# New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 6, 2011

6:30 p.m.

# First Baptist Church, 5290 Canal Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana

Councilman Guidry addressed the audience to summarize recent news reports on Fox News and others regarding the boathouse leases. She also mentioned that Mike Sherman, Deputy Mayor of intergovernmental relations, has been put in charge of all issues with Municipal Yacht Harbor including boathouse leases, FEMA claims, etc.

Warner Tureaud, President, called the meeting to order and requested a roll call by Ashlyn Graves.

# **Board of Directors Present:**

Pat Bell
Doug Cunningham
Ashlyn Graves
Michael Liebaert
John Manard
Jennifer Medley
Rick Smith
Warner Tureaud

## **Board of Directors Absent:**

Stephen Daste Alva See

#### A quorum was present.

The following amendments to the published agenda were proposed by a motion made by Mr. Manard seconded by Ms. Graves: defer action items 2, 3, and 4, move information and discussion item #8 up to #1.

On a motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Manard, the Board approved a motion to suspend the approval of minutes from previous meetings.

#### **Action Items:**

City Attorney, Glen McGrath, explained the resolution granting approval to USACE for ROE for the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP), 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Orleans Avenue, and London Avenue Outfall Canals in Jefferson and Orleans Parishes.

On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Manard, the resolution was amended to read (4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph): "WHEREAS, Assistant City Attorney Glen McGrath, acting as the lawyer for MYHMC and its Board, has represented <u>and recommends</u> to the Board that it is legally and factually appropriate for MYHMC, acting through its President Warner Tureaud, to execute the documents attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and Exhibit "2"; and...

On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Manard, the resolution was approved as amended with Ms. Medley voting against approval.

### **Monthly Financial Report:**

Deferred

## **Information & Discussion Items:**

Item 8 was moved up to Item #1: Mr. Bell reported that financial disclosure forms are due May 15 and may be completed online. Mr. Manard and Ms. Medley stated that MYHMC board members should be on the city's email distribution list as it pertains to financial disclosure forms, new ordinances, etc. It was also stated for the record that this board gets extremely poor representation from the City Attorney's office.

- 2. Security Guard Process: Mr. Tureaud reported that we have a number 1 bidder and are required to accept it. The information was sent to the City and they will notify the winning bidder. We will have 24 hour security.
- 3. Administration Building: Mr. Liebaert reported a few issues are holding up the project. Updated schedule has the project complete at the end of August 2011.
- 4. Finance: Mr. Smith reported that we are working on 5 year projections. It will cost \$25,000 to \$50,000 for a formal study. Due to this amount, we will have to put out an official RFQ.
- 5. Status of Office Space for MYMHC staff: Mr. Tureaud reported that the MYMHC staff is now located temporarily at Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects until the administration building is complete. The website has been updated with this information.
- 6. Employee Handbook: Mr. Tureaud reported that the City is coming out with a new employee handbook for civil service employees. We will use this as a blueprint for our new handbook.
- 7. FYI: All issues relative to the 2011 Brother Martin Alumni Fishing Rodeo have been resolved.

#### Comments from the Audience:

- 1. There was a large loud party last Easter Sunday with tents, etc. If this happens again residents are advised to call the police. No permits for such a gathering have been issued. Board must approve such and it is a violation of the lease.
- 2. Slip tenant made comment that it will be at least four or five years before FEMA claims are settled. Tenant is asking for at least temporary water and electricity. Working on temporary spigots to be near administration building. Waiting on City Attorney's Office to approve.

**Adjournment:** On a motion properly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 pm.