

New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 12, 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 Ric Smith.

Board of Directors Present:

Pat Bell
Winston Burns
Douglas Cunningham
Ashlyn Graves
David Halpern
Michael Liebaert
Jennifer Medley
Kiana Mitchell
Alva See
Ric Smith
Warner Tureaud
Connie Uddo

Board of Directors Absent:

None

A quorum was present.

No amendments were made to the published agenda.

Mr. Tureaud welcomed the three new members of the Board who were attending their first meeting: Mr. Burns, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Uddo.

On a motion by Mr. Tureaud, seconded by Ms. Medley, and unanimously carried, the minutes from the regular meeting of November 14, 2011, were approved.

Action Items:

1. On a motion by Mr. Halpern, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing Mr. Taylor Casey as Executive Director of MYHMC to sign documents on behalf of MYHMC.

2. On a motion by Mr. Halpern, seconded by Ms. Graves, and unanimously carried, a resolution authorizing the New Orleans Fire Department to staff Boathouse #93 with its personnel and store its fireboat there.
3. On a motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. See, and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the engagement of Wegmann, Dazet & Co., LLC, to conduct the 2011 audit.

Information Items:

1. Mr. Tureaud indicated that the office space in the Administration Building was nearly complete and that it was expected that the MYHMC staff would move in by December 15th. The first floor is going through the process of lead paint abatement and should be complete in six to eight weeks.
2. Mr. Smith briefed the Board on the status of the Compliance Questionnaire for the 2010 Audit and indicated that an attorney from the City Attorney's Office had made contact to offer assistance in answering the legal questions keeping the questionnaire from being submitted.
3. Mr. Tureaud updated the Board on the status of FEMA claims, especially his concern for the length of time after the submission of the Harbor claim for FEMA to make a determination. Mr. See suggested that Kevin Davis, as the new head of GOHSEP, be invited to tour the harbor and to request his assistance. Mr. Tureaud indicated that it was more appropriate to work through the City's specialists and save Mr. Davis as an additional resource. Mr. Tureaud requested Mr. Smith and Mr. Casey to prepare a cash flow statement projecting how long the MYHMC could continue to fund operations without the normal harbor operations returning and providing slip rental income.
4. Ms. Medley and Mr. Halpern reported that no decision had been made as to the approval of outside counsel by the City.
5. Ms. Graves indicated that the 95% submittal had been made on West End Park and that bids should be submitted by month-end.
6. Mr. Liebeart indicated that Bayou Security was in place as of December 6th and providing security to West End and the Harbor following and extensive briefing that he had conducted. Mr. Tureaud thanked Mr. Liebeart for completing this process that had been so long in coming to fruition.
7. Mr. Tureaud indicated that, with the NOFD supplying its own fireboat, it was now an easy decision as to what to do with the boat owned by MYHMC and that he would move forward in trying to settle with the insurance company and salvage the boat.
8. Mr. Cunningham reviewed the monthly financial report. Mr. See questioned the expenses for Convention and Travel and Dues and Subscriptions; these expenses were successfully explained by Mr. Bloom.

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9. Mr. Smith reported on the Master Planning process and indicated that a steering committee meeting would be held shortly organized by the Regional Planning Commission leading up to public meetings late in January, 2012.

Other Comments and Issues from the Public:

Mr. Tureaud recognized that this would be Mr. Cunningham's last meeting and thanked him for his service

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Bell, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2011, at the First Baptist Church.