# Town of Melbourne Beach PUBLIC NOTICE

# AGENDA

# TOWN COMMISSION WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023 @ 6:00 pm COMMUNITY CENTER – 509 OCEAN AVENUE

#### **Commission Members:**

Mayor Wyatt Hoover Vice Mayor Joyce D. Barton Commissioner Sherri Quarrie Commissioner Corey Runte Commissioner Marivi Walker

#### Staff Members:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro Town Clerk Amber Brown

PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE TOWN HEREBY ADVISES THE PUBLIC THAT: In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim transcript of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made. Such person must provide a method for recording the proceedings verbatim as the Town does not do so.

In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations for this meeting shall, at least 5 days prior to the meeting, contact the Office of the Town Clerk at (321) 724-5860 or Florida Relay System at 711.

# I. Call to Order

# II. Roll Call

# III. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

## **IV.** Public Comment

After being acknowledged by the Mayor, members of the public should state their name and address for the record. The Commission encourages citizens to prepare their comments in advance. Each individual will have three (3) minutes to address the Commission on any topic(s) related to Town business, not on the Agenda. Please remember to sign the sign-in sheet provided if you will be speaking at the meeting.

## V. New Business

- A. Review and discuss options related to a fire department boat lift off the main pier or a new dock and boat lift in the southwest corner of Ryckman Park
- B. Discuss lifeguard coverage options
- C. Discuss having all Town parking stickers expire yearly
- D. Discuss Citizen of the Year

## VI. Adjournment

Attachments:	<ol> <li>Original proposal for construction of a new dock</li> <li>Updated proposal for installation of a boat lift on the main pier</li> </ol>
Date Prepared:	2-23-2023
Prepared By:	Fire Chief Gavin Brown
Meeting Date:	March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023

## Agenda Category:

Proclamations & Awards		Public Hearings
Presentations		Old Business
Boards & Committees	Х	New Business
Consent		Other:

Subject:	Open discussion pertaining to the possibility of installing a boat lift, to improve river emergency response, for the Fire Department rescue boat.
Recommended Action:	<ol> <li>Review and consider possible options for improving response to river related water rescue incidents. Proposed options include construction of a boat lift on the main pier, or construction of a new dock and boat lift in the Southwest corner of Ryckman Park. If a consensus is reached on the general direction for the vision, the Fire Department along with the Volunteer Firefighters Association will bring the item to a regular Town Commission Meeting for further discussion and approvals.</li> </ol>
Background Information:	<ol> <li>The Fire Department's marine rescue team responds to multiple river related incidents and rescues per year. Last year the Marine Rescue team assisted with multiple searches &amp; victim rescues, as well as a law enforcement incident, environmental protection assist, and a hazardous materials incident.</li> </ol>

<ol> <li>The Marine Rescue Team not only responds within the boundaries of the Town of Melbourne Beach, but also provides aid north to the Pineda Causeway and south to the Sebastian Inlet.</li> <li>Currently the Fire Department keeps its boat on a trailer inside the fire station, which can delay response time as its current location requires apparatus to be shuffled to respond, and it must be emergently towed to a boat ramp for launch (usually 6th Avenue when the water level is high enough, or Front Street in Melbourne).</li> <li>Keeping the boat on a lift in the river could significantly reduce response times in an emergency, as well as free up room inside the Fire Station's garage.</li> <li>The Volunteer Firefighters Association (501c3) was approached regarding the project, and they</li> </ol>
<ul> <li>trailer inside the fire station, which can delay response time as its current location requires apparatus to be shuffled to respond, and it must be emergently towed to a boat ramp for launch (usually 6th Avenue when the water level is high enough, or Front Street in Melbourne).</li> <li>Keeping the boat on a lift in the river could significantly reduce response times in an emergency, as well as free up room inside the Fire Station's garage.</li> <li>The Volunteer Firefighters Association (501c3)</li> </ul>
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have agreed to consider providing the necessary funds if the Town is open to the idea of construction.
6. Last year Fire Department leadership meet with a local dock construction contractors to discuss options and obtain cost estimates. 2 options were brought to the Town Commission during the Sep regular Town Commission Meeting. After some discussion, the Town Commission requested that more research be conducted pertaining to placing a boat lift on the main pier instead of building a new pier, and that the options be brought to a workshop for further discussion.

Original Proposal (Construction of a new dock to the South of the main pier)



Photo: Aerial picture with approx. dock positioning.

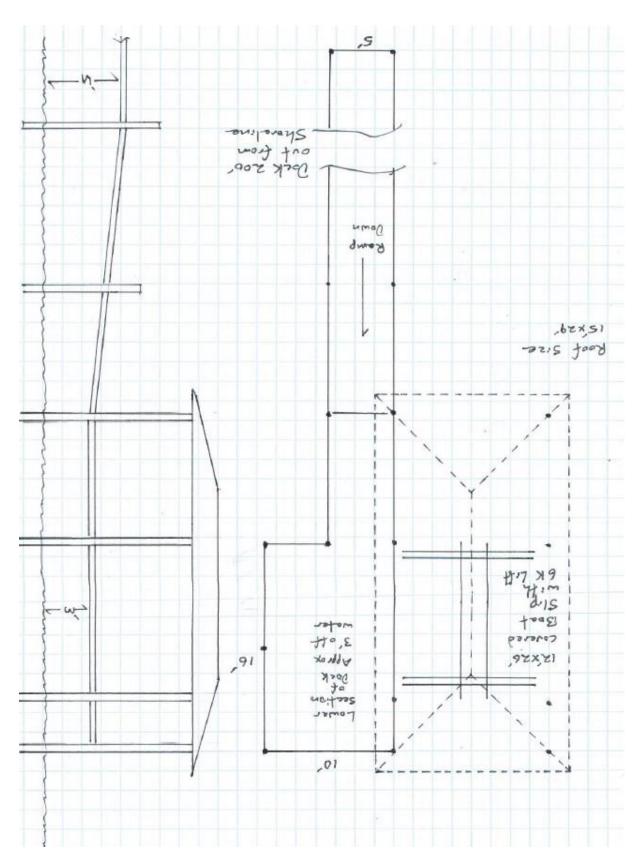


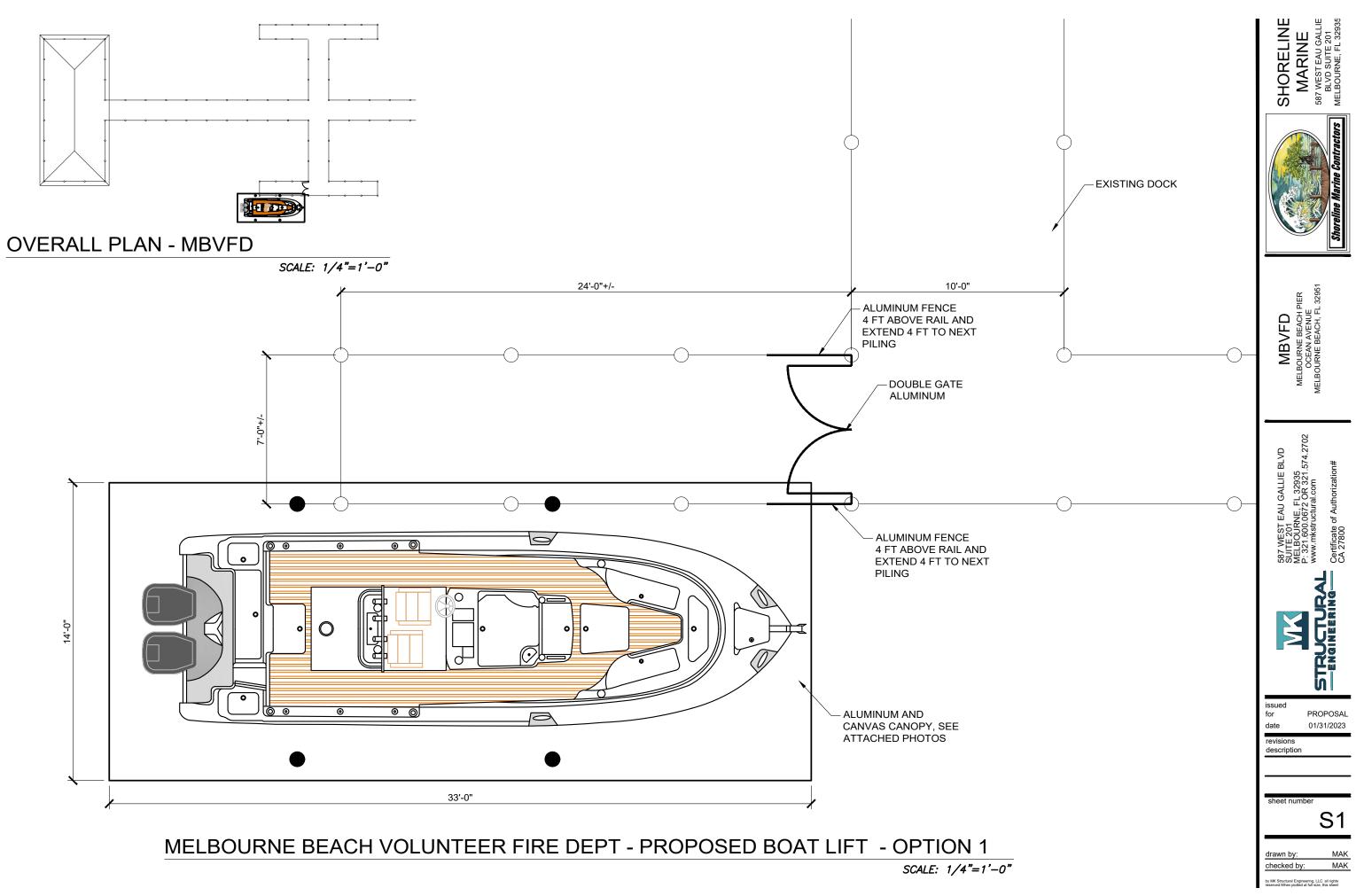
Photo: Draft sketch of dock and lift layout and design.

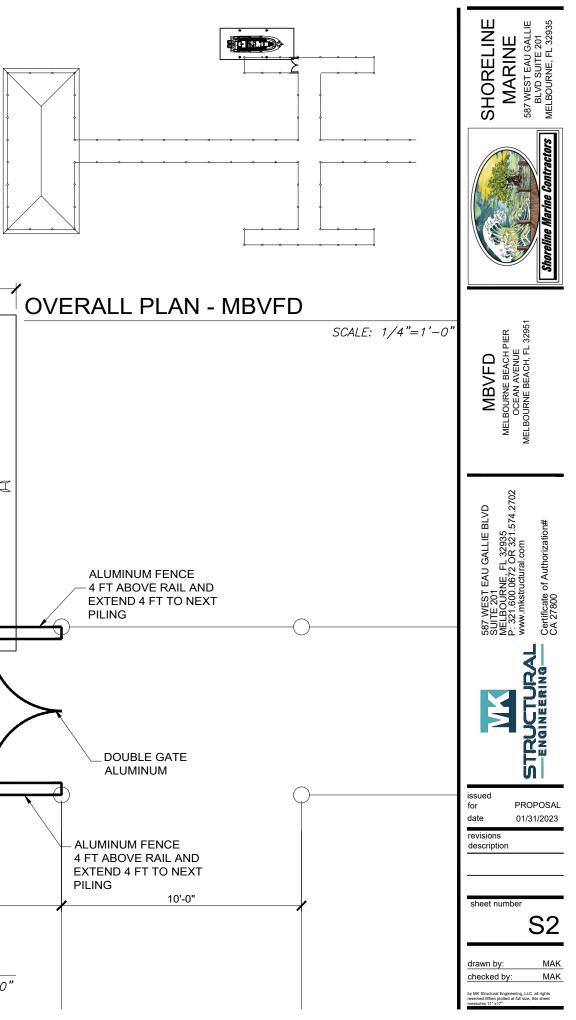


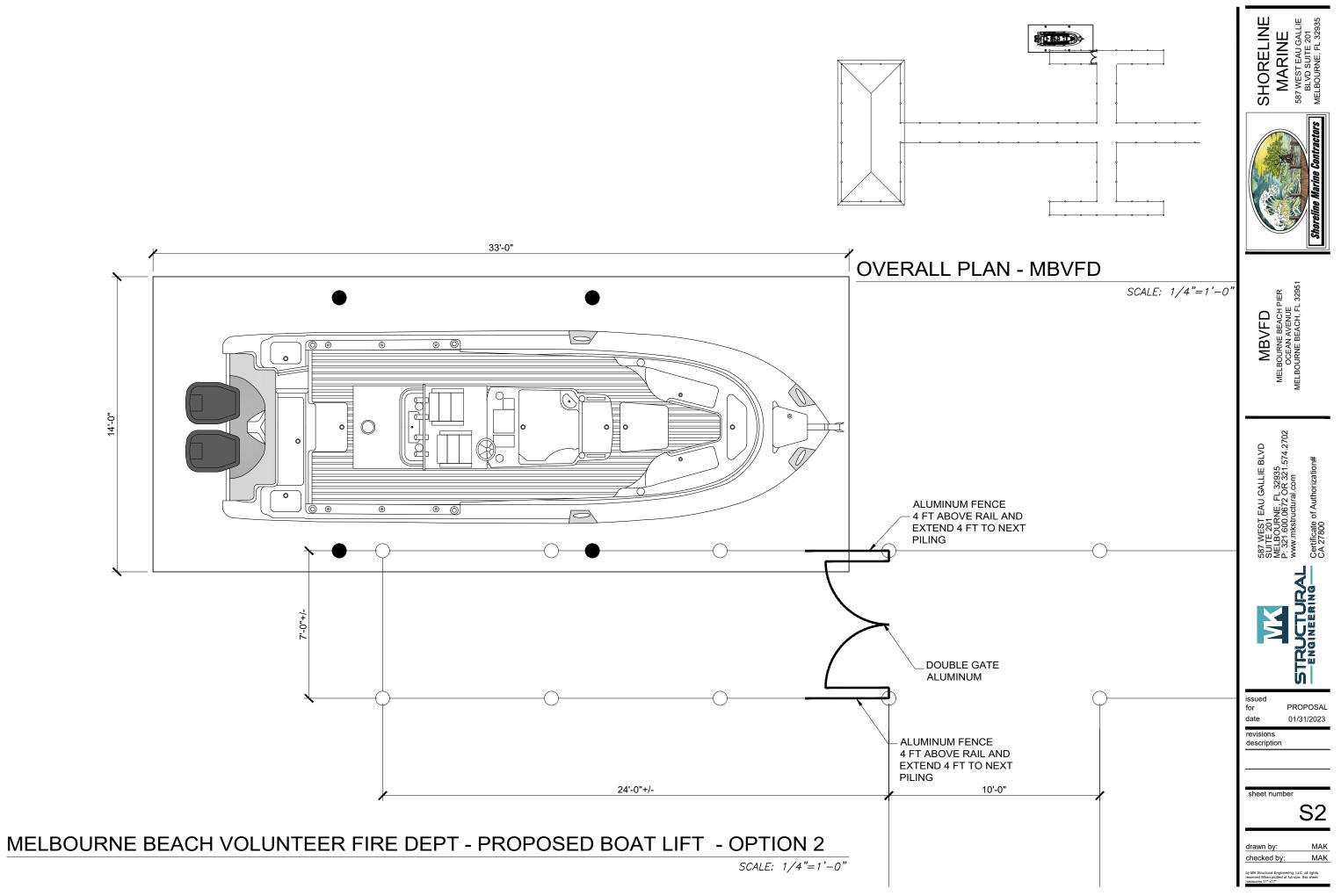
Photo: Sample of proposed gate



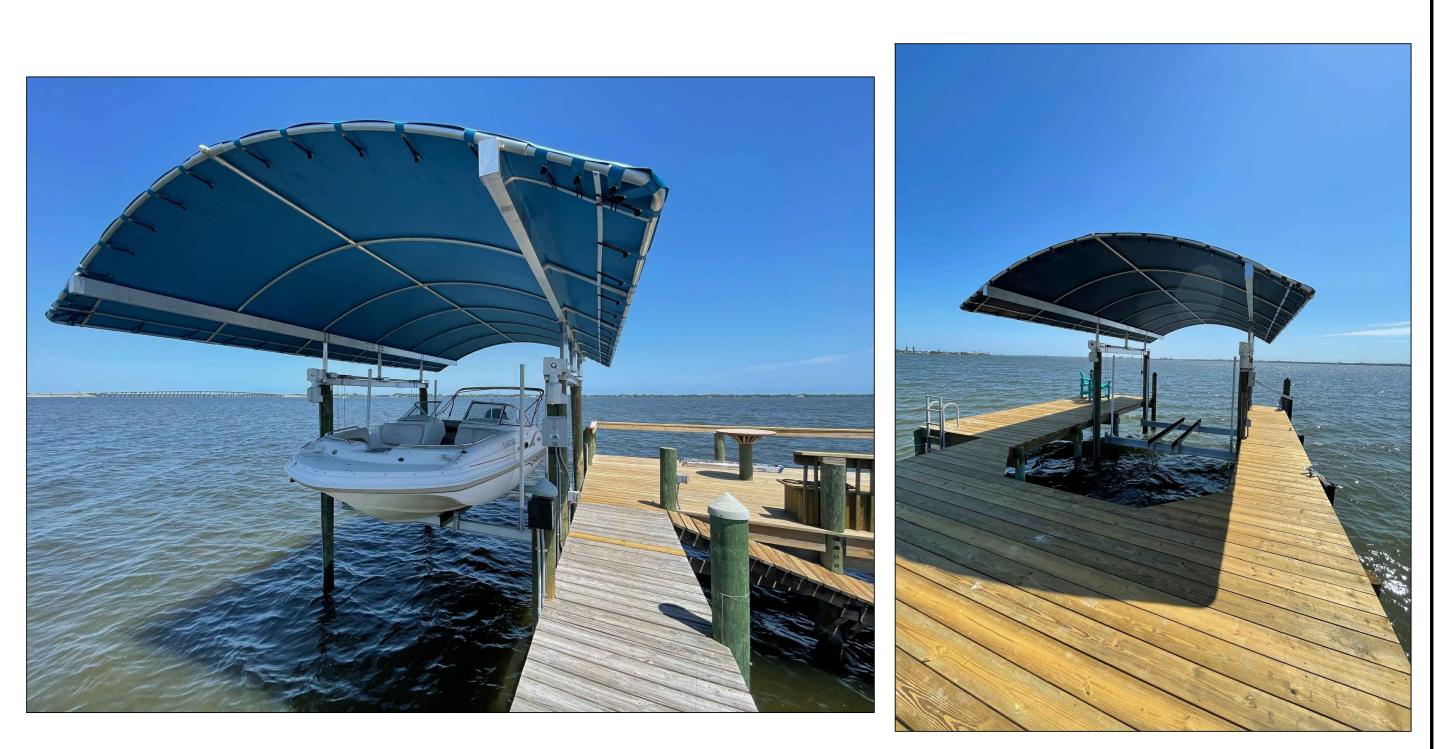
Photo: Sample of proposed lift covering style

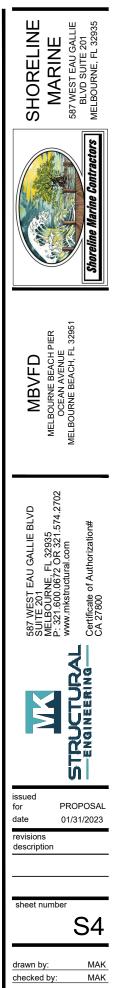












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