MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION
March 3, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Secret Woods Nature Center – Julia Hall Meeting Room
2701 West State Road 84, Dania Beach, Florida, 33312

I CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Chair John Fiore.

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

Members:

Doug Beals	Mark Ercolin	Spencer Taintor
Cliff Berry	John Fiore	Barry Webber
Penny Cutt	Peter Grady	

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

Guests:
Dayna Bhaggan, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Leslie Cedeno, Broward Sheriff's Office
Jessica DeVega, Hollywood Police Department
John Faul, Hallandale Beach Police Department
Matt Gioielli, Broward Sheriff's Office
Dave Johnson, Tactical Advantage Consultants
Thomas Hughes, Hollywood Police Department
Bob Knight, Tactical Advantage Consultants
James MacEntee, Pompano Beach Power Squadron
Matt Masi, Lighthouse Point Police Department
Louis Mastandrea, Hillsboro Beach Police Department
Travis O'Neal, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Christopher Ryan, Broward Sheriff's Office
David Turner, Wilton Manors Police Department

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

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

V CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VI OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Sanford provided an update on the Hollywood North Beach Park mooring fields. Mr. Sanford noted that thanks to the efforts of the Hollywood Police department there are only three derelict boats in the north cove and zero in the south cove.

Chair Fiore asked when the project will be completed, and Mr. Sanford replied one year after the contract is awarded. Penny Cutt asked how the mooring field plan would be implemented and Mr.

Sanford replied that there will be a harbor master on site. Cliff Berry asked what the mooring rate will be, and Mr. Sanford replied around $30.

Mr. Sanford stated that the weekly manatee numbers are included in the agenda packet with the most recent numbers only reporting 23 manatees.

VII NEW BUSINESS:

Five Minute Presentation of FY 2023/2024 EMLEG Applications by Applicants:

Broward County: Mr. Sanford stated that the Broward County application is requesting $24,000 in marine law enforcement training. Mr. Sanford continued that this would be for a basic marine law enforcement course. Mr. Sanford introduced Bob Knight and Dave Johnson from Tactical Advantage Consultants (T.A.C.) who the County has partnered with to run the courses. Mr. Knight stated that T.A.C. has been training marine law enforcement classes for 36 years. He added that they appreciate the opportunity to partner with Broward County.

Broward Sheriff's Office: Sergeant Matt Gioielli reported the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) is requesting an increase in the hourly patrol hour rate to $52, one set of engines, and 4 pairs of night vision googles. He stated that engines need to be replaced every 3,000 hours and BSO has the largest patrol area covering seven zones. He continued that the night vision equipment would be an enhancement to safety and emergency situations in the Everglades and the Intracoastal Waterway.

Chair Fiore noted the EMLEG has not funded engines since the beginning of the program and expressed reservations that it would deplete the fund. Mr Sanford. stated that as of January 1, 2023, the EMLEG program will be reimbursing patrol hours at a rate of $51 per hour, an increase from $49 per hour.

City of Fort Lauderdale: The organization is requesting a total funding of $145,000 to support six marine officers. This funding will enable an additional 2044 hours for marine law enforcement patrols on Mondays and Thursdays, as well as extended patrol hours on Fridays and Sundays. Furthermore, the organization is seeking approval to send three officers to upcoming classes. These requests are being made to enhance the organization's marine law enforcement efforts and to support its presence at important events.

City of Hallandale Beach: The organization is requesting a total of $63,368 for the upcoming year and to cover the cost of three officer training and ongoing staffing needs. The organization recognizes that last year they fell short of their overall goal for staffing, despite having completed a repower on the boats. Unfortunately, the organization has recently experienced another loss in staffing, which has made it even more crucial to address staffing needs for the upcoming year. This request is being made to ensure the organization can continue to fulfill its ongoing mission.

Town of Hillsboro Beach: The organization in question has submitted a request for a sum of $36,104 this year, which is consistent with their previous application from the prior year. Over the past three years, the organization has utilized 100% of the funding received. The aim of this year's application is to reinstate weekend patrol hours and secure funding for more aggressive hour

efforts. Also, there is a system in Hillsborough that informs boat operators about their speed on the water and enforces a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour. If a boat exceeds the speed limit, the system flashes to alert the operator. Essentially, this system provides a visual representation of a boat's speed and encourages safe boating practices.

City of Hollywood: The organization is requesting a budget of $67,064 this year. This includes funding for approximately 832 of weekend patrol and 400 of weekday patrol. The organization has also requested a $52 increase. Last year, they were able to fulfill 94% of their funds.

City of Lighthouse Point: The organization in question requested an amount identical to what they had asked for in the previous year. In both the current and previous year, they utilized fiber for four hours to conduct patrols, while the remaining nighttime patrol hours were performed without it. They did not utilize it due to the weather for maintenance on their vessels during many hours. Throughout the year, they had over 430 interactions with boaters, including vessel stops, warning citations, and providing boater education.

Pompano Beach Power Squadron: The organization is requesting a reduction in funding this year, amounting to a little over $2,300 less. This is due to their improved advertising efforts, which have allowed them to fine-tune their spending. Additionally, the organization is entirely volunteer-based, and the restrictions brought by the pandemic have limited their outdoor events and boat shows in the past. However, they are planning to resume these activities this year, resulting in a decreased need for funding for booths and rentals. The organization does not expect to spend the $3,500 they were not able to use due to COVID-19 restrictions in previous years. In 2022, the organization updated its ABC slides and introduced a new program called NABLA approved, which has been approved by the Coast Guard for its students.

City of Wilton Manors: Requesting $33,184. The speaker reports that in previous years, a training objective of 99% was established, but the goal has not been met due to a slight shortfall. The speaker further states that this year, the goal has been increased and many individuals are having trouble comprehending the necessary training hours.

Appointment of MAC Member for EMLEG Reports: Broward County: Vice Chair Barry Webber. Broward Sheriff's Office: Chair John Fiore. City of Fort Lauderdale: Peter Grady. City of Hallandale Beach: Chair John Fiore. Town of Hillsboro Beach: Cliff Berry. City of Hollywood: Penny Cutt. City of Lighthouse Point: Spencer Taintor. Pompano Beach Power Squadron: Doug Beals. City of Wilton Manors: Mark Ercolin.

VIII CHAIR'S REPORT: John received a phone call from the Sun Sentinel regarding an article published on February 11th that discussed new requirements for sea walls in their county. The new regulations state that sea walls must rise five feet above mean high tide everywhere in the county which will result in exorbitant costs and a shortage of available workers. The John had spoke to Peter about the matter and expressed concern about the impracticality of complying with the new requirements, as it would involve demolishing half of their landscaping and backyard, and it would be impossible to bring a barge into the Middle River. The John believes that this issue will have a significant impact on many cities and needs to be monitored closely.

IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT: NONE

X POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT: City is pursuing and anchoring limitation ordnance in Lake Santa Barbara, and the City is pursuing a slow speed zone on the ICW including Lake Santa Barbara. The City sent someone to speak about flare disposal, they shared much of what we had already known. They are talking about hosting quarterly flare disposal, and the Marine Advisory Board is interested in the City hosting a flare disposal event, that can't be held the normal hazardous disposal.

XI LIAISON'S REPORT: On March 4th, there was a waterway cleanup event, which is the longest-running and largest environmental initiative in the world. However, due to steering issues, there were concerns about using a leaky motor to pick up trash all day.

Concerning the Birch State park dock, it was observed that the first and second segments had come apart, possibly due to the binding wood breaking on the side. The area was blocked off with caution tape, but the damage appeared significant and was visible from the water. It is uncertain what caused the damage, but it could have been caused by a tug, barge, or large yacht coming off Coral Ridge and backing out and spinning.

XII MAC MEMBER COMMENTS: Penny stated that Broward County mandated that every municipality within their jurisdiction adopt a seawall ordinance based on the county's model. Municipalities were allowed to make minor deviations from the county standard, but they were required to adopt their ordinance by February 2022. The new seawalls were required to be built to plus five feet, except for single industry pairs where a seawall was not necessary as long as the entire flood barrier was constructed. If an existing tile flood barrier was in disrepair and allowing federal floodwater trespass and final floodwater to come across the property onto publicly or adjacent private property, then the municipality must attend a conversation with the county. Additionally, if a waterfront improvement to a tile flood barrier was proposed and the cost structure exceeded 50%, the structure must comply with the Broward ordinance, which allows it to be raised to plus five feet after 2035. Most municipalities adopted a portion of the standard ordinance, allowing for the construction of a new seawall if it was engineered and designed to meet the county's requirements. Penny makes a motion to change the length of the vessels able the use transient docks, the motion was removed to be tabled to the public meeting.

Mr. Ercolin stated that there was a change in Admiralty Law, which would limit the value of the liability to the value of the vessel after an accident, i.e. if the boat is destroyed the limitation of liability would be $0. The new law would not allow the owner of smaller vessels to apply for this exemption. This still needs to go through the court system.

Summit dates to be discussed once we have a host location we are looking at early June.

XIII ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m. by Chair Fiore.