

MINUTES

KEY WEST BIGHT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

OLD CITY HALL, 510 GREENE STREET

APRIL 10, 2013

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, April 10, 2013.

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

Answering roll call were Board Members Jermy Ashby, Harry Bowman, Steve Henson, Jimmy Lane and Vice-Chairman Dan Probert presiding.

Absent were Board Members Kathryn Ovide and Chairman Michael Knowles.

Also present were Chief Assistant City Attorney Larry Erskine, Key West Bight Marine Manager Mark Tait, Port Operations Manager John Castro, Senior Property Manager Marilyn Wilbarger and Clerk of the Board Sue Harrison.

Others in attendance were Jack Anderson representing the Key West Bight Preservation Association and 11 members of the public including tenants Paul McGrail, Josh Rowan and Mickey Perez, General Manager Conch Republic Seafood Company.

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 Henson and seconded by Board Member Lane to approve the agenda. The Vice-Chairman asked for objections and seeing none, the agenda was accepted.

PRESENTATION:

- 1) Conch Harbor Presentation – Mr. Craig Hunt of Conch Harbor.

Mr. Hunt reported to the Board his discussions with the Navy regarding the “danger zone.” He asked that the marinas notify boaters regarding this zone.

Mr. Tait summarized that in our reservation process we notify our incoming transient boaters about the “danger zone” and setback adjacent to the properties for the Navy. They can add this information to the registrants upon confirmation. Ms. Wilbarger stated they would also put it on the marina’s website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 2) March 13, 2013 (Regular)

It was moved by Mr. Henson and seconded by Mr. Ashby to approve the minutes of March 13, 2013. The Vice-Chairman asked for objections; seeing none the minutes were approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 3) 2014 Classic Regatta

Mr. Tait reviewed his summary with the Board. Staff recommends a rafting situation (2 to 3 deep) along E Dock with a 50% discount to the registered participants. The other recommendation is to offer the regular group rate of 15% off the normal transient rate for slips that have registered for this event.

Mr. Jeff Salzman and Mr. Josh Rowan made a presentation for the regatta that is fashioned after the Antigua Classic Regatta.

It was moved by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Henson to approve the 50% discounted rate for registered participants along E Dock and the standard 15% group discount for registered participants in slips as presented by Mr. Tait.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Yeas: Board Members Ashby, Bowman, Henson, Lane and Vice-Chair Probert

Nays: None

REPORTS:

4) Manager's Report

Ms. Wilbarger reported they have a request from Half Shell Raw Bar and Turtle Kraals for an event "Paddle Around Key West" in the plaza. That will take place on May 11, 2013.

Ms. Wilbarger also reported they have purchased a banner celebrating our Historic Seaport in celebration of the 500 years of Ponce de Leon that is being celebrated throughout the state. The banner is expected to be put up on Greene Street.

Vice-Chair Probert asked what the "DRC" is. Ms. Wilbarger explained DRC stands for the Development Review Committee that reviews projects by staff prior to moving forward with approvals from HARC, Planning, etc.

5) Accounts Receivable Report

Ms. Wilbarger reported many tenants have caught up this last month. They were still working with BO's attorney and he had made payments of \$13,371.00.

Vice-Chair Probert asked about the \$85.12 charge for Bob Labree (Lucky Beaver). Ms. Wilbarger stated that charge was for an electric bill. Mr. Probert asked that the charge be written off as a loss as after two years it still had not been collected.

6) Key West Bight Preservation Association Report

Jack Anderson, Key West Bight Preservation Association, reported their elections were held last week and they had one new member, all the other officers remained the same.

Mr. Anderson had an issue regarding the parking lot on Caroline Street. According to Mr. Wilkins report, the parking lot is not as underutilized as they thought. Mr. Anderson asked about the 26 spaced allocated to the new (Pritam Singh) hotel project. He asked if they could lobby the City Commission to reconsider those 26 parking spaces. Ms. Wilbarger stated the spaces are not reserved but allocated and paid for at approximately \$104,000.00 a year. Mr. Lane added that many people staying at a hotel of that quality would be flying in and not have a car to park. He said the guests would also be shopping in the Bight area.

7) Old Business

There was no Old Business Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

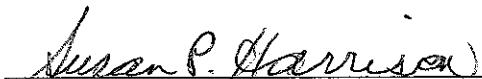
There were no comments from the public.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.


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