

New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 8, 2021

6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting Via Teleconference/Video Conference

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM and requested a roll call by David Halpern.

Board of Directors Present:

David Halpern
Howard Rodgers
Eli Feinstein
Connie Uddo
Thomas Forbes

Board of Directors Absent:

Jennifer Heebe
Ashlyn Graves

A quorum was present

Mr. Halpern read the following statement that was posted on the Board Meeting Agenda:

In accordance with R.S. 42:17.1, the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation (MYHMC) will convene a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM virtually via a telephone/video conference call.

The telephone/video conference call is accessible for observation by the public by following the participant instructions as listed above.

Public comments on an agenda item may be submitted in real time during the meeting via email to whbloom@nola.gov from thirty (30) minutes prior to commencement of the meeting and until action on an agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:14(D). Public comment submittals should include the commenter's name and who they represent. All public comments on agenda items will be properly identified and acknowledged during the meeting and are limited to what can be read in two minutes.

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There were no amendments to the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Uddo, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved and adopted.

The agenda was presented by Mr. Halpern.

On a motion by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Uddo and unanimously carried, the minutes of the October 13th, October 27th, November 17th, December 8, 2020, Meetings, and January 12th, February 9th, March 9th and May 11, 2021, Meetings were approved.

ACTION ITEMS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

1) The May 2021 Financial Report was presented by Mr. Rodgers. At the end of May, MYHMC had total assets of \$4,443,700 with fixed assets of \$1,197,200 and current assets of \$3,241,500 and the bulk of which was in the form of cash of \$3,230,900 in two accounts at JPMorgan Chase Bank. On the liability side, MYHMC had total liabilities of \$806,220 of which \$806,220 was current liabilities and the bulk was due to the City of New Orleans of \$500,000 along with unearned revenue of \$122,600. That leaves MYHMC with a total fund balance of \$3,637,500 of which \$2,633,770 is unrestricted net assets. For the month of May, total operating revenue was \$105,140 and operating expenses were \$69,720 such that net income was \$35,420.

Year-to-date gross revenues were \$594,620, and total expenses were \$348,750 which yielded \$245,980 in net income.

2) Mr. Rodgers gave the report from the Economic Redevelopment Committee. He said that he has spent some time over the past month looking at getting a consultant on board with respect to the development of the old restaurant parking lot site, and MYHMC has money in the 2021 budget to cover this cost. He mentioned that this is an important future revenue stream so that the Harbor will stay well maintained and up to date. Mr. Halpern urged the Board Members to get with Mr. Rodgers and to share their ideas with him.

3) There was no report from the Environmental Quality Committee.

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4) Ms. Uddo gave the report from the Quality of Life Committee and said that Mr. Kerry Cuccia will send a draft of the possible future City Council Ordinance for Breakwater Park and West End Park that would assist MYHMC with the management of the West End Area to Mr. Halpern and Mr. Rodgers for their review and comments. Mr. Halpern asked the Board Members to look at Mr. Cuccia's draft Ordinance so that it can be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

5) Mr. Rodgers gave the report from the Security and Safety Committee and thanked Mr. Whited for taking the lead with respect to the hiring of the two (2) new Grounds Patrol Officers who will be patrolling in addition to the Orleans Levee District Levee Police. Mr. Whited said that he sent out an email to the stakeholders informing them of the additional staff. The Officers went through their training last Thursday and Friday, and they started their shifts during the day on Saturday. Mr. Rodgers added that he met with Kerry Cuccia to discuss the proposed draft Ordinance, and he believes that the Board will see the logic in the draft with respect to maintaining the quality of life in the area.

6) Mr. Frank Scurlock (BH #30) requested to be placed on the agenda to discuss the construction issues/damages between Boathouses 28, 29, and 30. He stated that the quality of life that was discussed does not exist for Boathouse 30, and he suggested that MYHMC commandeer Boathouse 29 and destroy what is remaining of BH 30 then it can have its meetings at that location. Mr. Halpern said that MYHMC has discussed the status of the property and will have outside counsel take a look at what role the Yacht Harbor Board should play in this issue. Mr. Scurlock said that from this point on, you need to contact my attorney, Stephen Rue. Mr. Halpern said that we will have our counsel talk to your lawyer to see what can be resolved in that regard.

7) The Executive Director's Report was presented by Mr. Casey:

A) The Harbor West Side Electrical has been commissioned by Hi Tech Electric and Eaton Corporation such that power is now available to the West Side Slips.

B) The inspection of Savarino Construction's work at the Boat Launch has been completed, and All South Consulting Engineers recommended the executing the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

C) The Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) was issued to Battco Construction as a City Job Order Contractor (JOC) in April for the North Side Electrical Platform. This is required in order to provide power to the Harbor pump-out facility and to the lighting in the Boat Launch parking lot for TKTMJ's job.

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- D) As per Thomas Tubre with TKTMJ, the Breakwater Dr. resurfacing from the last boathouse to North Roadway is underway. Subject to the weather, he anticipates that the paving will be completed by the end of next week.
- E) New Orleans Yacht Club (NOYC) has accepted a bid and awarded a contract to Battco Construction for the installation of the ADA chairlift, and Battco is in the process of applying for the building permit. At this point in time, it appears that this project will be completed in advance of the September 21st date required by the settlement agreement.
- F) The 2020 Financial Audit is in the process of being completed.
- G) The 2022-2026 Capital Budget Request has been submitted by Wayne Bloom, and a Public Hearing will be held by the City Planning Commission (CPC) on June 30th.
- H) Bryan Whited sent out an email to the Board yesterday with respect to a proposal for security cameras which will be discussed in more detail at the July Board Meeting.

Other Comments and Issues from the Board and the Public

Mr. Halpern mentioned that he is aware of two (2) potential nominees to serve on the Board.

Ms. Liz McAlpine had two (2) comments. The first dealt with blighted boathouses toward the “Point” along with one on the North/South axis of Breakwater Dr. Mr. Casey responded that the owner of boathouses 94 and 95 is planning to tear down both boathouses and is currently going through the design process to build a new structure. The owner of BH 22 is also in the design process to build a new structure. The second comment addressed a request for additional security when there is a flood event to keep people from “joy riding” in the area.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Rodgers and seconded by Ms. Uddo, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Regular Board of Directors Meeting of MYHMC is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.