

**Minutes
Recreation Committee
City of Apalachicola
Meeting of February 15, 2018**

Members Present: Chairman Elinor Mount-Simmons, Secretary Diane Brewer, Torben Madson, Robin Vroegop, Mark Milliken

Members Absent: Tasia Jones

Guest: Lt. Tim Davis, City Police Dept. representing Harbormaster

- I **Call to order** - was made by Chairman Mount-Simmons at 6:05 pm

- II **Minutes** – approval of the minutes of the January 2018 meeting was deferred pending Robin’s providing details of item she reported on. Diane gave Robin draft minutes taken by Elinor in Diane’s absence. Diane will add Robin’s detail and add to minutes for approval at next meeting, Thursday, March 15 meeting.

- III **Old Business**
 - a. Hendels/Porter Park aka Battery Park aka “10 Foot Hole”– the most recent draft of this report dated November 8, 2017, date of site visit by Alisa Hendels and Diane Brewer, was distributed and discussed. Diane requested corrections and/or changes. The following were provided by members and will be incorporated:
 - 1. parking at building=none, 2 handicapped spaces so designated
 - 2. numbered boat slips total 66

New Business

b. Guest Lt. Tim Davis representing the Harbormaster function performed by Apalachicola Police Chief Varnes.

Committee member Mark Milliken commented that there should be no graywater discharge within 8-10 miles. Lt. Tim Davis reported that there is evidence that this is NOT being respected.

Diane asked what is the enforcement in effect. Davis response that the DEP handles cases of leakage, otherwise the Harbormaster’s jurisdiction ends when boats leave , and then the FWC and Coast Guard take over. Davis also commented that enforcement by the Harbormaster, currently Chief Varnes ,or his designee, is challenged by not being on site and further challenged by lack of \$ to pay for someone to be.

Discussion moved on to discuss rates and fees charged by the City for dockage, power and water. Lt. Davis brought a copy of two difference blank rental agreements: one titled “Andris Park Boat Basin Boat Rental Agreement” also used for Battery Park, and another titled “Scipio Creek Boat Basin” which is for “commercial boats only”. He also provided a page titled: “amendments to ordinance regarding boat slip fees”.

Andris/Battery Park

Recreational, live aboards \$100/month
+ additional separate charges for water, power,

Scipio Creek

Commercial only, no live aboards,
\$1.50/foot overnight

and dumping

Monthly dockage fees per the "amendment" are:

up to 30 feet	\$30
31-40 feet	85
41-50 feet	95
50 feet and up	95 + \$1.50/foot

Only certain areas at the end are for overnighters at \$1.50/foot.

Contact is Lisette at Police Dept. 653-9755

Boat launching is on the honor system, working cameras monitor this for the City.

Self-contained campers are charged \$30/night & allowed for one night only with special circumstances for Seafood Festival

No charge for parking under the bridge which sometimes extends into the street creating a dangerous hazard (Davis).EM, TM suggested City power, stripe & charge), TD reported the Police would like to do so

No charge for use of bathrooms at Battery (RV) Maintenance is thought to be by prison inmates (TD)

Members asked the following questions:

What about tractor/trailers? (Milliken)

Not allowed, permission must be granted by the City

Any limits on boat sizes? (Madson)

(Didn't catch answer)

Diane handed out the marina fees from the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida. Although slightly larger than Apalachicola with at 10,000 residents, it is quite similar in age, historic importance, has a historic district and is bounded by several bodies of water. It is often used by Cindy Clark for reference.

Lt. Davis reported on the process of handling the fees for the above. The City collects all, reports any non-payments, and a letter is sent (by whom? City or Pat Floyd?). [Rental agreements address breaches of payment.]

A lengthy discussion ensued over water usage at this park. Robin reported that Battery Park's unbilled water use for 2017 was 563,000 gallons per month, a huge amount suggested might there be a leak? are there individuals tapping off the lines of the park? Scipio Creek's unbilled use was 27,000 gallons.

Elinor will contact the City to find out about the status of slip rentals and related charges, how many, if any, delinquencies and especially the extraordinarily high unbilled water usage at Battery Park.

Elinor thanked Lt. Davis for coming and providing us such important information.

b.ii. Designation of Park # 2 for Evaluation – it was decided that there was a little more work to do on Battery/Hendels/Porter before we could go on to another park.

Diane suggested that the City's \$200,000 DOT grant for beautification should be explored in case funds from it can be used to improve the appearance of Battter/Hendels since it is the first view of Apalachicola one sees coming over the bridge. The grant is to be administered by Main Street for the City so since Torben is in The Main Street Board, he was asked to check this out for the Recreation Committee .

IV. Elinor announced and invited all to the annual African American History Festival taking place in Franklin Square this weekend.

V. Elinor adjourned the meeting at 7 pm