MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION
October 2, 2025, 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 2:05 PM by Chair John Fiore.

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

Members:

Jerry Baer	Peter Grady	Amanda Noon (via Teams)
Cliff Berry	Julie Greenfield	Jo Stanley
Penny Cutt	David Ide	Barry Webber
John Fiore	Joseph Martinet	

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

Guests: None

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Barry Webber made a motion to approve the September 4, 2025, meeting minutes, and Julie Greenfield seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

V CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VI OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VII NEW BUSINESS: Jay Sanford reviewed four BBIP grant applications totaling $255,000. $50,000 for derelict vessel removal in the City of Hollywood and in the City of Dania Beach, and $70,000 and $85,000 for Phase I grants for the marina project at Deerfield Island and the West Broward boat ramp on US 27, respectively.

<u>2026/2027 BBIP Grant Application by Broward County for Deerfield Island Marina Basin Dock, Phase I</u>

The Deerfield Island marina grant application was discussed by Mr. Sanford and Chair Fiore. Mr. Sanford explained that the County was submitting a Phase I grant application to secure funding to restart the marina project at Deerfield Island. He clarified that funds previously allocated for the marina had been redirected to an ADA dock, currently in permitting, and now the plan was to

establish a dock inside the boat basin at Deerfield Island. Mr. Sanford provided context about project priorities, clarified funding logistics, and described the necessity and background of the application. Chair Fiore asked clarifying questions about grant allocation and participated in the discussion of related boating infrastructure.

2026/2027 BBIP Grant Application by Broward County for West Broward Boat Ramp, Phase I

Regarding the West Broward Boat Ramp, Mr. Sanford reported that the County was submitting a Phase I grant application to renovate the ramp, located on US 27. Mr. Sanford detailed the history of the boat ramp, including its construction by FDOT and its use by FPL for overhead line repairs. He detailed that the ramp is a freshwater facility in need of a complete replacement, as it is only usable when water levels are high. The state's Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) had patched it to keep it semi-operational, but problems persist, especially during low water periods when it becomes unusable. Chair Fiore and Mr. Sanford noted that the parking lot is large, accommodating around 80 boats and trailers. The plan for renovation includes constructing a floating dock to replace the current fixed dock and improving the site for boaters, with a focus on better usability even at low water levels. Chair Fiore and Mr. Sanford discussed the importance of maintaining and improving boat ramps and marinas for public use with the overall consensus being that significant improvements are needed at the West Broward Boat Ramp.

2026/2027 BBIP Grant Application by the City of Hollywood Police Department for Derelict Vessel Removal.

Mr. Sanford discussed the BBIP grant application for derelict vessel removal from the City of Hollywood. Chair Fiore inquired about Hollywood's requested amount for their application, and Mr. Sanford clarified that, though Hollywood submitted for $63,000, they would receive $50,000. Mr. Sanford detailed that Hollywood had $4,000 remaining from a previous grant and now seeks an additional $50,000 available in the next fiscal year. He described Hollywood as a leading user of derelict vessel removal funds and recounted that, at one time, Hollywood removed 8 to 10 derelict vessels annually, stretching the grant funds effectively. Mr. Sanford compared removal costs, mentioning a recent vessel removal by Fort Lauderdale for $11,500. He emphasized that Hollywood has been proactive in utilizing available funds to address derelict vessels. David Ide added that Hollywood has done a good job, and Julie Greenfield mentioned that the city does not have a mooring field. Mr. Sanford and Chair Fiore discussed community considerations about adding mooring fields, indicating that North Lake residents preferred not to see them.

2026/2027 BBIP Grant Application by the City of Dania Beach Police Department for Derelict Vessel Removal.

Mr. Sanford discussed the City of Dania Beach's application for a BBIP grant for derelict vessel removal. He clarified that the city would be working through BSO (Broward Sheriff's Office) for law enforcement and that BSO patrols the Dania Cut-Off Canal, an area known for derelict vessel issues. Mr. Sanford stated that the requested $50,000 would establish a fund available for Dania Beach to expedite the removal process of derelict vessels, with the fund usable over three or four years, as needed. He shared that traditionally, removal funding required slow processes through agencies like FWC or FIND, but with this grant, Dania Beach could act more quickly once legal procedures for a derelict vessel were satisfied. Joseph Martinet inquired about the cost of removing derelict vessels, with Mr. Sanford providing estimates of $5,000 to $6,000 for floating

vessels and $12,000 to $15,000 for sunken vessels. Chair Fiore questioned whether Dania Beach planned to remove vessels from private marinas as well as public waterways. Mr. Sanford explained that while new rules could potentially allow for removal funding in private marinas, the MAC would encourage prioritizing public waterways. Cliff Berry inquired if BSO could use such funds on derelict vessels anywhere in the county, with Mr. Sanford confirming this was possible, though most removals occurred where cities lacked their own resources. Several other speakers, including David Ide, Jo Stanley, and Julie Greenfield, contributed questions and comments surrounding the administration and scope of derelict vessel removal, process, and broader boat ramp and mooring infrastructure in the county.

VIII CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Fiore announced the ribbon-cutting event for the new anchorage at Loggerhead Mooring Field, and he invited all members to attend the ribbon-cutting event. Mr. Sanford provided details about the event, including the participation of various officials.

IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT: NONE.

X HOLLYWOOD MAB REPORT: David Ide mentioned the Cardboard Boat Races and fishing tournament in Hollywood.

XI POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT: Penny Cutt provided an update regarding Pompano Beach. She reported that discussions continued around anchoring ordinances, the registration of floating vessel platforms, charter registrations and barge loading activities at Alsdorf Park, and BSO citation data along the intracoastal. Ms. Cutt also addressed Chair Fiore's inquiry about the status of a dock project that had previously stirred concerns over access. She clarified that although the project seemed inactive for a time, there had been a subsequent submission to the DEP, and she had reached out to the agency for an update but had not yet received a response. Ms. Cutt stated that she would follow up and inform the group when more information became available.

XII LIAISON'S REPORT: Mr. Sanford addressed the membership status of the committee. He emphasized the ongoing effort to recruit more members, encouraging current members to continue advocating for qualified people to apply. Mr. Sanford noted that the committee presently has six vacancies, with three new applications received since the last meeting. He explained that while reappointments can be affected by the preferences of County Commissioners, the goal is to reach a full membership of 18, as the committee currently stands at 12 members. Mr. Sanford also described the process for filling vacancies, including the involvement of Commission Aides and the active participation of the board section in working to get people appointed. He highlighted the importance of broad representation, particularly seeking members from different regions including those with interest in freshwater projects. Additionally, Mr. Sanford reported that the committee recently gained a member but lost another, Doug Beals, who resigned due to health reasons. Lastly, he observed that there is currently no one sitting on the committee from Fort Lauderdale, and only one representative each for Hollywood, Pompano Beach, and Dania Beach, which affects local representation on the Committee.

Mr. Sanford mentioned the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show ("FLIBS") on October 29th - November 2nd, 2025, and a discussion was had regarding the economic impact of the boat show on the County. The members were encouraged to support the FLIBS.

XII MAC MEMBER COMMENTS: Julie Greenfield mentioned the port dredging project, with Chair Fiore and Mr. Sanford concurring the port is its own entity and is not related to recreational boating. Joseph Martinet raised concerns about a foam-filled barge in the Dania Beach cut off canal. The environmental impact and the process for removing the barge were discussed by the members. Ms. Greenfield mentioned the sand bypass project and discussion was had on the challenges of public access and the role of the Committee in addressing these issues.

XIII ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM by Chair Fiore.