MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION
February 6, 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 2:00 PM 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	Clive Taylor
Cliff Berry	Julie Greenfield	Barry Webber

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

Guests: Patience Cohen, Marine Industries Association
Officer Robert Marren, City of Hollywood

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clive Taylor made a motion to approve the December 5, 2024, meeting minutes and Doug Beals seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

V CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VI OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VII NEW BUSINESS:

Manatee Weekly Survey: Mr. Sanford reviewed the manatee weekly surveys and Chair Fiore noted the manatees were mostly in two locations.

EMLEG: Mr. Sanford presented the EMLEG FY 25–26 Application Submission Overview, EMLEG 25–26 Grant Proposals Submissions, which is a summary of what was submitted this year, EMLEG 23–24 Project Payments and Balances, which is what was paid out last year, EMLEG 25–26 Grant Review Schedule, and EMLEG City Totals FY 94–25.

Discussion on Zone VII: Jay Sanford explains the 2025–2026 Grant Proposal Summary, noting Zone VII has been highlighted due to BSO and the City of Hollywood's interest in patrolling the

area. Chair Fiore discusses the history of Zone VII, initially patrolled by BSO due to the City of Hollywood not having the capability to take care of the Port at that time, noting it is a high traffic area. Mr. Sanford mentioned that BSO spent 83.8% of the allocated funds in Zone VII last year.

Chair Fiore praises smaller cities for their efficient use of funds, citing Wilton Manors as an example. Cliff Berry inquired about comparisons with other waterfront counties in the state, and Jay Sanford explained that EMLEG is funded by a 50% surcharge on vessel registration, which is unique to Broward County. Mr. Sanford notes that Broward County is the only county in the state using boater registration funds for law enforcement on the water. Chair Fiore mentions discussions with other counties about adopting a similar program. Mr. Sanford explained the BBIP program, which simplified the funding process and increased spending.

Mr. Sanford discussed the importance of maintaining existing infrastructure with examples like the Dania boat ramp and Riverland boat ramp.

Chair Fiore discusses the role of the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) in funding water access projects. A discussion was had regarding the challenges of maintaining and building new water access infrastructure.

Chair Fiore mentioned that the City of Wilton Manors is going to be applying for funds for the Colohatchee Park floating dock and Mr. Sanford noted that they will probably apply for funding next year or the following year.

Mr. Sanford mentions ongoing projects, including a mooring field funded by BBIP, FBIP, FIND, and County capital. Chair Fiore highlights the importance of FIND's support in funding projects without dipping into capital funds.

Challenges with BSO Contract and Equipment: Mr. Sanford mentions issues with the current BSO contract, particularly regarding an indemnity clause. The County is not willing to be responsible for lawsuits during EMLEG hours. A discussion was had about night vision goggles for the Marine Unit, with BSO declining to limit their use to marine law enforcement.

Manatee Protection Plan and Slip Fees: Cliff Berry inquired regarding the source of the funds for the Manatee Protection Plan (MPP). Patience Cohn replied that it comes from slip fees. Discussion was had regarding the MPP and slip fees in relation to boat ramps and dry stacks. Mr. Sanford mentions the upcoming Riverfront Marina project, which will add new slips and reduce the waiting list. Mr. Sanford clarifies that the Manatee Protection patrols are funded separately from the EMLEG program.

EMLEG FY 2024-2025 Grant Review and Approval Schedule: Mr. Sanford stated that at the next meeting in March the agencies will give their presentations, and members will be assigned to meet with each agency that is not in their city. In April the members will report based on what was learned. The schedule provides more details about the presentations and assignments.

VIII CHAIR'S REPORT: NONE

IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT: NONE

X HOLLYWOOD MAB REPORT: NONE

XI POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT: NONE

XII LIAISON'S REPORT: Mr. Sanford mentioned the attendance record from 2024 and the Waterway Cleanup taking place on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

XIII MAC MEMBER COMMENTS:

A discussion was had regarding the small boat club. Mr. Taylor mentioned that the manatee numbers are low on the New River and Mr. Sanford replied that that is because they stopped heating the water at the power plant. Chair Fiore noted that most of the manatees are at the Port. Mr. Sanford added that there are manatees congregating around the derelict vessels that are at Secret Woods Nature Center.

XIV ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM by Chair Fiore.