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**MaritimePark**<sup>™</sup>  
PENSACOLA, FL

The CMPA Board of Trustees of the Community Maritime Park Associates, Inc. was called to order at 1:35 P.M. on April 19, 2017. Present at the meeting were Mr. Jim Reeves, Ms. Ann Hill, Dr. Jimmy Jones, Mr. Mark Taylor, Mr. Buddy McCormick, Jr., and Mr. Fred Gunther. Absent from the meeting were Mr. John Merting, Mr. James Smith, Ms. Kelly Wieczorek, Ms. Amy Klotz and Ms. Alexis Bolin all with excused absences. Also present was Ms. Mandy Bills, CMPA Executive Assistant, from the City of Pensacola. CMPA Legal Counsel Ms. Lisa Minshew was also present. The meeting was properly noticed and open to the public. These minutes are a synopsis of the actions taken at that meeting and are not intended as verbatim minutes.

- I. Chairman Reeves called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
  
- II. Chairman Reeves called for any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the previous meeting on March 22, 2017. Mr. McCormick moved to approve the minutes and Dr. Jones seconded the motion. The minutes passed (4-2) with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Gunther dissenting.
  
- III. Open Forum  
  
No discussion was brought forth.
  
- IV. Chairman Reeves called on Mr. Jonathan Griffith, President of the Blue Wahoos, to present an update on the stadium improvements and give an overview of events that are planned for the new baseball season. Mr. Griffith started by informing the Board that the new videoboard has been installed. He stated that the new videoboard is wonderful and that they are still learning all of the different functions available on the board such as spectators being able to see their “tweets” on the videoboard. Mr. Griffith stated that the “tweets” would be screened prior to being displayed on the board. He also stated that the 10 year

warranty is in effect and can be adjusted to suit the City of Pensacola and the Blue Wahoos needs.

Mr. Griffith stated that Cox Wi-Fi is coming to the Community Maritime Park. He noted that the Blue Wahoos were going to be the first minor league baseball team to have this connection.

Mr. Griffith also gave a brief update on several events including the All Stars Game, Homerun Derby and the Fan Fest. He also mentioned adding a kid's area in centerfield.

- V. Chairman Reeves called on Mr. Kevin Bailey, VP of Student Affairs at the University of West Florida, to provide an update on the UWF Football Season. Mr. Bailey stated that the first season of UWF Football was amazing and they ended the season (5-6). UWF Football was ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the country in Division 2 for attendance for their first season. Mr. Bailey also noted that UWF Football had 2 nationally televised games on ESPN 3 and the American Sports Network. They were also regionally televised on BLAB TV. Mr. Bailey then presented the Board with a framed UWF Football Jersey.

Ms. Bills stated that UWF Football brought in an additional \$55,000 in revenue to CMPA during the first season. Of that amount, approximately \$17,000 was Variable Ticket Surcharge revenue that is placed into the Capital Maintenance and Repair Fund and approximately \$38,000 was received from NFPB as part of the 20% concession revenue share.

- VI. CMPA Committee Reports

- A. Design Committee

- Dr. Jones advised the Board that the potential Maritime Park Signage will be presented to the Planning Board on May 9, 2017 for their approval. He noted that there would be a \$250 aesthetic review fee along with a \$500 variance application fee.

- Dr. Jones moved that the Board pay the \$250 aesthetic review fee along with the \$500 variance application fee to the Planning Board. Ms. Hill seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

B. Operations and Audit Committee – Did not meet

C. Executive Committee – Did not meet

X. Old Business

Mr. Taylor made a motion to de-authorize the Chairman to distribute CMPA's assets to the City as outlined in the CMPA's Articles of Organization and de-authorize him to wrap up the financial affairs of the CMPA until further time in which an exit strategy can be put together for any transfer. Mr. Gunther seconded the motion.

After some discussion, Mr. Gunther made a motion to amend the motion from the last meeting to make it clear that the CMPA Board of Trustees is not agreeing to dissolve the CMPA Board of Trustees at this time only to unwind the tax credits. Ms. Hill seconded the motion.

Chairman Reeves inquired whether or not the transfer of CMPA assets to the City of Pensacola is part of unwinding the New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) transaction. Dick Barker responded that the unwind of the NMTCs is a financial transaction consisting of disposing of the loan made to the CMPA. He noted that once the unwind of the NMTCs is complete, a 501(c)(3) Board would be unnecessary. With the dissolution of the 501(c)(3) Board, the City would then be able to recover the assets of the Community Maritime Park. However, the City Council could set up another Board for the Community Maritime Park without the 501(c)(3) designation.

Mr. Gunter then withdrew his substitute motion and made a new substitute motion. Mr. Gunther moved that the Board strike the last sentence of Section 5 from the minutes of the meeting which states, "further that Board authorize the Chairman to distribute CMP's assets to the City as outlined in the CMPA's Articles of Incorporation and wrap up the financial affairs of the CMPA." Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

Chairman Reeves clarified that the sentence could not be removed from the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Gunther then restated the motion that the Board de-authorize the Chairman to distribute the CMPA's assets to the City and wrap up the financial affairs of the CMPA. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion then failed (3-3) with Chairman Reeves, Dr. Jones and Mr. McCormick dissenting.

XI. New Business

Ms. Bills informed the Board that Mr. James Smith has resigned from the Board. Mr. Gunther made a motion to send notice to the City Council that the CMPA Board of Trustees would like to appoint Mr. Bubba Bechtol to the CMPA Board of Trustees. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5-0).

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ms. Ann Hill, Secretary