ashlyn Graves, seconded by Ric Smith and unanimously carried.

On a motion by Ric Smith, seconded by Thomas Forbes, and unanimously carried, the minutes from the regular meeting of August 12, 2013 were approved.

Action Items:

In order for MYHMC to apply for a Wallop-Breaux Public Boating Access Grant through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for repairs to the Breakwater Dr. Boat Launch, MYHMC must agree to advance the required funds and get reimbursed by LDWF upon the completion of the repairs. It is a program where the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service distributes money to the State Wildlife and Fisheries for boater access and repairs to boat ramps. MYHMC is also looking at several other funding alternatives such as the City's Capital Project Budget and FEMA in terms of the alternate use of funds from boathouse 31 when it is torn down and not rebuilt. Capital Projects may be able to use those funds for repairs to the boat launch and the fishing pier areas. Chip Conklin's estimate for the repairs to the wooden piers and the back down ramps is approximately \$170,000 which includes surveying, engineering, and the replacement of the security gates. MYHMC would be responsible for 25% of the total amount or basically \$42,600. There is no money in this cost estimate for the resurfacing of the parking lot.

On a motion by Ric Smith, seconded by Thomas Forbes, and unanimously carried, the Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries through the Sport Fishing Restoration Program for assistance in the implementation of the repairs to the Breakwater Dr. Boat Launch was approved.

Three (3) boathouse tenants have leases that expire in 2019 and they never paid extension fees to extend their leases from 2019 to 2030. It is the opinion of the City Attorney's Office that there is a requirement for the City Council to pass an Ordinance that would allow MYHMC to issue the Extended Lease to the three lessees provided that they each pay the required fees. Erica Beck, Executive Counsel, suggested that MYHMC wait until we got through the bulk of the leases to see if there were any other clean up items that needed to be addressed in the ordinance. Boathouses 21, 129, and 130 are the only boathouses that are affected by the proposed ordinance. These tenants did not pay an extension fee of \$5,000 in 2001 for their leases to be extended from 2019 through 2030. Kerry Cuccia stated that the boathouse owners are okay with the three lessees paying a total of \$10,000 each in extension fees in order to receive the Extended Lease to 2068.

On a motion by Ric Smith seconded by David Halpern, and unanimously carried, the Resolution requesting the City Council of the City of New Orleans to authorize the MYHMC by Ordinance to issue the Extended Boathouse Lease Agreement for Boathouses 21, 129, and 130 was approved.

Information and Discussion Items:

1. The Boathouse Leases and Supplemental Lease Agreement were discussed by Mr. Tureaud. On Tuesday, September 3rd, 110 Boathouse lessees attended the long awaited Extended Lease signing event. MYHMC would like to thank Councilmember Susan Guidry for her assistance in sponsoring the City Council Ordinance that approved the Supplemental Lease Agreement which resolved several outstanding issues between the City, MYHMC and the Boathouse Owners Association. MYHMC would also like to thank Kerry Cuccia, President of the Boathouse Owners Association, for his many years of dedication and hard work. The relationship between the Boathouse Owners, the City, and MYHMC is a shining example of the effectiveness of a private/public partnership. The Board owes a special thanks to Wayne Bloom who has done an outstanding job for his hard work coordinating the forms and various documents. There was an email acknowledgement from Councilmember Susan Guidry in which she says many thanks to all who worked so diligently to get this accomplished.

2. The FEMA Update was presented by Mr. Tureaud. Capital Projects and Jacobs have provided revised pricing to FEMA for the 50% construction plans for the harbor. Isaac damage has been incorporated into the plans. 75% construction documents are in process and will be submitted to FEMA by the end of September. Final plans are due by the end of October.

FEMA has had additional questions concerning the boathouse construction, but CPA anticipates that the notice-to-proceed will be issued in the next several weeks.

FEMA rejected the opinion of probable cost for the fishing pier and Sizeler will revise the costs.

The Department of Public Works is in the process of developing a claim for the street lights in the West End Park area. There will be a meeting with Capital Projects on Wednesday at 4:00PM.

3. The Boat Launch Sport Fish Restoration Application was discussed by Mr. Casey and he distributed the assessment report from Chip Conklin, Sizeler's marine consultant, along with the cost estimate of \$170,392 to repair the Breakwater Drive boat launch. MYHMC would be responsible for 25% of the cost or \$42,598 if it is successful in obtaining the Sport Fish Restoration grant from Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
4. Mr. Casey presented the Executive Director's Report. There were two topics: 1.) The Hurricane Isaac CEA has been executed by the Mayor and returned to Capital Projects and MYHMC; and 2.) The October board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15th. Due to a conflict with Veteran's Day and the Church's availability, the November board meeting will move from November 11th to Tuesday, November 19th.
5. There was a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters by David Halpern, seconded by Ric Smith, and unanimously carried.

There was a motion to end executive session by Ric Smith, seconded by Thomas Forbes, and unanimously carried.

Other Comments and Issues from the Public

None.

Adjournment:

On a motion by David Halpern, seconded by Thomas Forbes, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:28pm.

Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at the First Baptist Church.