

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: April 10, 2018

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Beth Zickar, Director of Recreation

Re: Draft Master Plan for the Town Docks and Accessory Structures

Date: March 28, 2018

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that Town Council's review a draft of the Master Plan for the Town Docks and Accessory Structures and provide direction to staff as necessary.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Town Council provided direction to staff, at the January 10, 2017 meeting, to move forward with the issuance of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the hiring of a consultant to prepare a master plan for the replacement of the Town Docks. The Selection Committee ranked the firm W.F. Baird & Associates Ltd. as the highest based on their submittal and the subsequent presentation, in response to the RFP. At the September 12, 2017 Town Council meeting the contract was awarded. An initial planning meeting with the team from W.F. Baird & Associates and Town staff was conducted on November 3, 2017. The Town's core project team included Beth Zickar, Director of Recreation, Mike Horn, Dockmaster, Patricia Strayer, Town Engineer and Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager.

A series of outreach meetings were conducted, in an effort to gather public input for the development of the Master Plan. These sessions included discussions with the following:

- Mayor and Town Council
- Royal Park Homeowner's Association Focus Group
- Dock Patron Focus Group
- Recreation Advisory Commission presentation and Public Meeting

The feedback received from these meetings is contained within Appendix A of the draft Master Plan document.

An opinion survey was circulated to dock patrons to solicit their feedback and obtain suggestions on a variety of aspects of the Town Docks.

The draft Master Plan includes an examination of the existing conditions, a discussion regarding the basis of design, dock layout alternatives, recommendations for utility service and amenities,

interior parking lot improvement options, dock infrastructure proposals, potential construction sequencing and timeline, future rate and revenue potential, grant assistance opportunities and anticipated operating and construction costs. Three dock configurations are presented for consideration. Each alternative provides a summary of the slip mix, projected revenue and anticipated construction costs.

The Town Docks Master Plan continues to move through the document development process. Town staff, in partnership with the consultant team, will continue to review and update the plan so the document accurately reflects current conditions, recent input, future facility vision and new challenges. The final document will return to Town Council for consideration at the May 8, 2018 meeting.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of implementing the recommendations of the master plan will vary depending on the final direction of Town Council. The opinion of construction costs included with the draft report provides preliminary estimates for the various improvement options and recommendations suggested. Further evaluation, planning and design are required to identify more definitive cost estimates.

cc: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager
H. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works
Patricia Strayer, Town Engineer
Mike Horn, Dockmaster