MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION
December 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Plantation Heritage Park – Fountain Room
1100 S Fig Tree Lane, Plantation, Florida, 33317

I CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair John Fiore.

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

Members:

Jerry Baer	Peter Grady	Jo Stanley
Doug Beals	Julie Greenfield	Spencer Taintor
Cliff Berry	Kelvin Haynes	Clive Taylor
Mark Ercolin	David Ide	Barry Webber
John Fiore	Miguel Orasma	

Staff:
Cheri Gagné, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division
Jay Sanford, Liaison, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division

Guests:
Karl Chuck, City of Hollywood
Patience Cohn, Marine Industries Association of South Florida
Colin Donnelly, City of Dania Beach
Jonathan Luscomb, City of Fort Lauderdale
David Vazquez, City of Hollywood
Luis Villanuva, City of Fort Lauderdale

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark Ercolin made the motion to approve the November 2, 2023, meeting minutes and Clive Taylor seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

V CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VI OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VII NEW BUSINESS: Report of BBIP Grant Applications by MAC Members:

Dania Beach – Griffin Marine Park – David Ide: Mr. Ide stated that the ramp could be extended, but noted that the ramp is in good shape and does not need to be replaced and a bump stop would resolve the issue.

Cliff Berry asked if the project was still within the 25-year requirement of maintenance and operation from previous BBIP funding. Mr. Sanford stated that it was, which makes it ineligible for funding, but scoring still needs to be done by the Committee with that in mind. Discussion was had about the project.

The project scored a 67.67, which is below the threshold of 70 required for a project to be funded. Mr. Sanford stated that if the city maintains the ramp to be usable to the public, this project could be revisited after the 25-year requirement has passed.

Fort Lauderdale – Derelict Vessel Removal – Julie Greenfield: Ms. Greenfield reviewed Fort Lauderdale's application. She stated that Fort Lauderdale has responsibly used funds in the past and also sought alternate funding and she recommends the funding of Fort Lauderdale's derelict vessel application.

Peter Grady abstained from voting and filled out a conflict-of-interest form. The project scored an 87.45, making it eligible for funding. Jonathan Luscomb thanked the Committee.

Hollywood – Marina Fuel Pier – Jo Stanley: Ms. Stanley provided all Committee members with a report on Hollywood's application and described the upgrades as enhancements to the community. Ms. Stanley stated that she recommends funding this phase I project. Discussion was had about the project and about how the Committee had voted to change the code in order to fund the project at a previous meeting.

The project scored an 85.92, making it eligible for funding.

MAC Recommendations to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners for Funding in Broward County FY 2024/2025 Budget: Mark Ercolin made a motion to recommend to the County Commission the funding of the Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale projects and Kelvin Haynes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Fiore reported on an article in the Pelican about a new resident on the Hillsboro Inlet that is hoping to build a 100-foot dock. Discussion was had about how this would negatively impact the waterway in the area.

Chair Fiore overviewed an article in the Sun sentinel about commuter rail over the New River. Chair Fiore reported that the Fort Lauderdale Commission voted on a 45-foot bridge that was supported by Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) and the Marine Advisory Committee. Discussion was had about the different options up for debate for commuter rail over the New River and how they would impact marine industry and recreational boaters on the New River.

Chair Fiore inquired if the Committee would like to write another letter in support to the Broward County Commission of the 45-foot bridge. Mr. Ercolin stated that since the recent vote was in favor of the 45-foot bridge that the Committee should wait once this issue moves further along to submit another letter to the County Commission and the Committee agreed.

Discussion was had about encroachment issues on the New River. Patience Cohn stated that if any member of the Committee would like to join the MIASF workshop about encroachment on the new river they are welcome to join.

IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT: NONE

X HOLLYWOOD MAB REPORT: Ms. Greenfield stated they reviewed the derelict vessel issues in the area and discussed what their goals would be for the upcoming year.

XI POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT: NONE

XII MAB REPORTS: NONE

XIII LIAISON'S REPORT: Mr. Sanford thanked the Committee for coming to the meetings. He noted that there are three openings on the Committee. Mr. Sanford continued with announcing the Pompano Beach and Winterfest boat parade dates.

Mr. Sanford announced that Cheri Gagné has received a promotion and will no longer be staff for the Committee and Chair Fiore presented Ms. Gagné with a recognition plaque.

Mr. Sanford stated that the 2024 meeting schedule was included in the packet and the March meeting will be held at Anne Kolb and the October meeting location is to be determined due to scheduling conflicts at Plantation Heritage. Ms. Cohn said the Committee is welcome to use MIASF's downtown facility for their meeting.

XIV MAC MEMBER COMMENTS: Spencer Taintor inquired if there had been any updates on the Hugh Taylor Birch State Park dock. Mr. Sanford stated that the last update he had was they were still trying to figure out who would do the work.

XV ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m. by Chair Fiore.