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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, 11 January 2017

Present were Members: Bob Riggs, Skip Jones, John Henry, Kevin Boone, Margaret Meyers, and Robert Rohm. Jennifer Olmstead took the minutes.

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

Bob Riggs introduced Robert Rohm as the Harbor Board City of Fairhope employee liaison. He also introduced Sherry Lea Botop.

Minutes for the October 12, 2016 were presented and approved on a motion by Margaret Meyers; seconded by John Henry.

Skip Jones gave an update on the Fly Creek seawall restoration project. At this the previous proposal was rescinded by the City Council. A new proposal and scope of work is currently in process at a reduced amount that was previously approved by Council.

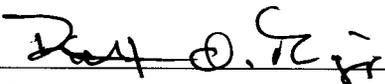
Bob Riggs introduced Jim Chapman from the Fairhope Yacht Club to speak regarding the dredging of the Fly Creek Channel and boat basin. Mr. Chapman provided issues with the Fly Creek Channel as well as steps the Fairhope Yacht Club is taking to try and remedy some of those issues; shown as Exhibit A. Mr. Chapman would like the Harbor Board to take into consideration the need of dredging for the Fly Creek Channel due to the economic impact that the Fly Creek Harbor brings to the City of Fairhope. Margaret Meyers is in agreement with the need of dredging. Jeanie Paradise spoke on behalf of Fly Creek Marina stating as well that the dredging needs to happen. Ed Wall spoke on behalf of Eastern Shore Marine. Mr. Wall gave facts of other dredging projects in Alabama and stated reasons why the Corps of Engineers would not be interested in dredging the Fly Creek Channel, giving other solutions that might work. Bill Beckham, Harbor Master for Shux, would also like to see dredging done in the Channel to the Municipal Pier. Sherry Lea Botop said that there could possibly be Restore Act Funds available that could be used to help with the expense of the dredging.

Bob Riggs stated that the two Lease agreements the city has with Eastern Shore Marine are to expire in October 2017. He would like for the Harbor Board members to come up with what changes they would like to see in the new lease agreements.

Bob Riggs would like to see the City assist with drainage and erosion to Sea Cliff Drive, upgrade the electrical service at the City operated slips to meet the City Electrical Code, and clean up the trash bordering the northwest perimeter of the boatyard. Robert Rohm stated that the drainage and erosion of Sea Cliff Drive is being looked into and possibly may get corrected when the seawall is being restored. Joe Wolchina from the Electrical department displayed new electric boxes that he will order for the slips to use if the Harbor Board agreed those boxes would work; which they did. The trash along the northwest perimeter

was questioned on whether it was on City property or on the property of the next land owner. If it is on the City property, Robert Rohm stated he can get someone down there to clean it up.

There being no further business to come before the Harbor Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:41pm.



Bob Riggs

Fly Creek channel and basin dredging

- Doing nothing is not an option! The shoaling/silting will continue to adversely affect the depth of the channel.
- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has confirmed, by email, that they will not be involved in any dredging of Fly Creek for the foreseeable future.
- Fairhope Yacht Club has unilaterally allocated approximately \$14K to dredge 500 yds³ in the most shoaled/silted areas. We have applied for and received our maintenance permit and have commissioned Jemison Maritime, LLC to perform the dredging.
- The economic impact of this harbor on the City of Fairhope is considerable. FYC hosts a number of regattas drawing out-of-town participants, families and friends. Eastern Shore Marina hosts a number of visiting yachts, better known as “loopers”. All of these visitors need lodging and/or food. In addition, they will likely spend some of their disposable income in Fairhope.

NOTES/QUESTIONS: