

**NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MARINA COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2015 – 10:30 A.M.**

The regular meeting of the Marina Committee of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 10:30 a.m., in the Lake Vista Community Center, 2nd Floor, 6500 Spanish Fort Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member, the news media, and a copy of the call was posted.

Chairman Settoon called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

The roll was called which constituted a quorum.

PRESENT:

Chairman William Settoon
Vice-Chair Stanley Brien
Comm. Glenn Higgins

STAFF:

Cornelia Ullmann – Chief Operating Officer
Sharon Martiny – Administrative Assistant
Chuck Dixon – Marina Director

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Nelson – Stuart Consulting Group
Chris Fenner – Stuart Consulting Group
Charles Curtis – Metzger Law Firm

ADOPT AGENDA

Comm. Higgins offered a motion to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Comm. Brien and unanimously adopted.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Approval of the May 12, 2015 Marina Committee meeting is deferred.

CURRENT MARINA ISSUES

Mr. Dixon advised that pier repairs are ongoing. Five pilings need replacement. To repair the piers, the contractors built a Styrofoam raft to access the piers and used life jackets to ensure safety. Marine treated lumber is being used to make the repairs. The lumber is taken from Slidell to a processing plant where it is dipped in a vat with solution that waterproofs the lumber.

The Pennick Dock process is still in review. No bids were received for rub rail engineering services so that will be done in-house. Replacement doors for the electrical vault at Stars and Stripes will be delivered soon. Himmel's (Baton Rouge) had the lowest bid (\$2,200) and was located as a reasonable source when researching hardware for Replacement Shelter 3. Coordinates for the aids for navigation at South Shore Harbor will be sent to the Coast Guard for posting as needed by mariners. The 2015-2016 marina leases are due July 1, 2015 and can be downloaded from the internet. Mr. Curtis suggested that leases be delivered to the tenant 30 days ahead of time. Paragraph 12 of the Marina Rules and Regulations states that "swimming is discouraged". Recommendation to staff is that be changed to read "Swimming is Prohibited in the Marinas". Diving off of piers and boats is also prohibited. Commercial diving is allowed by certified commercial divers with the appropriate insurance. It is recommended that the Rules and Regulations be changed to prohibit swimming and diving and that appropriate signage be placed accordingly. Chair Settoon requested Mr. Curtis forward that language to the COO for inclusion in the lease. Tenants should be given 30 days from receipt of the lease to download and sign the lease.

South Shore Harbor covered boat slips are experiencing an issue with spiders. Ed Martin of Terminex advised of a non-lethal spray deterrent that can be sprayed on the 26 fire pedestals. The deterrent lasts 90 days. The cost is \$375 to start and \$300 per quarter for the service. The spiders are also found 60 feet up in the covered boat slips. Chair Settoon suggested referring the tenants to Terminex. The Authority's area of concern is the power pedestals. Charles Curtis, Legal Counsel, advised that ridding spiders located in the covered boat slips is the responsibility of the individual boat owner.

Mr. Dixon announced that National Marina Day is June 20, 2015. Marina vendors chip in together to grill burgers for the event which is held at South Shore Harbor Marina by the old Bally's building. The event is held to attract non-tenants. The Authority does not advertise National Marina Day; it is spread by word-of-mouth.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Discussion of bathymetric surveys

Chris Fenner, Stuart Consulting, advised that an RFP package will be prepared to obtain proposals for bathymetric surveys on New Basin Canal, South Shore Harbor and Orleans Marina. The RFP will request licenses surveyors and include a site plan of what areas are to be surveyed. Staff will advise what areas are suggested to be surveyed at each marina.

Chair Settoon advised that reports regarding water depth were received from the New Orleans Vice Commodore and forwarded to Stuart Consulting. Individual boat owners could be contacted to provide additional information. There are no known insurance claims regarding the issue. The area most complained is located at the south side of the point at the mouth of the Harbor as you enter New Basin Canal. Mr. Curtis advised that the depth meter shows water as shallow as five feet during low tides.

NEW BUSINESS

2) Discussion of "Swim at Your Own Risk: signs, design, locations, etc. Stuart Consulting Group

Mr. Curtis advised that appropriate signs indicating swimming or diving should be placed at the entrance of each pier. Signage should also be placed at the various properties owned by the Authority such as the Pennick Dock and the Frank Davis Fishing Pier to limit liability. Signage should be bilingual as it is a heavily used fishing pier. Swimming is allowed on the beach near the pier and boat launch so the sign should indicate "swim at your own risk/no lifeguard". As there are piers at the boat launch, a "no diving" sign should be placed at the boat pier to prevent people from diving off the pier into shallow water. The Lake and water bottoms are owned by the State and are not the responsibility of the Authority. The seawalls along Lakeshore Dr. are owned and managed by the Flood Authority and is not this Authority's responsibility. The Authority can erect signs if there are practical logistical problems. Signs are subject to being torn down or removed by storms or vandalism. Signage is a necessary obligation to reduce the chance of someone being injured. Signs should be posed where people and see and read them. If signs are ignored by the public, it is done so willingly.

ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING

Chairman Settoon announced that the next Marina Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Higgins offered a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brien and unanimously adopted. The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.