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The Harbor Board met at 4:30 p.m.,  
Fairhope Public Library, Board Room, 501 Fairhope Ave.  
Fairhope, Alabama 36532 on Wednesday, 13 July 2016

Present were Members: Bob Riggs, Skip Jones, John Henry, Tom Yeager, Tony Chavers, Kevin Boone arrived at 4:38 p.m. Jennifer Olmstead took the minutes.

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

Minutes for the April 13, 2016 were presented and approved after a correction to the name Sonny Nall in paragraph 5 to Sonny Nowell.

Bob Riggs stated that the north seawall project has been approved by the Fairhope City Council. Tom Yeager objected to the dollar amount the north seawall project came in at. Bob Riggs rebutted stating that the 100 foot seawall that the Engineer of Record, Jade Engineering figured in the project would be a 75-year seawall costing \$149,000 plus no more than \$30,000 in engineering fees. Tom Yeager asked Kevin Boone why the council would approve this project without Harbor Board involvement. Kevin Boone stated that the Council took the recommendation of the Engineer of Record and that the Bob Riggs was present at the meeting supporting the decision. Skip Jones was questioning the approved seawall project regarding repairing failing fingers piers and pilings and that the \$50,000 that was originally discussed was not adequate money to repair those failing items. John Henry stated that old bulk head was done in 1967 with old pilings that were removed from the Municipal Pier. Skip Jones recommended that if we were spending that type of money the whole marina area needs to be brought up to standard.

John Henry discussed the recommendations for the maintenance and enhancement projects for fiscal year 2017. John Henry provided to the Harbor Board recommendations for general maintenance and repairs. Attached as Exhibit A. Tony Chavers spoke on the insurance liability the City of Fairhope has at the Fly Creek Marina. Gary Gover suggested the Clean Marina Program sponsored through ADEM that will come and survey a marina to identify items that need to be addressed to bring the marina up to standards. Once the marina is brought up to standard it would allow for grants to help repair marinas from their findings. A motion was made by Skip Jones to present John Henry's recommendations for repairs to the City Council due to safety, utility, and liability issues. Tony Chavers seconded the motion; none opposed.

In other business the Board discussed the dredging of Fly Creek. Kevin Boone stated that he, Sherry Sullivan and Mayor Timothy Kant met with Senator Jeff Session and Congressman Bradley Byrne and the Corps of Engineers to try and get the dredging of Fly Creek moving. Mayor Kant suggested that the City of Fairhope would gather a plan to raise \$200,000.00 to dredge the 1,400 feet that is below the recommended depth; under a maintenance permit. The Corps of Engineers did state that our permit that allows us to maintain Fly Creek required depths by dredging are still in effect. The Corps of Engineers did state that full dredging done by them would not be done prior to Spring of 2018.

John Henry would like for the Board to be notified when there is a new tenant that leases a slip with the City Marina. Kevin Boone did not think the request was unreasonable and that Bob Riggs should be the liaison between the Harbor Board and the person responsible for leasing the slips through the City.

There being no further business to come before the Harbor Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:40pm.

*Robert E. Riggs*  
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Bob Riggs

**Harbor Board Meeting – July 13, 2016**

**Suggestions and recommendations from the Harbor Board to the Fairhope City Council for year 2017 budget, concerning repairs and general maintenance to the Fly Creek Marina and Municipal Marina**

June 2016 Site Observations by John Henry for Chairman Bob Riggs:

1. From the south end, starting with stall 1 – Remove old gas pump in parking lot and replace missing boards from the step dock to ground; replace 2 bad pilings on stall side of finger pier
2. Finger pier 5 dock has a bad swaying motion on the end that could be corrected with some 'x' braces on the last couple sets of pilings underneath
3. In stall 6 there is approximately 6 feet of old bulkhead and 2 pilings left from the last work done to the seawall that need to be removed for boat safety and to gain use of the complete stall
4. The stall 9 finger pier has bad decking that needs to be replaced and one bad piling
5. The finger pier between stalls 11 and 12 needs to have the end raised and bolted to the pilings
6. In stall 11 add a tall piling on the seawall for mooring on the right side to Turtle's dock, present mooring is under the seawall
7. Stall 14 needs 2 pilings on the seawall
8. Stall 16 needs 1 piling on the seawall
9. Stall 18 needs 1 piling on the seawall; finger pier needs leveling up and 3 pilings replaced
10. Stall 19 needs 1 piling on the seawall
11. The finger pier between stalls 21 and 22 is missing some decking boards

All listed items are marked in white paint for identification and inspection.

**Summary:**

**Replace 12 pilings; 6 finger pier repairs; several miscellaneous repairs; erosion problem at the road end entrance to the park**

**Harbor Board member**

**John Henry**