

Key West Bight Preservation Association Inc.
Report
to the members and to the
Key West Bight
Management District Board

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regular board meeting April 9, 2013

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CALL to ORDER: 4:00pm - A quorum was present

New Business:

Pump-out hoses on the dock:

Reportedly, because of a one tenant's major neglect, marina management recently informed some select marina tenants that their pump-out hoses were immediately to be removed from being stored on the dock, or hanging on the side of the dock, or under the dock or on the pilings. Management dictated that they could be stored in the one allowed dock box or on the vessel, but that they must be out of sight and cannot be on or attached to the dock or pilings in any way, when stored.

After pleas to allow time for a more reasonable and workable solution, Bight management has agreed to the following, for now, to allow the Association time to work on an acceptable pump-out hose storage strategy. Management agreed not to confiscate P.O. hoses in the interim, as long as they are kept off the dock surface, but instead are hanging up neatly, rinsed out and stored out of sight as much as possible. Management indicated that they WILL confiscate P.O. hoses in the interim if the hoses are stored on the dock surface.

The KWBPA Board observed the following and agreed to move forward to:

1. Find out what are other marinas doing with their PO hoses?
2. One solution will not work for every location. Considerations should include an additional, ventilated dock box solely for PO hose storage and/or under or along side the dock hanging hose storage, whatever best fits the location.
3. It's important to encourage consistent pump-out with convenient PO hose storage. Anything else will discourage regular pump-out.

Parking allocations for the new Hotel development (Jabor's):

Resolved That the KWBPA advises that the current plan for allocating dedicated parking spaces for this hotel solely in the Margaret St. lot should be adjusted to spread out the allocations to include the Green St. lot and any other available areas, so as not to concentrate the burden of less available public parking in one area.

Adopted

Classic Schooner Regatta 2014:

Resolved That the KWBPA supports extending all the maximum discounts possible for event dockage in 2014.

Adopted

Old Business:

Resolved That the Key West Bight Preservation Association agrees that the statements made on record on October 2, 2012 (and their known references gained by discussions and/or tours of the docks) by the members of the Key West City Commission, sitting as the CRA, in relation to the new marina rules and the Dock Sign policy then being proposed, are acknowledged as a mandate to the management policies and practices concerning the Key West Bight Marina and the Historic Seaport.
Adopted

Mayor Cates:

"I'm passionate about preserving what we have there.
Important that Bight Board has your input.
We gotta look at having the Bight Board meetings in the evenings."

Jimmy Weekley:

The new policies; not part of the original policies established by the City Commission - 1. Public Access - 2. Maintain the history of fishing - 3. Maintain the funkiness.
There's a history of folks under umbrellas sitting at tables talking to visitors about fishing and Bight history.
It makes no sense to change something that's working.
Changes being proposed are not going to make it better, they're going to make it like anywhere else." (Refers to new dock sign policy and marina rules)
"Mayor should write a letter to Bight Board Chairman telling them to have the meetings at 6:00pm, or mayor can appoint someone else."

Billy Wardlow:

"I like the funkiness; there should be chairs and tables."
Supports "grandfathering in existing tenants from new rules to leave them alone and leave the Bight the way it is."
"Items on docks are not a (life/safety) hazard if they can be pushed in the water out of the way" (of emergency personnel).

Clayton Lopez:

"The big deal is that these folks just want to make a living.
The tenants are being reasonable. Bight Board should work with tenants."

Tony Yaniz:

"Tenants are compromising by willingness to pay more to preserve lifestyle.
The funky individually of each business at the Bight attracts people.
The Commission is not happy with the uniformity being put forth."
"We need the Marlin, fish mount box. Cleaning yellowtail at the current fish table is a great crowd attraction.
This Commission will work hard to maintain the funkiness of the Bight."

Teri Johnson:

Likes "grandfathering in to preserve what's there and to distinguish existing tenants from new. Current tenants should keep their stuff." (ie: dock boxes, dock signs, chairs and tables, umbrellas observed when touring the Bight)
Supports "building department inspections of any items on docks", for safety.

Good and welfare

adjourn 5:45pm