

Harbor Commission Meeting

August 13, 2013

Present: Howard Edwards, Jr., Captain Richard Spear, Ed Glaser, Melissa Maker, Richard Whitman, Louise MacLellan-Ruf, Adam Philbrick

Absent: Sam Ladley, Guy Polyblank

No minutes to approve.

Fish Pier Director's Report: No Advisory Meeting in July per Richard. Question posed as to who's in charge when Al's gone?

Melissa has received calls about the 30 minute stay rule at the Fish Pier. James requested two boats be towed Thursday afternoon. The City's towing guidelines require the owner be contacted and given 24 hour notice if they can't be contacted. The first boat (Cocktail) owned by Gary Kinney was moved on request. The second, owned by Garrett Bates, had a sign posted "be back later" and the boat was moved by the next morning.

The City Attorney wrote to the offenders but what teeth does the Policy have? Maybe an ordinance is needed or can be added on to the current parking ban ordinance. The threat of towing is the only consequence currently. If they remain overnight, shouldn't they be billed? It's easier to call and have them move the boat. Richard will address this at the next Advisory Board meeting – should be made to pay the \$25 fine. What's the penalty if the fine isn't paid? Policy should be revisited. (Fish Pier Advisory Group meetings are the last Friday of every month at 3:00 PM.)

Perhaps there should be more spaces available – feel they could all be sold if they existed.

Dale O'Neal - Dr Leiter's property – pays up to \$6,000/month to be there. Too much money! He would like to work off the Fish Pier again perhaps – Ed thinks he'd be good to keep in town. Potential exists for a couple of spots – new things done at the Fish Pier to create room for him – He'd probably put some money into it as he'd need space for trucks parking and two boats – expand boardwalk maybe? There are pilings located where the McLoon sat that could be used. Presentation to Al – put in infrastructure to get a long term lease in return. Improvements make the Fish Pier more viable. Some users pay for two spaces but don't use both to prevent competition....not the best use of the Fish Pier.

Harbormaster's Report:

Summer Season: Slow in June. Incredible July! All rental moorings taken! Shows went fairly smoothly. Some examples of how busy: Cruising Club of America – 80 boats; Lyman Morse Pen Bay Rendezvous – 90 boats; New York City Yacht Club – two 70' sailboats, etc. August has been BUSY too! Other harbors are reportedly "dead." It's hard to imagine. But we are a transportation center!

Cruise Ship Independence – early arrival/late departures several times this season due to generator troubles – they do pay for the extra time spent here. Should fees be addressed again? October is the end of the "summer season" – Ed doesn't recommend changing any of them – the Harbor has been *busy* making money (not due to fees).

New Business:

Complaints:

- Steps to Buoy Park – bottom step rotting out – must be an old complaint as they've just been replaced by brand new steps.
- Seagulls falling into large bins at the Fish Pier and unable to get out. (Photos taken and presented) Should be left on their side when empty or covers used.
- What happened to the second Port-A-Potty at Sandy Beach? South End residents want to know. Part of money saving budget - taken out of budget...Senior population use them a lot. With only one, it will need to be cleaned twice as often. Or we can get rid of them altogether and then no one can complain. Problem should be brought to the attention of the Mayor or City Manager by interested parties.

Yacht Club/Apprentice shop – Youth sailing program costing too much (Atlantic Challenge) Yacht Club might want to run it? Perhaps at Snow Marine Park? The new director thinks they're losing too much money.

Applications:

Multi-handicapped event – celebrating disabilities – weekend of 8/17/13. Not enough lead time for PR, support, vendors, etc. Not a bad idea but she needs more time to develop it. She does have insurance in place. Next year, if she starts earlier we could be of help to her.

Motion to adjourn: 7:45 PM.

Accepted.

Submitted by Sandy Billington

Amended by the HMC and accepted 9/10/13