

New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 10th, 2022, 6:30 PM
Municipal Yacht Harbor Administration Building
1st Floor – West Meeting Room
401 North Roadway Street
New Orleans, LA 70124

PRELIMINARIES

1. Meeting Called to Order 6:30 PM by Mr. McConnell

Attendance was taken by Dr. Criddle. Board Members Present:

Akeisha Tircuit
Tim McConnell
Christopher Hammond
Jessica Addison
Mark Heck
Monya Criddle
Roger Watkins
Jameel Shaheer

2. There were no amendments to the agenda.
3. The agenda was presented by Mr. McConnell.
4. Approval of April 12th regular board meeting minutes. Motion by Mr. Heck,
Second by Ms. Tircuit. Motion Passes.
5. Approval of April 18thrd special board meeting minutes. Motion by Mr. Watkins,
Second by Ms. Addison. Motion Passes

ACTION ITEMS

The public will be given an opportunity to speak to each issue that the Board will vote on, subject to rules and restrictions concerning such comment periods as have been adopted or are adopted at that meeting. i

1. Motion to Adopt New Rules for the operation of the MYHMC Board Meetings.
Mr. McConnell read the proposed rules for the operation of MYHMC Board Meetings:

PUBLIC COMMENT RULES

In accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, the Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation Board (Board) shall provide a

reasonable opportunity for public comment before voting on an agenda item absent a suspension of the rules, which should occur at the outset of public comment.

To afford all speakers an equal opportunity to address the Board, the following shall govern public comment on any agenda item before the Board or any committee thereof:

1. The presiding officer or the board member leading the agenda item on which a vote is to be taken shall preside over the consideration of the item and all related public comment. In the case of a Board committee meeting, the presiding officer or the chair of the committee shall preside.
2. Each public speaker shall be limited to two minutes per agenda item, although the presiding officer on a particular agenda item may grant additional time for a speaker to respond to Board members' questions and to address matters of concern.
3. No item shall exceed 30 minutes of public comment.
4. No person may cede time to another speaker.
5. Each public speaker seeking to address the Board on an agenda item shall personally and fully complete and submit a comment card at the meeting to the Board in the box designated for submittal of comment cards.
6. No person may reserve speaking time or submit a comment card on behalf of another, except on behalf of a person who is present in the Board meeting room but otherwise incapable of completing and submitting a comment card.
7. Public comments shall be heard in the order of their submission to the Board.
8. Any speaker submitting written documentation shall provide nine (9) copies to the Board for its incorporation into the record.
9. No audio or video presentations shall be allowed in connection with any public comment.

Motion by Mr. McConnell and seconded by Mr. Hammond.

Mr. Shaheer wished to amend the motion to suspend the rules for two months.
Ms. Addison Seconded.

It was offered to amend the amendment to keep the rules but suspend the time limit for the next two meetings. Ms. Addison and Mr. Shaheer agreed to this change. Public comment conveyed reluctant approval. Amended Motion Passes.

2. Motion to Authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to Active Solutions, LLC for Phase 2 of the security camera system. Mr. Whited described that this phase is the addition of three 360 degree cameras to be installed in the boat launch for security and liability protection. The contract is a state contract for pricing, the components are available, and payment will be due upon completion. Public comment was varied with no strong opposition. A suggestion to add additional signage about the cameras was made. Motion by Mr. Watkins, Second by Mr. Hammond. Motion passes.
3. Resolution Thanking Thomas Forbes for MYHMC Board Service, resolution read by Mr. Watkins.

RESOLUTION

(Thanking Thomas Forbes)

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation (“MYHMC”) is a Public Benefit Corporation of the City of New Orleans, which leases from the City of New Orleans its property rights at West End; and

WHEREAS, MYHMC is responsible for the operation and management of the City’s assets in the West End Area; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Forbes has been volunteering actively at the Municipal Yacht Harbor (MYH) since 2014 as a member of the Board of Directors of MYHMC; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Forbes has worked the MYHMC Board and Staff as a Member of the Executive Committee over the years, providing consistent and uninterrupted dedication assisting with the redevelopment of the marina and additional West End projects; and as a steward of sailing and the sailing community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of MYHMC expresses its heartfelt thanks to Thomas Forbes for his years of service, leadership, and guidance that he has provided to the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation.

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4. Resolution Thanking Ashlyn Graves for MYHMC Board Service. Resolution read by Ms. Tircuit.

RESOLUTION

(Thanking Ashlyn Graves)

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation (“MYHMC”) is a Public Benefit Corporation of the City of New Orleans, which leases from the City of New Orleans its property rights at West End; and

WHEREAS, MYHMC is responsible for the operation and management of the City’s assets in the West End Area; and

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WHEREAS, Ashlyn Graves has been volunteering actively at the Municipal Yacht Harbor (MYH) for more than a decade as a member of the Board of Directors of MYHMC; and

WHEREAS, Ashlyn Graves has worked very closely with the City's Capital Projects Administration, the MYHMC Board and Staff as a Member of the Executive Committee over the years, providing consistent and uninterrupted dedication assisting with the resolution of the various MYHMC FEMA Claims along with the redevelopment of the West End Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of MYHMC expresses its heartfelt thanks to Ashlyn Graves for her years of service, leadership, and guidance that she has provided to the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation.

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5. Resolution Thanking David Halpern for MYHMC Board Service, resolution read by Mr. McConnell.

RESOLUTION

(Thanking David Halpern)

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation ("MYHMC") is a Public Benefit Corporation of the City of New Orleans, which leases from the City of New Orleans its property rights at West End; and

WHEREAS, MYHMC is responsible for the operation and management of the City's assets in the West End Area; and

WHEREAS, David Halpern has been volunteering actively at the Municipal Yacht Harbor (MYH) since 2011 as a member of the Board of Directors of MYHMC; and

WHEREAS, David Halpern has served as President of the MYHMC Board and as a member of the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, David Halpern has worked very closely with the City's Capital Projects Administration, the MYHMC Board and Staff, providing consistent and uninterrupted dedication assisting with the resolution of the various MYHMC FEMA Claims along with the redevelopment of the West End Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of MYHMC expresses its heartfelt thanks to David Halpern for his years of service, leadership, and guidance that he has provided to the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation.

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6. Resolution Thanking Howard Rodgers IV for MYHMC Board Service, read by Mr. Hammond.

RESOLUTION

(Thanking Howard Rodgers IV)

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation (“MYHMC”) is a Public Benefit Corporation of the City of New Orleans, which leases from the City of New Orleans its property rights at West End; and

WHEREAS, MYHMC is responsible for the operation and management of the City’s assets in the West End Area; and

WHEREAS, Howard Rodgers IV has been volunteering actively at the Municipal Yacht Harbor (MYH) since 2013 as a member of the Board of Directors of MYHMC; and

WHEREAS, Howard Rodgers IV has worked very closely with the City’s Capital Projects Administration, the MYHMC Board and Staff as a member of the Executive Committee over the years, providing consistent and uninterrupted dedication assisting with the resolution of the various MYHMC FEMA Claims along with the redevelopment of the West End Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of MYHMC expresses its heartfelt thanks to Howard Rodgers IV for his years of service, leadership, and guidance that he has provided to the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation.

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7. Resolution Thanking Eli Feinstein for MYHMC Board Service read by Mr. Shaheer.

RESOLUTION

(Thanking Eli Feinstein)

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation (“MYHMC”) is a Public Benefit Corporation of the City of New Orleans, which leases from the City of New Orleans its property rights at West End; and

WHEREAS, MYHMC is responsible for the operation and management of the City’s assets in the West End Area; and

WHEREAS, Eli Feinstein has been volunteering actively at the Municipal Yacht Harbor (MYH) since 2019 as a member of the Board of Directors of MYHMC; and

WHEREAS, Eli Feinstein has worked very closely with the City’s Capital Projects Administration, the MYHMC Board and Staff as a member of Executive Committee over the years, providing consistent and uninterrupted dedication assisting with the resolution of the various MYHMC FEMA Claims along with the redevelopment of the West End Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of MYHMC expresses its heartfelt thanks to Eli Feinstein for his years of service, leadership, and guidance that he has provided to the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation.

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8. Resolution Thanking Connie Uddo for MYHMC Board Service read by Dr. Criddle.

RESOLUTION

(Thanking Connie Uddo)

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation (“MYHMC”) is a Public Benefit Corporation of the City of New Orleans, which leases from the City of New Orleans its property rights at West End; and

WHEREAS, MYHMC is responsible for the operation and management of the City’s assets in the West End Area; and

WHEREAS, Connie Uddo has been volunteering actively at the Municipal Yacht Harbor (MYH) since 2011 as a member of the Board of Directors of MYHMC; and

WHEREAS, Connie Uddo has worked very closely with the City’s Capital Projects Administration, the MYHMC Board and Staff as a member of the Quality of Life Committee over the years, providing consistent and uninterrupted dedication assisting with the resolution of the various MYHMC FEMA Claims along with the redevelopment of the West End Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of MYHMC expresses its heartfelt thanks to Connie Uddo for her years of service, leadership, and guidance that she has provided to the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation.

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9. Resolution Thanking Jennifer Heebe for MYHMC Board Service read by Ms. Addison.

RESOLUTION

(Thanking Jennifer Sneed Heebe)

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation (“MYHMC”) is a Public Benefit Corporation of the City of New Orleans, which leases from the City of New Orleans its property rights at West End; and

WHEREAS, MYHMC is responsible for the operation and management of the City’s assets in the West End Area; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Sneed Heebe has been volunteering actively at the Municipal Yacht Harbor (MYH) since 2020 as a member of the Board of Directors of MYHMC; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Sneed Heebe has worked very closely with the City’s Capital Projects Administration, the MYHMC Board and Staff, providing consistent and uninterrupted dedication assisting with the resolution of the various MYHMC FEMA Claims along with the redevelopment of the West End Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of MYHMC expresses its heartfelt thanks to Jennifer Sneed Heebe for her years of service, leadership, and guidance that she has provided to the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management

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Motion by Mr. Hammond to approve all resolutions thanking board members. Second by Mr. Heck. Motion carries unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion Regarding Date and Time of Next Board Meeting:

It was decided to move the date of the following two regular board meetings to the 3rd Monday of June and July. Motion by Mr. Shaheer and Second by Dr. Criddle. Motion carries.

2. Financial Report (Ms. Addison)

As of April 30th, MYHMC has total assets of \$4,505,100 with current assets of \$3,305,500 and the bulk of which is in the form of cash of \$3,240,500 in two accounts at JP Morgan Chase Bank. On the liability side, MYHMC had total liabilities of \$420,500 of which all are current liabilities (and that consists primarily of unearned revenues of \$281,400 and accrued sick and annual leave of \$81,000). That leaves MYHMC with total equity of \$4,084,600 of which \$3,584,600 is unrestricted net assets. For the month of April MYHMC had revenues of \$152,500 and operating expenses of \$90,500 which resulted in Net Income of \$61,900. Year to date revenues are \$563,200 with total expenses of \$357,200, resulting in a year to date profit of \$206,000. Current slip occupancy stands at 88%.

Motion to accept the report by Mr. Heck, Second by Mr. Watkins. Motion carries.

3. Director's Report (Mr. Whited)

The Point:

The Breakwater Drive Project is 87% complete with the completion of the Point Improvements to be completed by the 3rd Quarter of 2022.

CNO and the project team All South Engineering and TKTMJ Construction incurred progress delays in 2021 after Hurricane Ida and a recurrence of Covid earlier this year.

The team has concluded scoping a final change order to provide Improvements to the Point as a pedestrian friendly environment at the Point and connecting walking paths from the lake-edge to the marina basin. There will also be street resurfacing, dedicated

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parking, drainage improvements and benches. Plans will be made available to MYHMC for their June 2022 Board Meeting.

Boat Launch: The electrical contractor is in the process of reopening their permit. Entergy has installed the transformers but have not hooked up to the platform or installed the meter (which needs the permit to be reopened.) The gates are being fabricated.

Marina: The Marina is currently at 88% occupancy with a steady flow of transient vessels. MYHMC staff is currently working the waiting list and filling slips. Cox will cover the installation cost of the wifi system for the marina except for the poles mounted to the floating dock. They are providing me with the specs and locations of the poles so we can get them installed. Pump-out – same as boat launch.

West End Park: Nothing new to report.

Fishing Pier: The pre-submittal conference for the RFQ for Architect and Engineering is scheduled for May 23rd.

Sale of Boathouses: MYHMC Staff met with property management to begin the process of the sale of the two boathouses. Process is ongoing and we are following up with next steps. Boathouses reported with damage have been issued letters requiring amelioration. They have been cooperating.

Marina trash and waste pickup – Due to delays in trash pickup by Metro Commercial – we have had excess waste at the marina entrances. We have requested 6 additional trash carts to be placed at the marina entrance and around the park. Our permanent solution will be to bid several permanent trash receptacles to be emptied daily into a large dumpster by marina maintenance staff. This process is forthcoming.

Motion to accept the Executive Director's report by Mr. Hammond, second by Mr. Watkins. Motion carries.

4. Unfinished Business (Mr. McConnell)

Mr. McConnell gave an update on the RFQ for the Fitzgerald's restaurant site. The RFQ should go out in the next few months. This gives an opportunity for the stakeholders to start to gather requests and recommendations to be included in the RFP once the qualified developers are selected.

Mr. McConnell stated that our audit and other internal documents are now located in one place on our website under document library.

5. Committee Assignments (Mr. McConnell)

Rules and Standards: Tim McConnell, Akeisha Tircuit, Jessica Addison, Mark Heck, Keith Amacker

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Legal: Tim McConnell, Chris Hammond, Jessica Addison, Monya Criddle,

Finance: Jessica Addison, Roger Watkins, Chris Hammond

Nominating: Not Currently Active

Economic Development: Tim McConnell, Roger Watkins, Jessica Addison, Mark Heck, Keith Amacker

Quality of Life: Monya Criddle, Akeisha Tircuit, Jameel Shaheer

Safety and Security: Chris Hammond, Keith Amacker, Jameel Shaheer

Members of the public were invited to sign up to the Economic Development, Quality of life and Safety and Security committees.

6. Economic Redevelopment Committee (Mr. McConnell) Nothing new to report that wasn't discussed in unfinished business.
7. Quality of Life Committee (Dr. Criddle) Will meet with the committee, including public members) to focus on priorities. There was public comment regarding abandoned vehicles around park and in the restaurant site. MYHMC staff requested stakeholders contact 311 and staff will follow up with parking enforcement for these requests. MYHMC staff will look at options to clear and secure the restaurant site.
8. Safety and Security Committee (Mr. Hammond) Will set up a virtual meeting to focus on priorities. A public comment stated concern about security during flood events and MYHMC staff will look at legality of road closures or options to limit traffic.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES PRESENTED FROM THE BOARD OR FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was public comment about the Pearl Development and upcoming meeting requesting MYHMC Board members to attend to reinforce the resolution opposing this development. The board members requested more information from MYHMC staff.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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ADJOURNMENT