MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION
December 5, 2024, 2:00 PM
Plantation Heritage Park
1100 S Fig Tree Lane
Plantation, FL 33317

I CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM by Chair John Fiore.

II ROLL CALL: Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Members:

Jerry Baer	Julie Greenfield	Jo Stanley
Penny Cutt	David Ide	Clive Taylor
John Fiore	Amanda Noon	Barry Webber

Staff:
Jay Sanford, Staff Liaison, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division
Lisa Totten, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division

Guests: None

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Barry Webber made a motion to approve the November 7, 2024, meeting minutes and Clive Taylor seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

V CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VI OLD BUSINESS: A review of the BBIP Grant Applications by MAC Members was held.

Broward County – Markham Park Boat Ramp Replacement, Phase I. Peter Grady was not in attendance at the meeting. However, he sent a Memo to Chair Fiore regarding his review of the proposed ramp replacement project. Jay Sanford read Peter Grady's Memo into the record.

Mr. Grady stated that he met with Mr. Sanford and Ms. Gagne at the Markham Park west boat ramps and saw firsthand that both ramps are in need of repair, that the ends are washed out and neither ramp has an "end of ramp" stop in place. Mr. Grady stated he supports funding for the Markham Park Boat Ramp Replacement project and that he thinks it will be an asset to the boating community when completed.

Mr. Sanford explained the scoring criteria for the projects, including the highest and lowest scores being discarded, and the average being used.

Chair Fiore mentioned that the best part of this project is the floating dock in between the two boat ramps. Right now, if you launch your boat there's no way to get off the ramp into the boat if the water is low. This will be a real improvement to the accessibility. Clive Taylor inquired if there are existing permits and Mr. Sanford replied that we do not yet have permits as this is a Phase 1 project. The county is doing design and permitting as part of Phase 1, and if the project does not get built, then the BBIP grant does not provide the Phase 1 funds.

A discussion was had regarding the current condition of the U.S. 27 boat ramp, the one that is across the Sawgrass Recreation area. Mr. Sanford mentioned that eventually the county will want to place some facilities there.

The members scored the Markham Park Boat Ramp Replacement project.

City of Hollywood P.D. – Derelict Vessel Removal. Clive Taylor met with Officer Robert Marren and Officer Chris Alban at the Hollywood Marina on November 14, 2024. Mr. Taylor provided an inventory of boats at Hollywood Marina, including various sizes and types. Mr. Taylor and Officer Marren discussed their tour of the lake and the removal of derelict vessels. They had one really derelict 52-footer in North Lake. According to the Chief, Hollywood removes on average of 2 to 4 derelict vessels in the waterways per year, and according to the staff, that is a very conservative amount. Mr. Clive noted there are possibly two or three future derelicts that Hollywood P.D. are keeping track of. They did not go into the Port that day, but the Police Officers did catch a speeding boat in an idle zone, and they gave him the booklet on the Broward County waterways. Mr. Sanford mentioned that Hollywood P.D. has almost run out of money for derelict funds as they have more derelicts than the other cities and did not apply for grant funds last year.

The members scored the City of Hollywood Police Department's Derelict Vessel Removal project.

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Jay Sanford totaled the Project Ranking Form and both projects met the minimum score criteria and are eligible for funding. The Markham boat ramp project scored an average of 83.14, and the derelict vessel project scored 84.42. Mr. Sanford discussed the funding available for projects of $1,550,700. The recommended funding for these two projects is $75,000, which leaves approximately $1,475,700 for future projects. Mr. Sanford stated that if the Members are in agreement, he will write the memo and get that into the budget going forward for next year.

Mr. Sanford discussed some of the projects that are expected to be funded in the future, including City of Hollywood Fuel Dock Phase 2, for which the BBIP grant funded Phase 1. In addition to the Deerfield Island Marina and the Markham Boat Ramp Replacement Phase 2.

VII NEW BUSINESS: NONE

VIII CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Fiore wishes everyone a happy holiday season and mentioned the absence of long-time member, Mark Ercolin, due to health issues.

IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT: Clive Taylor reports on the Dania Beach Marine Advisory Board and the involvement of a Deputy Sheriff from Miami-Dade County and lives in Dania Beach. He has been attending a lot of meetings. Mr. Sanford discussed the Manatee Protection boat that used to be kept at Boaters Park but is now being kept at the Port. The lift at Boaters Park is no longer operable. Mr. Taylor inquired if the manatees are still being counted by air and Mr. Sanford replied in the affirmative.

X HOLLYWOOD MAB REPORT: NONE

XI POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT: NONE

XII LIAISON'S REPORT: Jay Sanford reported that the Board is now down to 13 members. Mr. Sanford stated that the 2025 Meeting Schedule was included in the packet and confirmed that the dates have been cleared for the meetings to continue at Plantation Heritage Park. He advised that the next meeting will take place the first Thursday in February as there will not be a meeting in January. Mr. Sanford continued with announcing the Pompano Beach and Winterfest boat parade dates and wishing the members happy holidays.

XIII MAC MEMBER COMMENTS: Julie Greenfield inquired about the county's efforts to protect manatees during the dredging project for the mooring fields. Mr. Sanford explained that the dredging is almost done, and the construction buoys are also being removed. Mr. Sanford mentioned that they did a sea grass survey, and the sea grass has come back. The water quality has been improving in the inlets since the project. Chair Fiore inquired when the project will be completed, and Mr. Sanford responded that he anticipates that completion of the project will be by the end of the current fiscal year.

XIV ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM by Chair Fiore.