

**MINUTES OF THE
HARBOR AND WATERWAYS BOARD MEETING
DESTIN CITY HALL, AUGUST 28, 2023 - 5:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Stephens called the Destin Harbor and Waterways Board meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2023, at Destin City Hall, with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Member Present:

John Stephens
Jim Green
Guy Tadlock
Casey Jones
Jerod Hayden
Richard Hoey

Members Absent

Bill McKissick

Staff:

Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Steven O'Connor Principal Planner
Rachel Hoag Planner
Christopher Willis Planner
Kim Kopp City Attorney

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- April 24, 2023
- June 26, 2023

Motion by Vice Chairman Green, seconded by Board member Jones, the members approved both sets of minutes by consent with corrections made to the June 26, 2023, minutes. The motion passed 6-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Proposed single-family residential marine construction project at 607 Choctaw Dr (Parcel ID: 00-2S-24-2186-000E-0620). The project proposes the construction of a new marginal dock, consisting of a 36.2' x 6' section and an 8' x 6' section for a total of 265.2 square feet.**

Mr. Willis explained the members the proposed request is for a marginal dock located on the canals within the confines of Holiday Isle and complies with LDC Section 11.05.01.M, Marina Siting, and the Coastal Management Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan (Coastal Management Element Policy 6-1.1.6) and staff recommends approval of the request.

Mr. O'Connor referred the members to the last page of the packet, noting that staff did receive a letter from the adjacent property owner, who objects to the project.

Board member Green made the recommended motion for the Harbor and Waterways Board recommends approval of the Residential Marine Construction Project proposed at 607 Choctaw Drive, for the construction of a new marginal dock, consisting of a 36.2' x 6' section and an 8' x 6' section for a total of 265.2 square feet. Board member Jones provided the second. The members discussed the location of where the 8' x 6' dock would be, if state permits have been obtained, and the adjacent property owner's disagreement with the project and his problems regarding their pool. With no further discussion, the Chairman called for the vote and the **motion passed 6-0.**

6. MEMBER COMMENTS:

A) Board member Tadlock – Spoke of the condition of the harbor and how there are several vending boats and at least one possible liveaboard out there. He spoke of the rules set forth by the County, and asked what, if anything, could be done about them.

According to Mr. O'Connor there is a draft ordinance that will be coming before the Council soon concerning mooring for various types of vessels. Board member Tadlock also spoke of two sailboats in the harbor one of which is now sunk and abandoned and the other, most likely will be soon, because the riggings are broken and it's not seaworthy.

Chairman Stephens spoke of a program that the FWC now has regarding abandoned and derelict vessels called the At Risk Vessel Program and how he can contact them about those two sailboats, so the FWC can come to the locations, inspect them, and start the process.

B) Board member Jones – Spoke of his continued efforts and discussions with DWU for pump-out stations and how he is not giving up to find a solution to the ongoing problem.

C) Board member Green – Spoke of his plan he came up with to utilize 1 Harbor Blvd. property as a city marina. He explained that the Harbor District has plenty of parks and feels the city should better utilize this property with a city marina and repay the Harbor CRA back for the purchase of the property, acknowledging that this is just the initial idea for the property and understands there will be a lot more discussions coming forward. He then presented his idea to the members of the Board, and all it entails.

Board member Tadlock asked if there was any plans for public fueling at the location. Board member Green stated that there is not and that is not something he would recommend either.

There was a discussion regarding slip density and what is allowed per code. Mr. O'Connor added as a reminder that this Board does not have the capability of approving more slips than is allowed per code for the density allowance.

Chairman Stephens opened the public portion for comment. Mrs. Sandy Trammell spoke of how Destin Water Users is only able of getting sewage to the sewer system from a lift station and how it has to first be treated before it can be brought up, especially if it's been sitting in a holding tank for any length of time.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. O'Connor explained that staff will be bringing the Fuel & Pollutant Abatement Plan to the City Council for their review and staff needs a recommendation from this board.

Motion by Board member Green that the Harbor & Waterways Board recommends City Council approve the Fuel & Pollutant Abatement Plan to be included in all applications for marine activity facilities, with Board member Jones providing the second. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mr. O'Connor explained that at their last meeting the board voted to have the meeting days changed in order to allow for Board member McKissick attend on a day when he can. Additionally, staff realized that the meeting date the board initially decided on would put staff in a bind because of other scheduled meetings that same week. Therefore, staff is recommending the fourth Thursday of the month.

Motion by Board member Green, seconded by Board member Jones to change the meetings days to the fourth Thursday of the month. The motion passed with a 6-0 for approval.

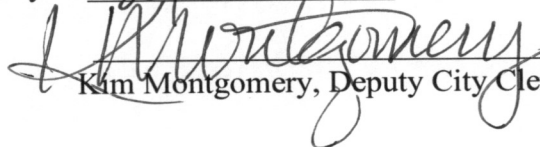
Mr. O'Connor announced that would make their next meeting be September 28, 2023.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 28th day of September 2023.


John Stephens, Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk