

**FEAB Minutes**  
**August 12, 2016**  
**3:00 pm**  
**Delchamps Room, Fairhope, AL**

**Attendees:** Gary Gover, Ron Allen, Jeanine Normand, Rick Frederick, Terry Hargroder, Tony Pritchett and Shawn Graham

**Honored Guests:** Tammy Herrington, Conservation Alabama, Guest Speaker

**City Representatives:** Kim Burmeister, City of Fairhope Planning and Zoning Department

**City Council Members:** None

Gary Gover called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

July 2016 minutes were approved unanimously as written.

**Clean Marina Program:**

Gary said he has attended (2) Harbor Boards meetings in the past. Harbor Board projects typically include repairing bulkheads, repairing boat slips, addressing safety issues and storm water problems. Council has approved \$150,000 (+/-) worth of upgrades and repairs in 2016, which will include bringing the Sea Cliff Drive marina up to electrical code.

Ed Wall (who manages Eastern Shore Marine, part of the City marina property at end of Sea Cliff Drive) also manages a marina in Demopolis and is promoting Fairhope marinas as a fueling spot. Sea Cliff Drive marina can expect an increase in visitors in the near future. This should be a catalyst for improvements and it should be a good time to introduce the Clean Marina Program (to Ed Wall and to the City Harbor Board). The privately owned marina on the south side of Fly Creek (where Sunset Grill/Panini Pete's is located) is redoing bulkheads, according to Gary, and the property owner there is interested in obtaining Clean Marina status. This could encourage City of Fairhope to do the same. We could work together on obtaining Clean Marina status.

Tony said the Sea Cliff Drive marina has many issues to be addressed; it is a gateway to Fairhope for boaters, so this should be a priority.

Gary said that the next step in becoming a Clean Marina candidate is for Mike Shelton to follow up with Harbor Board (this is on Mike's agenda), and invite to FEAB meeting to discuss how we begin. Traditionally, Harbor Board members appear to be long time boaters, shrimpers, etc. We have to get them on board in order to move forward. Engineer must drive the efforts in all upgrades and improvements if we want to eventually become a Clean Marina and address storm water issues.

**Conservation Alabama**

Shawn introduced Tammy Herrington of Conservation Alabama.

Tammy said her group is a lobbyist non-profit organization. Past involvement has been in the Forever Wild program, State Park preservation and Smart Growth issues.

Conservation Alabama can help set policies and can set up comparisons across the board.

CA usually has involvement with City leaders, including Mayors. Gary asked about AL leaders voiced concerns in Alabama. Tammy said Mayor Kant is on the AL Gulf Coast Recovery Team (one of 10 leaders on the team). Tony asked if she was familiar with Fly Creek and the development issues with Fly Creek. She was not. She discussed several projects that her group was involved in.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.