

Mayor's Report 5_18_2023

2023 Cruise Season

Everything seems to be falling into place for a great 2023 tourist season. I'm hearing positive feedback from both tourists and business owners. It took a great deal of resilience on the part of our community to get here, so enjoy the season and make the most of some welcome warm weather.

Gull Hazing at Airport

Thank you to the hard workers at the Department of Transportation and Katherine Moseley from Paws & Claws for working together to help mitigate some of the noise caused by gull hazing at the airport. As of today, dog walkers are being trained to help prevent birds from settling and nesting. This process was used during the pandemic and was considered successful. While hazing is necessary, I'm hopeful that this cooperative effort will reap some short-term results. In the fall, I'm hopeful the Public Safety Committee can take up this issue and work to create a reliable permanent solution.

Code Cleanup for Visitor's Advisory Board

There is some confusion concerning the secretary role on the Visitor's Advisory Board. Code requires that all boards follow Robert's Rules, which states that boards are required to elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. All other MOS boards follow this practice. The VAB has been using a member of Municipal Staff as their secretary, which is problematic for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is that it's against code. By adding "secretary," the language of code specific to the VAB will hopefully prevent this from happening in the future. I'm happy to elaborate further at the meeting, if necessary. I recommend the Assembly approve first reading as this is essentially code cleanup.

I sent a Mayoral Memo to all municipal boards, and it is included in the packet.

Board Appointments

Thank you to Jeremy Jansen for his hard work and dedication serving on the Visitor Advisory Board. I am appointing Johanna Evans to his seat (she was previously a board alternate). I ask that the Assembly approve this appointment. This appointment creates an alternate position vacancy on the board. Anyone interested in serving should fill out the appropriate form and submit it to the Borough Clerk's office.

- Andrew Cremata