

New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 8, 2014

6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and requested a roll call by Reginald Smith.

Board of Directors Present:

Reginald Smith
Warner Tureaud
Connie Uddo
Howard Rodgers
Ashlyn Graves
Alva See

Board of Directors Absent:

David Halpern
Shannon Sims
Thomas Forbes

A quorum was present.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

The agenda was approved and adopted on a motion by Howard Rodgers, seconded by Alva See and unanimously carried.

On a motion by Howard Rodgers, seconded by Connie Uddo, and unanimously carried, the minutes from the regular meeting of March 11, 2014 were approved.

Action Items: None

Information and Discussion Items:

1. The presentation of the 2013 Financial Audit was made by Valerie Lowry and Kerney Craft of Wegmann Dazet and Company. In their opinion, the financial statements of MYHMC present fairly the financial position of MYHMC as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and they have issued an unqualified opinion. They have also provided their report to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.
2. Boathouse Leases and Supplemental Lease Agreements were discussed by Mr. Casey. MYHMC has received the executed lease for boathouse #132 from the law department. MYHMC is still working to resolve several issues with the remaining 17 leases.
3. The FEMA update was provided by Mr. Tureaud. Unfortunately, the City and Sizeler, Thompson, Brown Architects have not resolved all of their contract issues which means that they are not currently moving forward with the balance of the design work. The harbor project will move forward from a cost analysis standpoint since the State has gotten involved. The State of Louisiana through the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHSEP) has executed a contract with R.S. Means Company to provide a 3rd party cost estimate with respect to the repair as well as the replacement of the harbor improvements. It is anticipated that it will take 90 days for Means to complete their report. The State is paying for this additional independent study that will be provided to FEMA. During the past month, several meetings have been held with Capital Projects to discuss the repair/replacement alternatives along with the R.S. Means study. Boathouse #93 has been demolished and the test pile has been driven such that the test will be scheduled within the next several weeks.
4. The Financial Report for March was presented by Mr. Smith. MYHMC has total assets of \$3.4 million dollars of which \$3.3 million are in cash in three interest-bearing accounts with Capital One bank. On the liability side, we have a total of \$828,000 of which \$505,000 are NOAA bonds. Another \$142,000 is accrued interest on those bonds and \$73,000 is unearned revenue due to the fact that we receive rent in advance that is recognized on a monthly basis throughout the term of the lease. Total equity is \$2.6 million of which \$1.5 million is unrestricted at this stage. For the month of March we had \$57,000 in revenue, \$56,000 in operating expenses, and other expense was \$3,000. Net income was a \$2,000 loss for the month of March, and through the first three months of 2014 we had \$170,000 of income, \$169,000 of operating expenses, and \$10,000 of other expense such that the year to date loss is \$8,000. The accounts receivable delinquency includes an amount owed as a result of the Chapter 11 bankruptcy for Goldenberg that is being addressed. There are several outstanding issues with respect to the payment of the parking tax and MYHMC has asked the Law Department to review the City Ordinance and to provide an opinion.

5. Mr. Casey presented the Executive Director's Report. There were four topics: 1.) Erica Beck and the Law Department have been assisting MYHMC on several items. Law is still working on the review of the proposed bad debt policy which would include write offs of Cutrer and Raziano. I have spoken with Erica Beck and Wayne Bloom is compiling some additional information concerning individuals who have paid the parking tax under protest. I have spoken with Chris Tankersley and he is working up a cost to file the proper documents with the bankruptcy court with respect to the Goldenberg Chapter 11 issue. Wayne Bloom has been in contact with Mrs. Ergun with respect to her past due balance; 2.) A Coastal Use Permit application for the boat launch repairs has been filed with the LA. Department of Natural Resources and we have received a request for additional information; 3.) On May 7th the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program will visit the harbor with 4 extension agents from New York and New Jersey to discuss Hurricane Katrina's impact on our area so they can learn from our experiences since they are dealing with similar issues as a result of Hurricane Sandy; and 4.) On Saturday May 17th the New Orleans Power Squadron will hold an event with the coast guard for safe boating week.

Other Comments and Issues from the Public

None

Adjournment:

On a motion by Howard Rodgers and seconded by Alva See, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15pm.

Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at the First Baptist Church.