

MINUTES

KEY WEST BIGHT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

OLD CITY HALL, 510 GREENE STREET

NOVEMBER 13, 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, November 13, 2013.

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

Answering roll call were Board Members Harry Bowman, Steve Hensen, Kathryn Ovide and Vice Chairman Dan Probert presiding.

Absent were Board Members Jermy Ashby, Jimmy Lane and Chairman Michael Knowles.

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 Henson to approve the agenda. The Vice Chairman asked for objections; seeing none the agenda was accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1) October 9, 2013 (Regular)

It was moved by Mr. Hensen and seconded by Ms. Ovide to approve the minutes of October 9, 2013. The Vice Chairman asked for objections; seeing none the minutes were approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 2) Consideration of request by Schooner Wharf for Advertising Funds in the Amount of \$3,000.00 for the Lighted Boat Parade.

The Clerk read letters into the record from Evalena Worthington, Schooner Wharf Bar and Tom Stroh.

The following people spoke on the matter:

Kelly George, 620 Dey Street
Frank Everhart, 703 Windsor Lane
Jack Anderson, 800 Caroline Street
Doug Bradshaw, Port and Marina Services Director

It was moved by Ms. Ovide and seconded by Mr. Hensen to approve the item as presented.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Yeas: Board Members Bowman, Hensen, Ovide and Vice Chairman Probert

Nays: None

- 3) Premier Racing Slip Rates and Revenue History

Mr. Tait introduced the item regarding the letter from Peter Craig asking for reduced rates for the boat slips during the event. The Board had agreed the previous year to the reduced rate of \$2.20 if reservations were received prior to the event. After January 1, if slips were still available, the rate was offered at the reduced \$1.75 per foot. This year Mr. Craig has asked for the rate of \$1.75 per foot and to waive the required 30 foot transient fee. Mr. Tait's recommendation was to continue with the rates imposed last year. Mr. Tait did not have a problem waiving the thirty foot minimum if he can put two small boats in a slip.

The following people spoke on the matter:

Kelly George, 620 Dey Street
Richard Fowler, 323 Fleming Street
Richard Tallmadge, 1700 Jamaica Drive

It was moved by Mr. Hensen and seconded by Ms. Ovide to approve the item as presented by Staff and to allow rafting-up of smaller vessels waiving the 30 foot minimum.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Yeas: Board Members Bowman, Hensen, Ovide and Vice Chairman Probert

Nays: None

4) **DISCUSSION:** Key West Bight Marina Fuel Sales

Mr. Tait reviewed the figures for the fuel sales. He stated the loss of the Yankee freedom last spring reduced the yearly fuel sales. Mr. Tait stated there are discussions ongoing to reduce the price per gallon to 5 cents over the Conch Harbor price.

Ms. Ovide wanted to see the facility used to optimum capacity and appreciated his efforts to reach out and work with the vessel operators. Ms. Ovide asked as negotiations continue that we get a commitment from them for a specified amount of time and gallons.

Vice Chairman Probert handed the gavel to Ms. Ovide and left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

REPORTS:

5) Manager's Report – October 2013 Monthly Report

Mr. Bowman asked about the recycling bins on the board walk. Mr. Bradshaw reported this was a temporary solution. They have budgeted for new and nicer bins for the Bight.

Mr. Bowman asked about Turtle Kraals roof. Mr. Castro had meet with Mr. Croce and he and Mr. Bradshaw have met with Assistant City Manager David Fernandez regarding the roofs. He

will be getting prices and extend the scope for better roofing for future maintenance. The roofs will be brought into code. Mr. Castro will bring back cost estimates for the Board.

6) Accounts Receivable Report

Mr. Tait reviewed the report for the Board. Mr. Castro stated they had received a proposal from Anderson Outdoor Advertising that was under review. They are behind in payments.

7) Old Business

Mr. Bowman asked about the branding issue on the Historic Seaport. Mr. Castro had met with Black Dog regarding a survey. The agency declined to do the survey as it was too small but will recommend another company.

Mr. Castro had met with Architect Bill Horn for common area ideas and will meet with him again. They will also have elevations from the surveyor. The project is moving forward.

Mr. Bowman asked about the one-on-one meetings with Mr. Bradshaw. Mr. Bradshaw would arrange for the meetings as soon as possible.

8) Key West Bight Preservation Association Report

Mr. Anderson reported on the brochures in boxes by the Western Union. Mr. Castro informed the Board that the boxes on the boardwalk were to be removed. The City Planner would send out a letter notifying the owners of the boxes that they be removed from the docks; the boxes belong on the City right-of-way.

Mr. Anderson had a question regarding the manager's report and the marketing budget. Mr. Castro clarified to Mr. Anderson that was not a budget figure but a revenue figure. Mr. Anderson suggested they put marketing boxes around town with historical information about the Bight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:


There were no comments from the public.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Bowman spoke briefly again about the advertising boxes at the Bight. Mr. Tait stated any business in the Key West Bight can promote any other business in the Key West Bight with the exception of Sebago. Mr. Castro stated it can be on the sidewalk across the street. Mr. Erskine stated there is a lottery for the boxes and anything can go into the box and they are placed on the City right-of-way.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.


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