

New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 6:30PM
Municipal Yacht Harbor Administration Building
1st Floor – West Meeting Room
401 North Roadway Street
New Orleans, LA 70124

PRELIMINARIES

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:34pm by Tim McConnell.

Attendance was taken by Monya Criddle. Board members present:

Tim McConnell

Jessica Addison (Late)

Akeisha Tircuit

Mark Heck

Monya Criddle

Christopher Hammond

2. Approval of August 9, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion by Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Heck. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Meeting agenda presented by Mr. McConnell.
4. There was a request to go out of order from the agenda. Motion by Mr. Heck, seconded by Mr. Hammond.

ACTION ITEMS

1. None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Mr. Whited)

Staff Hiring: 1 Maintenance Worker will be starting Next Week and 1 Grounds Patrol Officer will be starting soon after that. We are currently looking for applicants for the Maintenance Electrician and 1 additional Grounds Patrol Officer.

West Lot: I am waiting for bids from three fence contractors for the West Parking Lot area and the Electrical platform.

The Point: The change order is now currently routing. No changes.

Boat Launch and Pump-out Dock: Waiting on bids for signage and installation.

Marina: The Marina is currently at 93% occupancy with a steady flow of transient vessels. MYHMC staff is currently working the waiting list and filling slips. No change on Wi-Fi.

Fishing Pier: No new information.

Sale of Boathouses: The auction of boathouses process has started. We are gathering required information to provide property management to be put on the City's advisory committee agenda for the October meeting. Auction should occur January 2023.

Marina trash and waste pickup – Marina trash cans have been ordered. Staff will start to empty these when they are installed. Currently working on permanent trash can option for park areas.

West End Park: Meeting with plumber for recommendations on repairing/removing water fountains and spigots in West End Park.

Dumpster Site: A Survey has been ordered of the area. Once received, we will have a drawing made and go out to bid for pouring the concrete. We were advised by Office of procurement to piecemeal this project for simplicity.

Parking enforcement along breakwater drive etc. – Waiting on legal opinion from Law Department. Trailers have been stickered with courtesy notices. Reminder that Mr. Whited does not have the authority to tow trailers himself. If the trailer is registered to a boathouse owner, it is a violation of the lease. If it is not registered to a boathouse owner, Mr. Whited can contact the City and have parking enforcement come out to tag them and eventually get towed.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Jessica Addison)

1. As of August 31, 2022, MYHMC has total assets of \$4.5 million with current assets of \$3.3 million and the bulk of which is in the form of cash. \$3.1 million in two accounts at JP Morgan Chase Bank. Of this, about \$2.5 million is in committee reserves. On the liability side, MYHMC had total liabilities of \$315,900 of which all are current liabilities (that consist primarily of unearned revenues of \$149,000 and accrued sick and annual leave of \$118,000) that leaves MYHMC with a total equity of \$4.2 million of which \$3.7 million is unrestricted net assets. For the month of August, MYHMC had revenues of \$160,374 in operating expenses of \$139,500 which resulted in net income of \$20,900. Year to date revenues are \$1.1 million with total expenses of \$822,700 which resulted in a year to date profit of \$314,800. Current slip occupancy is at 93%.

Motion to accept the financial report by Jessica Addison, seconded by Monya Criddle. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Tim McConnell)

Nothing on the agenda but there was some questions leading up to the meeting regarding the development at West End but we do not have anything new to report.

ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Mr. McConnell)

We will have a meeting on next Tuesday, September 20, 2022. We will look for a larger space to accommodate everyone. This will be an opportunity for everyone to come out and give their input into the RFQ that has not been developed yet. The process is to develop and RFQ first to identify candidates eligible for the Request for Proposal. We will send a proper notice out for the meeting that will take place at 6PM.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE (Dr. Criddle)

Committee did not have a meeting this month. Committee needed time to review and get things done.

One of the items that was discussed at a previous meeting was the trash pick up being more consistent. Mr. Whited said it had gotten somewhat better. A maintenance worker will be starting on the 19th and will be able to assist the trash area stay clean by using the dumpster until trash cans are serviced. We look forward to having that done by our next committee meeting.

Grass cutting – Right now it is every 10 days but we have requested weekly cutting. There were some questions about whether they would be able to accommodate that request.

Mr. Whited: It was 10 days – 2 weeks depending on their schedule but they have been regularly coming every 10 days for the last month and a half.

Dr. Criddle: Trash cans were purchased so we are just waiting for them to come in.

We also talked about signage about park hours and no weight zones. A request for a quote has been released so we are waiting on them to come in.

Dr. Criddle: Do we have a timeline to receive quotes?

Mr. Whited: Hopefully, this week.

Public Comment: Is there a chance they can clean up the grass after it's been cut? It's really bad when riding bike.

Mr. Whited: They blow after every cut.

Dr. Criddle: Is that something we can ask of them?

Mr. Whited: I can ask that they do a better clean-up job. I've seen them blowing in front of the office and they are pretty consistent with it. They may have missed an area but it's getting blown.

Dr. Criddle: Everyone just keep an eye on it. If it becomes a problem, we can address the vendor to make sure the cleanup is consistent.

Trailers parking on the street – Mr. Whited would go sticker the offending trailers. This is the first step in getting the trailers off the street. We currently do not have a list of the offenders but we are asking your cooperation in helping us obtain a list.

Good news: It sounds like we are closer to selling the two boathouses.

The committee plans on having a meeting in October and hopefully I can check some things off.

SAFETY & SECURITY (Christopher Hammond)

We had a meeting quite some time ago. Many of the discussed areas are in the Director's report. We are trying to get another security officer. We discussed signage because there were some issues with noise as well as some other issues at the boat launch. We recommended signs so that we can try to stop some of it. The biggest problem was the noise ordinance because it does not have the teeth necessary to stop the noise. We need to still put the signs up so that security can address it.

We do have more cameras coming in.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comment by Charles Marsala: There's a lot of standing water at the Jefferson Parish line by the seawall. There are a lot of mosquitos over there. It seems like Jefferson Parish needs to take care of their part of the park. Is there anything that could be done?

C. Hammond: I will coordinate with Bryan but we may get in contact with JP to establish a joint commitment to that area and address the standing water. We can also contact Mosquito Control to see what could be done.

Mr. McConnell: The Director of Mosquito Control is very proactive; they won't have any trouble coming out to test and working with Jefferson Parish.

Comment by Charles Marsala: I discovered ACT 209 from 1906 that says this place is a park all the way to the Parish line. We should be considering its limitations for economic development.

Mr. McConnell: I want to make it clear that no RFQ or RFPs have been done for this development. This is why we want to have this meeting to be sure everyone has their chance to give feedback and develop a report from this meeting.

Comment by Sonny D.: There's a lot of speculation that's going on and I think we really need to wait and see how it comes out. As long as the Board assures us that we'll have proper comment time and respect our comments; that's all I have.

Mr. McConnell: I promise we'll give everyone an opportunity to make comments and if this goes forward, we'll have additional public comment meetings.

Jessica Addison: Tim, have you had a chance to speak with anyone at the City?

Tim: Yes, I spoke with Jeff Schwartz and Giarrusso's office and they didn't have any additional information on the development.

At the Economic Development meeting next week, we will develop a written report to be posted and shared with everyone.

Motion for adjournment by Mr. Heck. Seconded by Ms. Addison. Motion carried unanimously.
Time: 7:02 PM

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022| 6:30 PM
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