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**Maritime Advisory Board**  
VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING  
May 19, 2020

The Maritime Advisory Board (MAB) of the City of Annapolis held its regularly scheduled meeting as a virtual public meeting on May 19, 2020. **Chair** Lomax called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

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

**Members Absent:** Tomasini

**Staff Present:** Harbormaster Bellis, Hope Stewart, Ashley Leonard

**Guest Present:** Marcus Wooley, Alan Hyatt, Alderman Arnett

**II. MEETING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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

Ms. Wildey moved to approve the November 19, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0. (Franke, Fegley, Trogdon, Gosselin abstained from the vote.)

**B. February 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Fegley moved to approve the February 18, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0. (Trogdon abstained from the vote)

**III. REGULAR/OLD BUSINESS**

**A. AACO MIAB Update**

Mr. Franke reported that the AACO MIAB has not met so the next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2020. In the meantime, he explained that there is a COVID-19 federal grant that the County will be administering through the AAEDC that they are interested in having the maritime businesses to apply. The application process will open in early June 2020.

**B. Economic Development Update**

Ms. Stewart reported that the Small Business Task Force has launched and there is a maritime subcommittee that falls under the Launch and Reopening Committee headed by Susan Zellers. She noted that all the committees need to have their recommendations to the task force by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Business Advisory Committee has launched as well and will provide counseling sessions for reopening to businesses.

**C. Comprehensive Plan Meeting**

Mr. Hood reported that there have been no developments on the Comprehensive Plan as a result of the COVID-19 events.

**D. City Dock Action Committee Update**

There was no report.

**E. Abandoned Boat Legislation**

**Vice Chair** Allan read in the newspaper that Sarah Elfreth legislation went into law without the Governor's signature so is now in place.

**F. Severn River Restrictions**

**Chair** Lomax reported that he noticed a sign posted on the Severn River located on the Naval Academy basin announcing that the proposed restriction changes were under review. Ms. Wildey added that new buoys were installed and a request for comments but she is not aware of the meeting date.

**G. NDZ Update**

There was no report.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. City Dock Reopening**

**Chair** Lomax reported that there has been a plan developed to reopen City Dock. Harbormaster Bellis added that there were unhappy residents regarding the reopening of City Dock so she along with other City staff will work this weekend to make necessary changes to address the COVID-19 concerns regarding social distancing and wearing protective equipment. There are some alternatives that will be considered if there are no improvements in these areas. Ms. Stewart added that there will be volunteer ambassadors that will be advising and guiding residents on social distancing as well as police on the dock this weekend.

**B. Marcus Wooley – National Maritime Archival**

Mr. Wooley updated the MAB on the status of the National Maritime Archival explaining that they are trying to build a maritime repository. There are 15 maritime museums in the State of Maryland so are reviewing the list to determine which one has a collection and which one does not. Also to determine which museum is willing to participate in Digital Maryland to build a collection. He noted these efforts are still ongoing. In response from Chair Lomax, he agreed to send the MAB the listing of the 15 maritime museums.

**C. Legislative Review – O-15-20 – WMM Zoning Changes**

**Chair** Lomax distributed the written comments from Mr. Arason who represent Annapolis City Marina and Mr. Dales who represent several marinas in the WMM and WMI zoning. He also distributed a copy of Resolution #R-50-81 legislation that permitted the uses for Annapolis City Marina along with its current restrictions.

Mr. Hyatt commented that he has no opposition to Ordinance #O-15-20 but believes that all maritime zones are equally impacted by what this legislation is trying to correct in the WMM zone so he suggests that this legislation be extended to the other maritime zones because they too are having problems attracting maritime tenants. He believes that the maritime zones needed to be respected and need to encourage maritime use while also having the flexibility to reflect the modernization of maritime as well as what is currently happening in the maritime business. He believes that the MAB should consider a comprehensive review of the maritime zones so should defer voting on this legislation until such time.

**Chair** Lomax explained that the MAB agreed to leave the public comment portion open until June 16, 2020. He noted that there has been a request to remove this legislation from the Planning Commission agenda because it was not ready to move forward with it.

Mr. Hood moved to recommend that the sponsor of Ordinance O-15-20 withdraw the motion as currently written; the MAB authorized **Chair** Lomax to request that the Office of Law provide an

opinion of the relationship of Resolution #R-50-81 to Ordinance #O-15-20 and whether the Annapolis City Marina would need to amend their business development plan; recommend that the Office of Planning and Zoning in conjunction with the Maritime Advisory Board establish a work group to comprehensively review the existing maritime zones to incorporate recommendations within 60 days. Ms. Wildey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 9-0.

**D.** **Harbormaster Report**

Harbormaster Bellis reported that the pump out boat is not running so she is hoping for a statewide conversation regarding marine sewage. There are still no minimal penalties for the violation of orders during a state of emergency so there is legislation that allows for penalties that she would like a ruling on from City Council. She reported that Lafayette and Preston is getting a new bulkhead. She reported that Sixth Street will have a new floating pier and some dredging.

**E.** **Extended City Emergency**

There was no report.

**V.** **DEFERRED MATTERS:**

There was none.

**VI.** **ADJOURNMENT**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020.**

With there being no further business, Mr. Trogdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. Ms. Gosselin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder