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The Harbor Board met at 4:30 p.m., Civic Center, Delchamps Room, 161 N Section St. Fairhope, Alabama 36532 on Friday, September 7, 2018

Present were Members: Bob Riggs, Skip Jones, Chris Cunningham, Scott Douglass and Tom Kuhl. Jennifer Olmstead took the minutes.

Bob Riggs called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Scott Douglass nominated Skip Jones for Chairman. All were in favor, none opposed.

Skip Jones asked Tom Kuhl for an update on the Fairhope Docks. Tom Kuhl stated that the Marina Manager position had been posted and interviews had been held; a decision for the new hire would be made sometime next week. Tom Kuhl discussed the electrical situation around the marina and stated that an electrical engineer has been hired to layout a new electrical system.

There was a discussion regarding an option for a Boat Yard to operate at the Fly Creek Property. Tom Kuhl stated that the Boat Yard option has not been ruled out; depending upon what type of Marina the City would like to see on Fly Creek would determine if the Boat Yard option is a good fit. Chris Cunningham provided the pros and cons to a Boat Yard operation. Skip Jones provided the pros and cons of a Boat Yard business model. Tom Kuhl also stated the option of a Dry Storage facility at the marina. The Board also discussed the possibility of having a mobile repair service allowed to operate for minor repairs to boats.

Bob Riggs asked Tom Kuhl what the priorities the City has in fiscal year 2019. Tom Kuhl stated the top priorities would be dredging of slips and channel, refurbishing additional bulkhead and adding finger piers, and general maintenance on existing buildings.

Gary Gover asked the board a few questions:

- 1. Could the Fish House be recognized as a historic building? Skip Jones responded that the City of Fairhope is not in the Baldwin County Historic District; however, it could be recognized.
- 2. If Shux changes hands, would terms of lease be changed? Skip Jones responded that the term of the current lease in place has additional years before it is expired and within that lease there is an assignment option.
- 3. What is being done to the existing building that is in bad shape? Tom Kuhl stated the City is aware of the problem and have been discussion a solution.
- 4. Will the City provide transportation to transients that dock with Fairhope Docks as it had been done prior? Tom Kuhl stated that the City would not be able to provide this amenity. Suggestions by Tom Kuhl and Bob Riggs were Uber and a local car rental company.
- 5. Who is monitoring the water quality and the collection process? Tom Kuhl stated that Mobile Bay Keepers is who is responsible for water quality testing.
- 6. Where is the fuel sheen seen in Fly Creek coming from? Tom Kuhl stated that it was not from a spill at the Fuel Dock; it could be from any of the boats docked along the creek.

Bob Riggs inquired about the "Welcome to Fairhope" signage and when and where it would be displayed.

There was discussion regarding how often the Board should meet. In the by-laws, the Board is required to meet quarterly unless a special meeting is called. Scott Douglass would like for the Board to become more involved. Skip Jones stated that the role of the Harbor Board is in a transitional period. He would like to assist the City with the operations and decisions. If the City would like the input of the Board he agrees the meeting frequency would need to be increased. Tom Kuhl is not opposed of the increased involvement of the Board; he finds recommendations from other Boards hold a lot more weight than a request from a department.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 10, 2018 at 4:30 pm in the Delchamps Room at the Civic Center.

Chris Cunningham inquired about the Fuel Revenue. Tom Kuhl stated that the average sales have been around \$15,000 per month and we do not have any prior data to compare the sales to.

There being no further business to come before the Harbor Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Approved: 11/14/2018

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Olmstead