

New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 10, 2011

6:30 p.m.

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

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

Board of Directors Present:

Pat Bell
Ashlyn Graves
David Halpern
Michael Liebaert
Jennifer Medley
Alva See
Ric Smith
Warner Tureaud
Councilperson Susan Guidry

Board of Directors Absent:

Douglas Cunningham

A quorum was present.

There were no amendments to the published agenda

On a motion by Mr. Tureaud, seconded by Ms. Medley, the minutes from the July and August 2011 board meetings were approved.

Action Items:

1. The Nominating Committee offered the name of Ric Smith for the position of Secretary. On a motion by Ms. Graves, seconded by Mr. Bell and unanimously carried, Mr. Smith was elected as Secretary.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bell, and unanimously carried to adopt the 2012 Budget reflecting \$563,000 in revenue, \$1,226,400 in reserves utilized and \$1,789,400 in expenses.

3. After a review of the draft of the 2010 Financial and Compliance Audit prepared by Wegmann Dazet & Company, the Audit was accepted with reservations as to the lack of the value as to the harbor leasehold asset and the amount of restricted net assets on a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bell and unanimously carried subject to these items being resolved in the 2011 audit.

Information Items:

1. Mr. Tureaud briefed the Board regarding the fact that the security guard contract had still not been approved by the City Administration. Councilmember Guidry stated that she would have her office follow up on the status the next day.
2. Mr. Tureaud advised the Board that the treatment for the nutria problem was complete and that the fencing surrounding the pond had been removed.
3. Mr. Smith presented the financial report for September
4. Mr. Tureaud updated the Board on the status of the repairs to the Administration Building in general and the MYHMC office in particular. Although the completion of the repairs to the first floor of the building has been delayed by some necessary paint remediation, the office should be ready for occupancy by MYHMC staff by the end of October.
5. Mr. Tureaud further updated the Board regarding the other FEMA projects underway. He advised the Board that the City and State staff engaged in the claim were proceeding with all projects as quickly as possible. The fishing pier and the boat houses were at the stage of beginning design work and that work would soon begin on the damage to West End Park. The last major delay in the harbor claim was waiting on testing of the mooring and pier pilings that is expected later in October; this should be the final piece of evidence needed to move forward with the FEMA claim on the harbor. Mr. Liebaert offered comments regarding the size of the proposed size of the first floor meeting room in the Administration Building,
6. Ms. Graves reported that the selection process for the Executive Director position was nearing an end and that the committee expected to make a recommendation shortly.
7. Mr. Halpern and Ms. Medley reported that no progress had been made in securing a City attorney to work under the CEA with the City.
8. Mr. Liebaert reported that he had been successful in identifying the person who had illegally dumped refuse in West End Park and had had a summons issued to the offender.
9. Mr. Tureaud reported that the fire boat had sunk twice.
10. Ms. Graves reported on her meetings with regard to the repairs in West End Park
11. Mr. Bell reminded the Board of its policy that, if any Board member is approached with an issue that it should be referred to the executive staff of the corporation.

12. Mr. Smith reported that the Regional Planning Commission was expected to approve a contract to conduct the master planning process for West End shortly and that he will keep the Board informed of its time table once determined.
13. Councilmember Guidry requested that the Rules and Standards Committee identify and report those boathouse owners who were found to be in violation to the City Attorney so that action could be taken.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Bell, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30pm.

Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2011 at the First Baptist Church.