MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION
March 7, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Anne Kolb Nature Center
751 Sheridan St. Hollywood, FL 33019

I CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Chair John Fiore.

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

Members:

Jerry Baer	Mark Ercolin	Miguel Orasma
Doug Beals	John Fiore	Jo Stanley
Cliff Berry	Peter Grady	Clive Taylor
Penny Cutt	Julie Greenfield	Barry Webber

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

Guests:
Dayna Bhaggan, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Alexander Chang, Hollywood Police Department
Josh Czerenda, Hollywood Police Department
John Faul, Hallandale Beach Police Department
Matthew Gioielli, Broward Sheriff's Office
Dave Johnson, Tactical Advantage Consultants
Marc Johnson, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Bob Knight, Tactical Advantage Consultants
James McEntee, Pompano Beach Power Squadron
Matt Masi, Lighthouse Point Police Department
Travis O'Neal, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Jim Pugliese, Hillsboro Beach Police Department
Bernadette Roelofs, Hollywood Police Department
Christopher Ryan, Broward Sheriff's Office
Raul Toledo, Hollywood Police Department
David Turner, Wilton Manors Police Department

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark Ercolin made the motion to approve the February 2, 2024, meeting minutes and Clive Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VI OLD BUSINESS: Jay Sanford reviewed the manatee weekly survey.

VII NEW BUSINESS:

Five Minute Presentation of FY 2024/2025 EMLEG Applications by Applicants, Followed by Questions from MAC Members:

Broward County: Mr. Sanford reviewed the Broward County application for $24,000 to send three officers from each EMLEG agency (six from Broward Sherriff's Office) to marine law enforcement training. Tactical Advantage Consultants (TAC) will be offering the advanced marine law enforcement course in FY 24/25.

Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO): Sergeant Matthew Gioielli reviewed the BSO EMLEG application which is requesting the same number of hours as the previous year. Sergeant Gioielli noted that last year BSO used around 5,000 hours. He added that the application also included a request for two sets of night vision and would be primarily used for saltwater operations. He commented that the night visions that were funded the previous year were used within 10 days after being received in response to an airplane crash in the Everglades.

Jo Stanley volunteered to review BSO's application.

City of Fort Lauderdale: Sergeant Travis O'Neal reviewed Fort Lauderdale's EMLEG application for $152,144 and commented that they are currently fully staffed. He noted that last year Fort Lauderdale used 2,402 hours between four zones and had 3,600 contacts. Chair Fiore asked how many tickets and accidents there were last year, and Sergeant O'Neal replied 65 tickets, 464 warning citations, and zero accidents.

Jerry Baer volunteered to review Fort Lauderdale's application.

City of Hallandale Beach: Sergeant John Faul reviewed Hallandale Beach's EMLEG application. He stated that the request is the same as last year and their main focus is patrolling weekends. He noted that they increased the number of hours used last year from the previous year.

Miguel Orasma volunteered to review Hallandale Beach's application.

Town of Hillsboro Beach: Lieutenant Jim Pugliese reviewed Hillsboro Beach's EMLEG application. Lieutenant Pugliese stated that they have 15 officers that work EMLEG hours and have been maxing out their hours. Vice Chair Barry Webber asked how the EMLEG details are determined and Lieutenant Pugliese stated they are assigned.

Peter Grady volunteered to review Hillsboro Beach's application.

City of Hollywood: Sergeant Raul Toledo reviewed Hollywood's EMLEG application. He stated that last year their hours were down due to a boat being out of commission, but added that a second full time officer will be added to the marine unit allowing for seven days of full coverage. Sergeant Toledo continued that 15 additional officers also work grant hours. Mr. Sanford stated in the application there was a request to increase the hourly amount to $52. Discussion was had about taking on an additional zone and Hollywood stated that they are not ready at this time.

Clive Taylor volunteered to review Hollywood's application.

City of Lighthouse Point: Officer Matt Masi reviewed Lighthouse Points EMLEG application. Officer Masi stated that hours were not completed last year as they were in the process of receiving

a new boat which has been in commission since October of last year. He stated that they are requesting the same number of hours as last year. Vice Chair Webber asked how details are determined. Officer Masi stated that officers volunteer to become a boat operator and once accepted they are then scheduled.

John Fiore volunteered to review Lighthouse Point's application.

Power Squadron/Pompano Beach: James McEntee thanked the Committee for their support and reviewed the Pompano Beach Power Squadron's EMLEG application. The Power Squadron is a nonprofit and all employees are volunteers. The application covers print/digital promotion, banner/handouts, room/booth rentals, and safety class books. Mr. McEntee stated that they are requesting an increase to $40 per book, but noted that since the book voucher is optional, not all participants accept the subsidy. Mr. Sanford stated that the Pompano Beach Power Squadron is also providing space for the TAC marine law enforcement class this year. Chair Fiore congratulated Mr. McEntee on becoming the commander of the Pompano Beach Power Squadron.

Doug Beals volunteered to review the Pompano Beach Power Squadron's application.

City of Wilton Manors: Sergeant David Turner reviewed Wilton Manor's EMLEG application and stated they are requesting the same number of hours as last year. He stated that historically hour usage has been in the 90 percentiles, and they have a seven-man unit, but are not currently fully staffed.

Marc Ercolin volunteered to review the Wilton Manors' application.

Chair Fiore stated that the EMLEG program is one of the greatest programs that has been put together by the Committee.

VIII CHAIR'S REPORT: NONE

IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT: Clive Taylor reported that at their February meeting they discussed how much money is being generated by the parking lot and if the parking lot is going to be raised. He continued that they also discussed if the contract was renegotiated at Harbour Town.

X HOLLYWOOD MAB REPORT: Julie Greenfield stated that because the lakes and other places have been cleaned up in Hollywood, they are now moving on to Whiskey Creek. She added that they are excited that a second full time marine officer has been added and they are also working on the fishing tournament that will be held in September.

XI POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT: Penny Cutt reported that one variance was discussed, and they reviewed the survey and placement of a potential anchorage limitation area on Lake Santa Barbara.

XII MAB REPORTS: NONE

XIII LIAISON'S REPORT: Jay Sanford introduced Lori Vunkannon to the Committee and attendees as the new operations manager of safety, security, and emergency management at the Parks and Recreations Division.

Mr. Sanford stated that the attendance was included in the agenda packet and thanked those Committee members who attended the waterway cleanup.

Mr. Sanford introduced Bob Knight and Dave Johnson from TAC. Mr. Knight stated that they have been around since 1987 and have been working with the Committee around 13 years. He also conveyed his appreciation to the Pompano Beach Power Squadron for hosting this year's marine law enforcement training course.

XIV MAC MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Ercolin announced that Miami is cancelling the lease with Miami Seaquarium.

Mr. Taylor inquired about the status of the shirts for the Committee members. Mr. Sanford replied that the Director is investigating what is allowed and what is not.

XV ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m. by Chair Fiore.