MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION
October 5, 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 2:06 p.m. by Chair John Fiore.

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

Members:

Jerry Baer	John Fiore	Jo Stanley
Doug Beals	Peter Grady	Spencer Taintor
Penny Cutt	Julie Greenfield	Clive Taylor
Mark Ercolin	Kelvin Haynes	Barry Webber

Staff:
Linda Briggs Thompson, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division
Cheri Gagné, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division
Jay Sanford, Staff Liaison, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division
Michel Therrien, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark Ercolin made the motion to approve the September 7, 2023, meeting minutes and Spencer Taintor seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

V CORRESPONDENCE: Jay Sanford stated that both FY 23/24 EMLEG and BBIP agreements were sent to agencies for execution. He continued that EMLEG FY 24/25 request for proposals were sent out as well as the BBIP FY 24/25 letters of receipt to applicants.

VI OLD BUSINESS:

West Lake Mitigation Presentation: Linda Briggs Thompson reviewed the West Lake Mitigation project. She overviewed the history of West Lake Park starting with the platting in the 1920s and its preservation in the 1970s and 1980s. She reviewed the habitats of West Lake including mangroves, mud flats, tidal channels, seagrass, and maritime hammocks. Ms. Briggs Thompson provided a mitigation history of West Lake up to the current mitigation project (segment 4) due to the Port's expansion. Ms. Briggs Thompson stated the project will include 3.62 acres of mangroves, 2.17 acres of mudflats/channels, 3.62 acres of upland hammocks, 12.65 acres of seagrass, and 2 miles of crib rip rap costing $44.7 million.

Julie Greenfield asked how this information is being disseminated to the community. Ms. Briggs Thompson stated that they have been responding to inquiries and posting on Facebook and offered to share a blurb with Ms. Greenfield, but noted that the Port is paying for this project. Jo Stanley inquired about how the biological debris was being disposed and Ms. Briggs Thompson replied that some of it was being used as fill, but would mostly be going to the landfill. Ms. Greenfield

asked about how the area would be protected against development, and Ms. Briggs Thompson reviewed all the different layers of protection in place for West Lake Park.

Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP): Mr. Sanford overviewed the FY 24-28 BBIP budget and BBIP grant awards FY 74-23. The current reserves are around $1.4 million.

VII NEW BUSINESS:

BBIP Submission Overview: Mr. Sanford reviewed the three BBIP FY24-25 applications. This included Fort Lauderdale's $50,000 no match grant for derelict vessel removal. Hollywood is requesting $137,000 for phase I planning and design to replace the Hollywood Marina Fuel Pier. Dania Beach is requesting $250,000 for Phase II construction to replace the boat ramp at Griffin Marine Park.

BBIP Ordinance: Mr. Sanford stated according to the BBIP ordinance, projects must be maintained for 25 years after completion and the Dania project was previously funded by BBIP and completed in 2003. Mr. Sanford continued that under the ordinance, ineligible projects include maintenance renovation of previously funded Florida Boating Improvement Program or BBIP projects. Mr. Sanford stated that this means that previously funded BBIP projects are ineligible no matter how much time has passed. Mr. Sanford stated that the Hollywood application included removal of a jetty previously funded by BBIP and questioned if that would mean the project is ineligible and asked for a legal opinion from the County Attorney.

Mr. Sanford stated that the Committee has the option to recommend changing the ordinance if they wish to. Penny Cutt made a motion to add a clause to the existing ordinance that states 25 years after construction completion, the BBIP can fund maintenance, renovation, and replacement of previously BBIP funded projects and Ms. Greenfield seconded.

Discussion was had about the motion including timeframe, obtaining more information from an engineer, the Hollywood application and if it would be considered maintenance or demolition, and if previous projects have been funded multiple times.

The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Ms. Stanley, who noted that she is not against changing the ordinance, but stated the change needed more information.

VIII CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Fiore stated that the summit was well done and wanted to thank the City of Pompano Beach for hosting and everyone who attended. Chair Fiore announced that Cliff Berry's father had passed away and was a leader in the maritime community.

IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT: Clive Taylor stated that the last meeting was cancelled due to the summit.

X HOLLYWOOD MAB REPORT: Ms. Greenfield stated that the fishing tournament got rescheduled to the 21st and Fish Florida is contributing to charter a boat to go offshore. Mr. Sanford noted that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission ran a program that would provide supplies and boats to organizations that taught fishing that may help with Hollywood's annual fishing tournament.

XI POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT: Ms. Cutt reported that they are continuing to discuss a slow speed zone on the Intracoastal Waterway including at Lake Santa Barbara. She added that they are also continuing with ordinance revisions through amendments and following up on surveys on anchoring limitation areas.

XII MAB REPORTS: Mr. Sanford stated that the Fort Lauderdale 10-5-23 agenda was included in the agenda packet.

XIII LIAISON'S REPORT: Mr. Sanford reported that Fort Lauderdale is making a recommendation to their commission similar to MAC's previous recommendation that the minimum height of the commuter rail bridge be 40 feet as a result of information sharing that happened at the summit. He continued that MAC attendance was not required at the summit. Mr. Sanford stated that the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show will be at the end of the month.

XIV MAC MEMBER COMMENTS: NONE

XV ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Fiore.