



MUNICIPAL YACHT HARBOR SLIP TENANTS' ASSOCIATION, LLC

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I am happy to report that, after what seemed to all of us as an endless period of inactivity in getting the harbor reopened, progress is now imminent in that regard. Before I recount the details of what has been going on, let me call your attention to an important date: **Saturday, August 2. From 9:00am – noon**, there will be a meeting sponsored by the Harbor Board, our association, the Boathouse Owners Association, and West End Merchants hosting the City's project manager for the Harbor, MWH Global represented by Jade Rung, and the architect for the Harbor, Sizeler, Thompson, Brown represented by Ian Thompson. The purpose of this meeting is to get your input on how the harbor should be rebuilt, so please plan to come. A flyer is enclosed for your information. Now is the time to make your opinion known.

Also enclosed is a survey that we have undertaken to do in order to develop statistics necessary to make good decisions regarding our recommendations to the MYHMC Board regarding how to reinstitute slip leases in the Harbor, both in the short and long-run. It is important to recognize that there may be up to two years of construction/redevelopment during which time there must be a plan to move boats within the Harbor, ultimately allowing for slip tenants to return to their old slips with a lease. In the interim, once the Harbor is officially "reopened", slip leases will be put in place at a reduced rate recognizing the lack of utilities in the harbor. Please complete the survey (and let your boating friends know about it) and return it as indicated. **A meeting will be planned in September** where we can all come together to work through the issues of slip allocation. Watch for more on this meeting. **IF YOU DO NOTHING ELSE, COMPLETE THIS SURVEY AND RETURN IT AS INDICATED BY THE END OF AUGUST.**

A dues notice for 2008/09 is also enclosed. While your Association board has been busy since last spring, we have had no need for money to fund our operations. Now, with the mailing, the survey, and an increased number of projects on the horizon, it is important that we have adequate funds. **Please return your dues check with the form on the reverse**, along with a voluntary contribution, if you desire. Be sure to check off if you would like to volunteer as needed in the coming year.

So now the "news" for the past year. In spring of 2007, your organization was heavily involved in notifying Harbor tenants of the salvage operation that removed the sunken vessels as well as other debris that clogged the Harbor. A great deal of coordination was necessary to make sure the State DEQ and the contractor had clear access to the work area while still allowing boats to be in the harbor. Various MYHSTA Board members have monitored the MYH Management Corporation Board meetings. The scrutiny by our members as well as those of the Boathouse Owners were instrumental in moving the MYHMC Board from the dysfunctional model many of

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you are familiar with to a functioning public body that is making every effort to do the “right thing”. My predecessor, John Manard, joined Stanton Murray and Pat Bell in working toward this vastly improved body. A conscious decision was made by the MYHSTA to let the work of getting the leases for the Boathouse Owners renegotiated and in order (a year-long process) as nothing could be done to our area until the FEMA Project Worksheets were agreed on and the City controlled that process. This allowed the Boathouse Owners to move forward as they could spend their own money to rebuild their units. The PW’s are what are now in process as part of the work of MWH and Sizeler.

The MYHSTA board and various volunteers have been working with the MYHMC board to determine what is necessary and desirable in order to officially “reopen” the Harbor and allow the signing of slip leases (targeted for early in 2009). MYHMC will look to our suggestions (with your input) to set the program for assigning leases and repopulating the Harbor. That is why the accompanying survey is so important. Remember, we represent you, but we can only do so if you let us know your input. Everyone wants the process to be fair and transparent.

We will look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting of August 2nd. Look for further updates on a more frequent basis. In the meanwhile, check our new web site www.NOHarborTenant.org

Ric Smith.
President

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JOIN NOW!

NAME _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
WORK ADDRESS _____
HOME TELEPHONE _____
WORK TELEPHONE _____
CELL PHONE _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Do you currently have a boat in the harbor? _____ Slip# _____

TELL US ABOUT YOUR BOAT :

Name: _____
Sail or Power? _____ LOA? _____ Beam? _____
Monohull or Multihull _____ Draft? _____
Make/Model? _____ Year? _____
Liveaboard? _____

Would you like to volunteer to help with our projects? _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE THE ABOVE FORM PLUS YOUR CHECK FOR **\$25 PAYABLE TO MYHSTA** FOR ANNUAL DUES PLUS ANY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AND MAIL IT **TO P.O. BOX 850572, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70185.**