

New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 11, 2012

6:30 p.m.

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

Warner Tureaud called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and requested a roll call by Reginald Smith.

Board of Directors Present:

Ashlyn Graves
Warner Tureaud
Reginald Smith
Connie Uddo
David Halpern
Alva See
Thomas Forbes

Board of Directors Absent:

Winston Burns

A quorum was present.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

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

On a motion by Reginald Smith, seconded by Thomas Forbes, and unanimously carried, the minutes from the regular meeting of August 20, 2012 were approved.

Action Items:

1. On a motion by Alva See, seconded by Reginald Smith, and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted to ratify the action of the executive committee to close the Breakwater Drive boat launch.

A notice will be posted on the department website that the boat launch is closed, and a sign will be placed that the Bonnabel and Sea Brook boat launches are open.

Information and Discussion Items:

1. Mr. Tureaud updated the board on the progress of the administration building. A meeting was held today with Miguel Viteri of Capital projects and Precision Construction. The contractor has secured several new subcontractors, and work is expected to start next week. They will take care of power washing and cleaning up. Some mechanical equipment was removed prior to Hurricane Isaac and is being stored at their warehouse. The contractor will be on site tomorrow to look at water intrusion issues.
2. Mr. Tureaud discussed the progress of the FEMA claim for the Municipal Yacht Harbor. The harbor FEMA Project work sheet for the Hurricane Katrina claim of \$10,100,000 is still under review by capital projects. Electrical code minimum size service has been increased from 20 to 30 amps. An additional FEMA claim will be filed for damage due to Hurricane Isaac. The work in West End Park is progressing. Sidewalk work is complete and the structures are currently being painted. The pond was drained and debris from Katrina was removed.
3. Mr. Casey discussed Hurricane Isaac. Isaac stalled over the New Orleans area and pounded the West End area. In addition to losing boards from a number of finger piers on the West End side, we sustained major damage to 14 finger piers. The claim for Hurricane Isaac damage will be a separate claim as opposed to an amended claim for Hurricane Katrina. The debris removal at the harbor will be covered by FEMA. We have met with Capital Projects and are currently evaluating the ability to perform temporary repairs. Most of the damage has occurred to the 70' slips. Wayne Bloom has been working with a number of boat owners to relocate them to other slips as well as coordinating with owners who plan to leave the harbor. We are attempting to accommodate everyone who wants to remain in the harbor. The good news is that only one boat sank and it was salvaged last week. Last Friday, Steve Sintes assisted us by securing floating finger piers. The administration building sustained wind driven rain to the second floor, and the carpet became saturated. It has been remediated by a restoration contractor obtained through Capital Projects. The first floor was flooded with 1.5' of water. The debris in the park will be cleaned up by the mowing contractor. The boat launch received additional damage and it is anticipated that a new FEMA claim will be filed.

4. Re-lighting of the New Canal Lighthouse was discussed by Mr. Casey. The event was originally scheduled for Wednesday, August 29th and was postponed due to Hurricane Isaac. It has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 26th.

5. Mr. Casey presented the Executive Director's Report. There were three topics: 1.) Kara Renee with Regional Planning will discuss the comments received on the Master Plan at the October meeting ; 2.) Benjamin Goliwas who is a slip tenant is coordinating an annual harbor clean up by the Ocean Conservancy on Saturday, September 15th at 8:30AM at the SYC dry storage area; 3.) Ashlyn Graves is working with the Corps of Engineers with respect to maintenance of the Coconut Beach property.

Other Comments and Issues from the Public:

Earl Sonnier, a boat slip tenant, is concerned about the damaged wooden finger pier at his slip. He will discuss his situation with Wayne Bloom.

Mr. Tureaud discussed the need to fill the Secretary position and assigned a nominating committee, consisting of Ashlyn Graves as chair, David Halpern, and Connie Uddo.

Kerry Cuccia asked about the timing of the pick up of storm debris. He also stated that he had 2.5' of water in his boathouse.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Reginald Smith, seconded by Alva See, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.

Date and Time of next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 8, 2012 at the First Baptist Church.