

New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 12, 2010

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

John Manard, President, called the meeting to order and requested a roll call by Ashlyn Graves, Secretary.

Board of Directors Present:

Pat Bell
Charles Eshleman
Ashlyn Graves
Michael Liebaert
John Manard
Jennifer Medley
Alva See
Warner Tureaud

Board of Directors Absent:

Bill Brundige
Doug Cunningham
(Guy Williams resigned from board)

A quorum was present

On a motion by Ms. Graves, seconded by Mr. Tureaud, the minutes from the May 10, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

Action Items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Tureaud, seconded by Mr. Eshleman, the request of tenant of Boathouse #92 as to a second floor enclosure was unanimously approved.
2. On a motion by Mr. See, seconded by Mr. Tureaud, the Board unanimously approved a professional services contract with James Tideman, a FEMA Claims Consultant, to aid MYHMC and the City with the FEMA Claims.
3. On a motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Eshleman the Board passed a resolution formally thanking Lea Fisk for his efforts on behalf of MYHMC.

Monthly Financial Report:

1. Mr. Menard went over key issues from the Monthly Financial Report.
 - a. 2 Observations:
 1. In-house accountant Wayne Bloom has done an excellent job with financial reporting.
 2. Very strong effort in collecting accounts receivable, balance has been steadily decreasing. MYHMC will be moving to the use of electronic receipts and disbursements.

Information & Discussion Items:

1. Hurricane season preparations: Goal is to keep harbor as safe as possible. The slip tenants Association and MYHMC purchased enough rope to secure approximately 20 boats in the event of an emergency. If boats are not properly secured, in the event of an emergency, those slip leases can be cancelled.
2. Oil spill boom and keeping up with what is going on: No new Information. MYHMC has enough booms to boom the mouth of the harbor- In touch with City's Emergency Preparedness Team.
3. Slip Leases: 2 Slip Lease tenants did not deliver the necessary paperwork and had their slip leases cancelled. (Rozards in W048 and Block in W091) MYHMC will go to wait list to fill these slips.
4. Status of boathouses default restoration progress: Michael Bell approved 3 thus far. 13 up for hearing this month and the rest thereafter. Mr. Bell will make a list of missing items and Mr. Manard will follow up with a letter.
5. Delivery of truck and outfitting it: Mr. Tureaud is handling outfitting the truck with lights, MYHMC Logo, etc...
6. Temporary and permanent means of keeping cars off of the grass north of Breakwater Drive: Temporary signs will be placed in area. Board is waiting for a proposal for a more permanent fix using bollards.
7. Status of working with the Constable and Peter Hamilton as to getting abandoned property removed: Still working with City Constable on a price to have junk items hauled off from parking lot area where seafood restaurants used to be.
8. Capital Projects Budget (2011-2015): Mr. Manard submitted wish list to Capital Projects. We are in line with several others for money.
9. The Dip: City has contract with Boh Bros. to raise roadway. Had to wait on COE to give ok due to floodwall projects nearby. Now waiting on Boh Bros. to go out and complete the work.
10. FEMA claim update: Councilwomen Guidry has been attending meetings and helping Mr. Manard with new administration. Mr. Manard felt it was necessary to meet with people processing claims and let them know the following:
 - a. We want a seat at the table and want to be kept informed on what is going on.
 - b. We are a deserving partner who has a lot to offer during this process.
 - c. We are not trying to take over the City's role in this process.

Mr. Manard met with Cedric Grant who is Deputy Mayor in charge of infrastructure. David Becnel, head of Capital Projects Admin., a few people from Alexandra Norton's office and Councilwomen Guidry. Mr. Grant instructed everyone that we have a seat at the table and deserve to be kept in the loop.

3 Actions:

1. Get our evidence squared away and good writing done on when we should be paid.
2. Strategy of interaction with FEMA and negotiating the deal.
3. Once we have a deal with FEMA, issue will be getting the money thru the City and getting the work done.

Councilwomen Guidry pointed out that our FEMA claims will bring in revenue and these types of claims should get priority.

Issues Presented from Audience:

West End Park looks great, tree work really helped. Fishing pier and boat launch are items that have not received proper attention in the FEMA process. More attention will be paid to these items going forward.

Tree Trimmers did what they were contracted to do. If there are other items that need to be addressed with respect to tree trimming we can discuss.

Guy Williams resigned from the Board because he is in the process of purchasing a boathouse.

It was asked whether or not a member of Boathouse Owner's Association could have a seat on the board. It has been explored in the past and drew opposition from the legislature.

Fishing pier replacement not controversial, just hasn't come up.

Dates and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 9, 2010 at the First Baptist Church.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion properly made by Bell and seconded by See, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.