WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes
City Hall Council Chamber Monday, March 2, 2020, 5:30 PM

Wayne Mozo, Chair
Phillis Rosetti, Vice-Chair
Michael Engiles
Vacant
Alt. Seat #1 - Vacant

Lynn Marcum
Scott Gantt
Jim Baumstark
Alt. Seat #2 - Vacant

Ken Brown, Liaison

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:30.

2. Roll Call:
   Present: Phillis Rosetti, Mike Engiles, Scott Gantt, Jim Baumstark and Wayne Mozo.
   Staff: Council liaison Ken Brown, Co-staff liaison Beth Perez, and Co-staff liaison Lisa Morris.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Mozo led in the recital of the pledge of allegiance.

4. Adoption of Agenda: Vice chair Rosetti moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Board member Baumstark. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting was tendered by Board member Engiles; seconded by Vice chair Rosetti. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Presentations: None.

7. Citizen Input - (three (3) minutes): None.

8. Unfinished Business:
   a. Non-Mechanized and Mechanized Power Pole Anchor Program – Rebate Program – The Board discussed aspects of the rebate program. Vice-Chair Rosetti contacted Wang Anchor and put them in contact with Board member Engiles to test a pole anchor. Board member Engiles discussed various anchoring techniques that boat captains are utilizing. Council liaison Brown provided information regarding Save Crystal River (SCR) Meeting and suggested a Waterfronts member contact SCR regarding proposed anchor rebate program. Vice chair Rosetti was nominated to call Lisa Moore of SCR to ensure that SCR and Waterfronts Board are “on the same page” regarding the proposed anchoring rebate program. Vice chair Rosetti noted that she spoke to County Commissioner Kinnard who has spent a significant amount of time with USFW staff, who clarified that laws regarding anchoring cannot be enforced that requires specific type of or bans specific type(s) of anchors.
   b. Anchoring Brochures – Board member Engiles provided an update regarding anchoring brochures and contacting a person at the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Board member Engiles will follow up next week with his contact.
   c. Aquatic Preserve Legislative Update – Board member Engiles reported that Representative Masullo submitted an updated bill. Revisions includes eastern boundary so that it does not include anything inshore, does not include Highway 19.
   d. Recreational Use Study – Weeki Wachee – limiting access to some areas - Chair Mozo
provided information regarding study on limited use. Chair Mozo discussed information
gathered from attending a meeting regarding Weeki Wachee, noting it was the people getting
out of boats not people boating causing most of the damage to shorelines and vegetation.
Council liaison Brown provided information to the Board regarding possible options for the
city. Staff Co-liaison Perez provided information and clarification to the Board regarding the
state park area. Chair Mozo noted that the report checked against other springs such as Jupiter
Springs. It is still in draft form.

e. Limiting the number of people entering the river system – Vice chair Rosetti noted that she
spoke to park rangers gathering their perspective on limiting people in the parks. Vice chair
Rosetti noted that Park Ranger Burch stated that it was the behavior of some individuals not
the number of people in the park that was the issue. Ranger Burch also noted that because of
all the access points to the water there would be no way to limit the number of people gaining
access to the waterfront parks. It was noted that rangers did not feel that it was huge problem
of the park being overused. Council liaison Brown noted that there was no way to limit the
number of people who enter the park. The board discussed how to determine if the park is
over-capacity. Vice-chair Rosetti spoke about the original survey of park users. Council
liaison Brown suggested that the board determine what should be recommended the council.
Board member Engiles spoke about canal by Three Sisters and creating a new area to recreate
for these people. Suggested getting a professional to design a survey. The board can go
individually to observe HSP and make a recommendation. Board member Engiles noted an
area by KBP that could be utilized for a launch. Noted that people can have alcohol and be
anchored outside the swim area at HSP, swim in the swim area and go ashore to utilize the
facilities.

f. Rebate Program – Co-Liaison Morris spoke about the toilet and rain sensor rebate program.

9. New Business:
   a. Pay Parking Lots Downtown – Council member Brown noted if the Board recommends pay-
parking downtown they should make the recommendation consistent for all parking lots.
Note that the City has bought a lot of land to make parking lots, the area where the chambers
building was, suggested that all parking lots downtown should be paid parking. Board member
Engiles noted that there needed be clarification regarding the issue. The Board wanted to
know the goal of the paid parking lots downtown. The board wanted to know if the goal was
revenues or area congestion alleviation. The answer needs to be equitable. The Board
determined that they would not make a recommendation to city council regarding downtown
parking.

   b. State Water Conservation Policies – Chair Mozo provided an update on Clear Water Ways Act
on the State level, that the state is trying to get approved. Chair Mozo further discussed the
rarity of potable water in Florida.

   c. Next Agenda
      i. Non-Mechanized and Mechanized Power Pole Anchor Program
ii. Look up outdoor ethics cards – Inquire if “paddle craft leave no trace cards” are available from the Sierra Club. Board member Engiles designated to research whether the cards are available.

10. Citizen Input- (three (3) minutes): Boe Braccio, Pete’s Pier, spoke about charging for parking. Mr. Braccio stated that sometimes it is a necessary evil to require a user fee and spoke about mooring fields, Monroe County in the Florida Keys, and the protected grass zone. Noted that someone has enough licenses to put another 75 tour boats in the water. Further, stated that he was not a fan of mooring fields and big vessels not being at a dock or docking facility.

11. Board Member Reports/Comments:
   a. Jim Baumstark: Board member Baumstark discussed the Waterfronts Board budget and further spoke about bottling companies drawing water from the aquifer.
   b. Mike Engiles: Board member Engiles noted that last week when the temperatures were around 38 degrees there was a 9-foot alligator spotted resting near King Spring.
   c. Scott Gantt: None.
   d. Lynn Marcum: None.
   e. Wayne Mozo: None.
   f. Phillis Rosetti: Vice chair Rosetti provided information about poster and educational material for the kiosk.


13. Announcement of Next Meeting –April 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

14. Adjournment: Board member Baumstark moved to adjourn; Board member Engiles seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Attest:

Lisa Morris, Deputy Clerk