

Minutes of the Bay St. Louis Harbor Commission

Date: Tuesday, July 1, 2014

Location: Bay St. Louis Central Fire Station Training Room, 543 Main Street.

The meeting of the Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor Commission convened at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Lee Seal, presiding; Ken Barbor, Vice Chair, Rod Ward, Charles LaFleur, J.P. Compretta, Chet LeBlanc and Mike Hemsley, alternate.

Absent: Commissioner Chris Roth

City Officials Present: Chuck Fortin, Harbormaster, Buz Olsen, Community Development, Don Rafferty, City Attorney and Paula Fairconnetue, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Seal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RE: June 24, 2014

Commissioner LaFleur moved, seconded by Commissioner Compretta, to approve the minutes of the Harbor Commission meeting held June 24, 2014, with corrections.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: LaFleur, Compretta, Seal, LeBlanc, Barbor, and Ward

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Roth

Jody Compretta Marina Resolution

RE: Jody Compretta Dedication

Tish Williams, Chamber of Commerce Director and chamber board members, along with members of the Bay Area Recovery Team appeared before the Harbor Commission to present a resolution requesting that the Harbor Commission and City name the Marina inside the Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor in memory of Joseph 'Jody' Compretta. Jody was a member of B.A.R.T., who was instrumental in the decision making and ground work to build a marina in the downtown district.

After a lengthy discussion was had on the matter, consensus of the Commission was to recommend approval of the resolution.

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION NAMING MARINA IN MEMORY OF JODY COMPRETTE AND RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL BY COUNCIL

Commissioner LeBlanc moved, seconded by Commissioner Barbor, to accept the resolution requesting that the marina inside the Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor be dedicated In Memory of Joseph 'Jody' Compretta. **(SEE EXHIBIT A)**

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: LaFleur, Seal, LeBlanc, Barbor, and Ward

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Roth

Commissioner Compretta did not take part in discussion regarding the resolution and did not vote on the motion to accept resolution.

Guest: Jason Chiniche

RE: Harbor Update

Jason submitted substantial completion form & punch list items to the Commission for review and acceptance. Final inspection of the harbor will take place the first part of August.

The Commission thanked Jason for the hard work he put into the harbor project.

ACCEPTANCE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

RE: Harbor

Commissioner LaFleur moved, seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc, to accept the substantial completion of the harbor, as presented. **(SEE EXHIBIT B)**

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: LaFleur, Compretta, Seal, LeBlanc, Barbor, and Ward

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Roth

Harbor Master Report

Chuck Fortin reported that the soft opening of the harbor went exceptionally well over the weekend. Administration is in discussion of having a 24 hour security officer at the harbor. The harbor restrooms have to remain open to the public 24 hours.

RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE 24-HOUR SECURITY AT THE HARBOR

Commissioner Barbor moved, seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc, to recommend that administration and city council approve the provision of 24-hour security at the harbor.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: LaFleur, Compretta, Seal, LeBlanc, Barbor, and Ward

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Roth

Chuck reported that a number of transient slips are being requested for the weekend of the Harbor Fest.

Discussion was had on a man overboard plan. A request was made that the plan be added to the SOP manual and submitted to the commission for review.

Old Business

Marketing Proposal

The Commission reviewed the marketing proposal submitted by The Focus Group. Consensus of the Commission was the price for services is too high. The Marketing Sub-Committee was asked to continue discussion with the agency to bring the price down.

New Business

The Commission discussed changing the meeting schedule to once a month having all needed documents in place, hiring of the harbor master and opening of the harbor.

The Commission will meet the third Tuesday of each month at 3pm. Special meetings require a one (1) day notice posted in two public locations.

The City Attorney reported that the Murphy's had been advised of the Commission's recommendation regarding their proposal for Fuel/Bait Shop Operation.

Rafferty advised the Commission there may be a potential ethics concern with Commissioners leasing slips. He's looking into the issue and will update the board further.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner LeBlanc moved, seconded by Commissioner LaFleur, to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting of July 1, 2014, there being no further business to discuss.

A vote was called for with the following response:

VOTING YEA: LaFleur, Compretta, Seal, LeBlanc, Barbor, and Ward

VOTING NAY: None ABSENT: Roth