

Minutes
Meeting of Marine Advisory Board
City of Hollywood, Florida
Thursday, September 21, 2023
6:00 P.M. Administrative Office

ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Erik Abrams. Roll call attendance was taken, and it is noted below. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erik Abrams, Ash Chukajian, Bob Hogg, Julie Greenfield, David Ide, Richard Kniffin, Arthur Mariano, & Jon McMillian

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alec Manasse, Douglas Eney

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Karl Chuck, Parks Manager - Athletics & Grounds, Amanda Edmiston – Dockmaster, Officer William LaPierre - HPD Marine Unit, Lori Loughman - Administrative Assistant

Richard Kniffin made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ash Chukajian. All members agreed to approve the August 2023 Minutes.

1. Marina Report (Boat Ramps)

- 20 Vessels on N. Lake
- 6 Vessels boats on S. Lake
- 99% Occupancy (dockage still full)
- Dockage Occupancy still at 99%
- Gasoline currently \$5.739 per gallon, Diesel currently \$4.699 per gallon.
- We are hiring for a new PT Security Guard & PT Marina Attendant.
- The Marina is getting a new live webcam above the marina office roof (link will be posted on Marina webpage once the installation is completed).
- Awaiting repair/replace of the storage awning along I.C.W. (due to damage from April storm)
- The Fuel pier fuel dock is awaiting minor adjustments.
- There has been discussion regarding pricing for slips. A slight increase should be expected in the Spring. There was light discussion as far as current pricing. And discussion as to streamlining current pricing.

2. Marine Unit Update: Officer LaPierre HPD

Officer LaPierre informed the group regarding recent vessel thefts in the Lakes area. He urged Board members to spread the word to encourage residents to secure jet skis, boats, zodiac etc. He also encouraged residents to keep their dock lights on. The case is ongoing thanks to footage acquired on residential cameras and other agencies. Until we can get more patrols on site, we must be vigilant. “If you see something, say something.”

He informed the board as to the delays in the removal of several derelict boats in the Lakes areas. This removal was to be coordinated through FWC grant money. The Hurricane causing so much damage in the Cedar Key area has hindered their removals in South Florida. Unfortunately, we must wait for the FWC to catch up; even though the City has complied with the FWC requests. The Hollywood Police Department is constantly in contact with Tallahassee to get more information. The issue is that it is very costly to remove these boats without grant money or a special derelict boat removal fund.

The Board discussed some of the removals that have taken place recently. The Board expressed concern regarding several boats that are not just an eyesore but a hazard on the water. The idea of a beacon light on some of the derelict boats was suggested.

Office LaPierre has added a buoy at a sunken vessel just south of Sheridan Street to aid in visibility for other mariners on the water in that area.

Julie Greenfield motioned create a committee to draft a Derelict Boat letter to the Commissioners. Ash Chukajian seconded that motion.

3. Broward County Marine Report

- Julie Greenfield reminded the Board regarding Broward County Municipal Marine Summit in Pompano Beach on September 28th. Lori to email a reminder to the Board. There was light discussions throughout the meeting on what to expect.
- David Ide is also now a Broward County Marine Board member.
- There was an update to the mitigation project at Anne Kolb. The 40 million project is to remove non-native species like Australian palms and replenish the sea grass in those areas. The new sea grass beds will hopefully bring more fish and manatee to the area. The project includes dredging the area to accommodate larger vessels in through the Port.

Old Business

4. Kids' Fishing Tournament Committee Update 2023:

Karl Chuck updated the Board to the new date for the tournament: October 21, 2023.

The City felt they needed more time to advertise for the event. There is a link online to register with a cap of 40 children. Karl updated the Board regarding the \$2,500 in grant money awarded to the Board from FishFlorida as well as 40 rod/reel tackle sets. He suggested that the Special Board contact Bass Pro Shops to let them know the Board was awarded the grant. Julie Greenfield said she would reach out.

Karl gave a banner to David Ide to advertise at his marina. The Sub-Committee will meet on October 4th at 2pm at the PRCA office to tie up any loose ends.

New Business

5. Cardboard Board Race 10/14/2023

There are a few members who are interested in volunteering. Lori to assist with signing them up to volunteer.

6. Member Comments

Richard Kniffin reminded the Board to the Propeller Club "Coast Guard Night" event at the Port of Miami. An invitation to register was emailed to the Board.

Note: November 16th the MAB meeting is tentatively scheduled at the Marina.

Adjournment Meeting

A motion by Julie Greenfield to conclude meeting at 7:05 pm seconded by Richard Kniffin. All were in favor.