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The dock entrance near Mo's now has a gate to restrict nighttime use of the docks to moorage customers and residents.

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Issues surrounding unwanted visitors have long been an issue with moorage customers, who often live on the boats that are anchored at the port.

“People want their property a little more protected down there,” Huntington said.

In February, gates were mentioned as a possibility after one moorage customer listed a litany of issues they had seen with unwanted visitors, including overnight campers, late night crabbers and skinny-dippers.

“As a neighborhood we had issues with certain miscreants, primarily youth, who were giving our neighbors a hard time,” Commissioner Bill Meyer said during the meeting in response to the complaints.

Meyer lives in an apartment building adjacent to the docks.

But port staff was limited in how and when they could respond to complaints. The office is closed during the weekends and evenings.

“We’ve never had the manpower and staff to enforce it at night, and [the complaints]

come only at night, too,” Huntington said.

Instead, Florence Police were tasked with responding to incidents. The gates became the port’s only alternative to maintain a peaceful atmosphere at night.

“But it’s a safety issue as well,” Huntington added. “It gets dark down there on those docks, it’s not easy to see.”

For example, some Fourth of July revelers would cram the docks with folding chairs in hopes to catch a better view of the annual river fireworks.

“It’s a fire obstruction to have that many people on the docks,” Huntington said.

But Huntington stressed that closing the docks during certain parts of the evening is not meant to deter visitors to the area. The docks are still open during the day, and “I do know people come on to visit their friends on the boats at night, and we’d never discourage that,” he said.

Residents will be able to give out the passcode in those situations.

“We’ve just never been able to have enforcement before,” Huntington said. “I think this will help us out a lot, safety wise and staff wise.”

CROW to hold auditions for ‘The Wiz’

CROW invites the community to “Ease on Down the Road,” find out why “You Can’t Win,” “Slide Some Oil” to the Tinman, “Believe in Yourself” — and ultimately discover the importance of “Home” in “The Wiz.”

There are great roles for ages 6 to 22+ and there are approximately 40 onstage roles.

All ethnicities are encouraged to audition for all roles which fit their age and skillset. A full character breakdown can be found at www.crowkids.com.

Auditions will be held at CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101 in Florence, on Jan. 7 and 8 at 6:30 p.m. Invited Callbacks will be held on Jan. 9 at

6:30 p.m.

“The Wiz” marks CROW’s eighth spring production and will be performed April 5 to 14 at the Florence Events Center, and for invited school audiences on April 4.

Parents should also attend the audition to help fill out forms. Hopefuls will need to bring 16 to 32 bars, or about

one minute, from a song that they would like to sing. Sheet music or a CD or MP3 track with no background voices are acceptable. Those auditioning should also submit a headshot and resume if they have one.

For a casting breakdown, FAQs and detailed audition information, visit www.crowkids.com.

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