

## **MINUTES**

### **KEY WEST BIGHT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

#### **OLD CITY HALL, 510 GREENE STREET**

**MARCH 12, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Key West Bight Management District Board of the City of Key West, Florida, was held in Commission Chambers, Old City Hall, 510 Greene Street, on Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Answering roll call were Board Members Jermy Ashby, Harry Bowman, Steve Henson, Kathryn Ovide, Dan Probert and Chairman Michael Knowles presiding.

Absent was Board Member Jimmy Lane.

Also present were Chief Assistant City Attorney Larry Erskine, Port and Marina Services Director Doug Bradshaw, Deputy Director Marine Services John Castro, Key West Bight Marine Manager Mark Tait and Clerk of the Board Sue Harrison.

Others in attendance were Jack Anderson representing the Key West Bight Preservation Association.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was given by all present.

#### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

It was moved by Board Member Ovide and seconded by Board Member Probert to approve the agenda. The Chairman asked for objections and seeing none, the agenda was accepted.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1) February 12, 2014 (Regular)

It was moved by Mr. Probert and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve the minutes of February 12, 2014. The Chairman asked for objections and seeing none, the minutes were approved.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

##### **SWC PROPOSAL**

Mr. Bradshaw reviewed the SWC Proposal for the Board. This item referred to the “Branding” of the Bight and possibly getting a survey from the general public for the naming of the Bight. The proposal from SWC had been reviewed by staff. They were looking for direction if this is something the Board still wanted to do.

The Chairman suggested waiting until the hotel and brewery were finished. To do it now before the project is complete would be premature.

Mr. Castro stated they could not do signage or way-finding until the name is decided upon.

Mr. Henson thought it better not to do the survey and put the money into signage. He did not think another survey is required.

Mr. Bowman stated the tenants met and after discussion concluded the name would be “Key West Historic Seaport” and he further stated he could not support spending the money on the survey.

The following person spoke on the matter:

Jack Anderson, Key West Bight Preservation Association

Mr. Castro recalled that the URL for “Key West Historic Seaport” had already been taken. Mr. Anderson believed Mr. Bob Jabour owned the name “Key West Historic Seaport”. Mr. Bradshaw stated staff would look into contacting Mr. Jabour regarding this issue. The Chairman would like this to come back to the board for approval.

## **REPORTS:**

### **2) Manager's Report –**

Mr. Bradshaw pointed out they have hired an administrative assistant.

Mr. Bradshaw stated there had been discussions with the Brewery and the Hotel concerning the end of William Street and the round-about.

The next meeting should have something to consider for leasing the vacant spaces in the recently completed building at Margaret Street.

Mr. Bowman asked about the water bill. Mr. Tait reported they charge only the commercial boats and expect about \$1,000.00 per month. The commercial boats use the most water and each one is metered.

Mr. Probert asked about the roof for the Half Shell Raw Bar. Mr. Castro reported that Ms. Wilbarger is negotiating the roof repairs with the tenant as part of their lease renewal. The cost of the roof repairs could be amortized over a ten-year period.

Mr. Bowman asked about the pump-out situation. Mr. Tait stated the revised ordinance had not yet gone to the City Commission but everyone is pumping out.

### **3) Accounts Receivable Report**

There were no questions on receivable.

### **4) Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **5) Key West Bight Preservation Association Report**

Mr. Anderson reported they would be having their annual election meeting soon.

He said they needed to work on the marketing. The film that had previously been done needs to be revised. He also asked why busses drop passengers off at the Conch Farm and not at Land's End. Chairman Knowles said that the busses from the hotels seem to follow each other around. Their concerns regarding this should be negotiated with the hotels.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no comments from the public.

**BOARD COMMENTS**


Mr. Probert asked why there was a meeting when there were no action items. Mr. Erskine stated due to the Sunshine Laws all discussions must take place at a public meeting.

Mr. Bowman asked about the pens at Turtle Kraals but if there was a way they could be put back to use. Mr. Tait stated options had been explored and the water quality in the marina is not conducive to having some activities there.

Mr. Tait hoped to bring something back in the near future regarding reconfiguring the dingy docks.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

  
Susan P. Harrison, CMC, Clerk of the Board  
Senior Deputy City Clerk