

MINUTES OF THE MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Hall – Caladesi Room

Monday, September 15, 2025, at 5:15 pm

Member Attendance (Present, Absent, Excused):

#	Name	P/A/E	#	Name	P/A/E
1	Tiffany Shaw (Chair)	P	8	Mark Tilly	A
2	Harry Mattheus (Vice Chair)	P	9		
3	Patrick Donoghue (Sec)	E	10	James Davis	P
4	David Vose	P	11	Sharon Williams	P
5	Chris Cantonis	P			
6	Michael Rey	P	Alt	Court Douthit	A
7	Nancy Schmidt	P	Alt	Eric Curtis	P

City Staff Present: Laurie Ferguson, Clay Watkins (Engineering), Jennifer Bramley (city manager)

Other Attendees: Commissioner Dugard, Zeke Durica, Cleveland Laycock, Robin Rey

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Tiffany Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

1. CITIZEN INPUT

- a. Question about WIFI in the marina - deferred

2. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. Documents provided to the Committee via email:
 - i. Agenda
 - ii. Draft Minutes
 - iii. Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2025
 - 1) **Chair Tiffany Shaw** announced the agenda item and asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes.
 - 2) **MOTION:** Motion was made by Michael Rey and seconded by Chris.
 - 3) **VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commercial Use of Slips 1 and 2 - Suggestion to make slips 1 & 2 commercial has been brought up, but relocation of the PCSO vessel and the Dunedin fire vessel were

discussed as using these two slips. This idea has been abandoned, and they will stay in their current location. Some work is being done to accelerate their return to those slips.

- b. Slips 1 & 2 cannot be used for recreational vessels per the city, due to the relocation of the Clearwater Ferry at slip 180.
Harry provided some anecdotal feedback for commercial use from talking to the business owners, 4 no's, 2 neutral, there was some concern that in the current economic conditions that additional competition from similar commercial vessels would be detrimental. There may be a thought that competition for existing businesses should be limited. Additional competition can add to traffic as well when use exceeds current capacity of a specific vendor was discussed as a positive for bringing additional traffic to the marina and other surrounding businesses.
- c. Jennifer says stakeholder meeting needed, discussion of how to determine what can be done and whether it would/should be 1 or 2 slips. No decisions have been made, additional analysis and costs need to be done by the city, if slips are to be reconfigured.
- d. Eric indicated that there are structural issues to be discussed. Wave action and storm action could impact use of the docks in their current configuration.
- e. Impact of Clearwater Ferry on slip 180 may impact the usage of slip 1.
- f. There are current rules and regulations for what is permitted for the slips as a commercial use.
- g. Possible use for transient slips was discussed, although Laurie's has been directed to deal with user list and that all slips should have user agreement when a wait list exists, which would preclude transient specific designations now, although it may be revisited at some time in the future.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Marina Recovery Update - Question about FEMA reimbursement for dock redesign for replacement of docks A and B. Which is 87% reimbursed and more resilient replacement is covered by FEMA and some additional grant funding that is being applied for. Eric asked what the actual cost of stabilizing the docks, a number was not directly available at this point. Business interruption insurance covered at 250K.
 - i. Design of new docks has closed (RFQ) for A and B docks. They will be reviewed, and final selection will be submitted to the Commission for approval of design firm.
 - ii. Extended conversation on the process that might follow on for the redesign of the finger piers for A and B dock, which was off topic.
- b. Pram Shed Power - Buell is working on the issue, but no status as of today, but Pram shed service to be connected to existing electrical service equipment with new breakers.
- c. Bulkhead Project – contractor states a likely early October start. Vendor waiting on steel delivery schedule. North bulkhead will begin about 30 days before delivery of steel. East wall will be where the needed steel comes in, waiting for delivery timelines. Clay will provide additional updates to Laurie. 150 days to complete once they begin work onsite.
- d. Clearwater Ferry should start first part of October.
- e. Pier is on track as last time, bid package being compiled, should be back for Commission decision by December.
- f. Pump Out – second contractor is working on quote for pump out, so grant can be submitted. Possibly discussion of relocation to make it easier to access. But current plan is just to replace the equipment in its existing location. Possible that it could be

considered for relocation during reconstruction of docks A and B, but that would be part of the design work.

5. HARBOR MASTER REPORT

- a. Open Slips – Wait list is beginning to get worked through, previous slip occupants have all been contacted to see if they are coming back.
- b. Laurie continues to work through needs for construction. Working on slip transfer locations. Few (5) vessels waiting for new contracts to be signed and confirm vessel status. If vessels need to be towed (\$125 a foot to tow out). 90 days is the window for having the removal from the marina. Sent to collections with city attorney if necessary.
 - i. 25' – 21 open – 6 waitlist
 - ii. 30' – 10 open – 44 waitlist
 - iii. 35' – 7 open – 19 waitlist
 - iv. 50' – 3 open – 26 waitlist
 - v. 60' – 0 open – 10 waitlist
 - vi. Commercial 0 open – 9 waitlist

6. NEXT MEETING

- a. Dates
 - i. October 20, 2025, 5:15 PM, Caladesi Room
- b. Topics
 - i. Marina Update: Status on the pram shed, sea wall, pump out
 - ii. Pier Update
 - iii. Ramp procedures and enforcement
 - iv. Marina Wi-Fi
 - v. North Wall Lighting Report

7. OPEN FLOOR

- a. Michael asked that Wi-Fi in the marina be added to the agenda for next meeting, and there was a brief discussion about why it hasn't happened so far.
- b. Michael and Harry requested that the MAC be able to view the construction plans and discuss at next meeting. Just to know how construction will proceed.

ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION: Motion was made by Michael and seconded by Harry for adjournment at 6:31 pm.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by David Vose, Marina Advisory Committee Member for Patrick Donahue
Secretary.

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