

MINUTES OF BAY ST. LOUIS MUNICIPAL HARBOR COMMISSION

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Location: Bay St. Louis Central Fire Station Training Room, 543 Main Street, Bay St. Louis
The meeting of the Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor Commission convened at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Lee Seal, presiding, Vice Chairman Ken Barbor, Charles LaFleur, Rod Ward, J.P. Compretta, Chris Roth and Chet LeBlanc

Absent: Mike Hemsley, alternate

City Officials Present: Chuck Fortin, Harbor Master and Paula Fairconnetue, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RE: December 16, 2014

Commissioner LaFleur moved, seconded by Commissioner Barbor, to approve the minutes of the Harbor Commission meeting held December 16, 2014, as presented.

A vote was called for with the following response:

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

VOTING NAY: None

Guests: Pam Valentine, Jennifer Fulcher, Kelly Colom

RE: Bay Life Beach Rentals

Pam Valentine, Jennifer Fulcher and Kelly Colom owners of Created Bay Life Beach Rentals informed the board that they bought the business previously owned by John Adams Kayak Rentals. They inquired about the process of opening a business at the harbor and asked the commission for guidance. They are looking for space on the beach for recreational rentals including kayaks, bicycles, umbrellas and beach chair rentals.

The Commission inquired if the owners had discussed the matter with the harbor master.

Chuck Fortin stated that he had not met with the owners yet to discuss their intentions and would like to meet with them about their intentions for a business at the harbor. He stated that the city is in the process of drafting an ordinance and lease that would govern the operations of commercial entities at the harbor. Chuck invited the guests to set up an appointment to meet with him to discuss the matter in detail.

Commissioner Seal inquired about the status of the wave action study and waterline running out to the breakwater.

Chuck Fortin reported that he's waiting on more bids to come in on the waterline project. Bids received so far are from residential plumbers that don't carry the Longshoreman Insurance. The cost for residential plumbers to acquire the insurance well exceeds the cost of the project. He's waiting for more bids to back from entities in the industry that carry Longshoreman Insurance through their trade.

He also reported that the wave action study consultants visited the harbor on two occasions and he's still waiting on the results of those visits. The numerical model has started and should take at least 30 days before results are expected on that study.

HARBOR MASTER REPORT

Chuck Fortin reported that 82 slips are currently occupied; gas sales are down and diesel sales are up. He's working with Tourism on hosting a boat show for the harbor in the spring.

He is also looking into the privilege licenses for Shore Thing Charter Boats before moving forward with discussions of operating a business out of the harbor. So far, he hasn't found any licensing for the business for this area.

Commissioner Ward stated that the board tabled a request from the Mystic Krewe of Seahorse at a meeting held on May 20th to have activities at the harbor during the reenactment of the Battle of the Bay. The subject was not brought before the Board again to finalize plans before the event took place.

A lengthy discussion was had on activities that took place at the harbor during the event.

During discussion, Chuck Fortin stated that the event was approved by Council and informed the board that the krewe is willing to pay any rates owed to the harbor.

Discussion was had on the financial report submitted by City Clerk and the board expressed concern about not getting accurate monthly reports.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION TO INVITE CITY CLERK AND MAYOR TO NEXT HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING RE: Discussion on Harbor Finances

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc to that Chairman Seal make a request to the City Clerk and Mayor to attend the next board meeting to discuss harbor finances.

A vote was called for with the following response:

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

VOTING NAY: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner LaFleur, to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting for December 16, 2014, there being no further business to discuss.

A vote was called for with the following response:

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

VOTING NAY: None