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## **Maritime Advisory Board**

February 18, 2020

The Maritime Advisory Board (MAB) of the City of Annapolis held its regularly scheduled meeting on February 18, 2020 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center located at 273 Hilltop Lane. **Chair** Lomax called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Members Present:** **Chair** Lomax, **Vice Chair** Allan, Hood, Franke, Wildey, Gosselin, Fegley, Woodward

**Members Absent:** Trogdon, Tomasini

**Staff Present:** Harbormaster Bellis, Stewart, Nold

### **II. MEETING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **A. November 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

The MAB deferred voting on the November 19, 2019 meeting minutes to its March 17, 2020 meeting.

#### **B. December 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Franke moved to approve the December 17, 2019 meeting minutes as revised. Ms. Gosselin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0. (Gosselin abstained from the vote)

#### **C. January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Gosselin moved to approve the January 21, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Ms. Wildey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0. (Woodward and Fegley absented from the vote)

### **III. REGULAR/OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. AACO MIAB Update**

Mr. Franke reported that the AACO MIAB is scheduled to meet on February 24, 2020. He asked if anyone had been contacted to participate on the focus group of the Anne Arundel County Economic Development Study because he submitted names to serve on these focus groups. He continued that the meeting last month included reviewing the list of names to submit to the SAGE group and the major discussion centered around the Abandoned Boat legislation.

#### **B. Economic Development Update**

Ms. Stewart reported that the Business Appreciation week which is scheduled for April 27-May 1, 2020. The business appreciation week consists of teams visiting the businesses to explain the different programs that the County and City have that can support the maritime businesses and business will receive a citation for their participation. She clarified that the MAB can help by spreading the word to the businesses. Lastly, she reported that the City ended with a 5% vacancy rate which is low but she knows there are more vacancies in the maritime industry so asked the MAB to keep the Economic Development office aware of any vacancies that they are aware of.

#### **C. Comprehensive Plan Meeting**

Mr. Hood reported that the Comprehensive Plan follow-up meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020. **Chair** Lomax asked Mr. Hood to check with Dr. Nash to determine if she needs anything different than that which has already been provided by the ACB to which he agreed.

**D. City Dock Action Committee Update**

**Chair** Lomax clarified that the City is moving forward with the request for proposals for the Hillman Garage design, construction and operations. He noted that there is a presentation to the Planning Commission scheduled for their March 5, 2020, 7:00pm meeting. He noted that the goal is to move forward on a parallel track since the Hillman Garage is the key factor to removing some of the parking off of City Dock and there are number of other things that can take place that don't require funding that can be implemented with the City Dock in its current configuration.

**E. Abandoned Boat Legislation**

**Vice Chair** Allan reported that there are two pieces of legislation that are linked together specifically SB219 (Elfreth) and HB143 (Kipke). He believes the testimony at the meeting was well received. Senator Elfreth recommended that something be included in the legislation for Good Samaritan protection. He noted that there is a secondary house bill being proposed on February 19, 2020 by another representative that **Vice Chair** Allan has been asked to testify on and Senator Elfreth's Assistant was going to check into it and let him know what the legislation is proposing. Harbormaster Bellis briefly discussed some concerns regarding the legislation as currently written and believe that it can be strengthen with some add-ons. **Vice Chair** Allan agreed to put Senator Elfreth's Assistant in contact with Harbormaster Bellis to discuss.

**F. Severn River Restrictions**

Ms. Wildey reported that the letter has been submitted to the Boat Advisory Committee.

**G. NDZ Update**

There was no report.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Revisions to Title 15**

Harbormaster Bellis reported that the changes to Title 15 are included to clean up some of the items to improve the document. The Harbormaster and MAB reviewed the document for edits and removed item B of Section 15.06.090 and also revised Section 15.10.100 to remove "City Approved Dinghies."

**B. Annapolis City Marina**

**Chair** Lomax provided background on this agenda item and referred to a letter that he drafted for the MAB to review. This will be discussed further at the March 17, 2020 meeting.

**V. DEFERRED MATTERS:**

There was none.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020.**

With there being no further business, Mr. Fegley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. Ms. Gosselin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.