MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION
October 3, 2024, 2:00 PM
Marine Industries Association of South Florida
221 SW 3rd Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

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	Mark Ercolin	Julie Greenfield
Doug Beals	John Fiore	Jo Santley
Cliff Berry	Peter Grady	Clive Taylor
Penny Cutt		

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

Guests:
John Permenter, RAMP

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jay Sanford thanks the Marine Industries Association of South Florida for hosting the meeting. Chair Fiore inquired about the status of the Secret Woods facility and Mr. Sanford noted that it is expected to be unavailable for a couple of years due to extensive flood damage and ongoing restoration efforts.

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark Ercolin made the motion to approve the September 5, 2024, meeting minutes and Clive Taylor seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

V CORRESPONDENCE: Jay Sanford discussed the letter to Shane Zigler the Manager at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, Florida Division of Recreation and Parks from Dan West, Director of Broward County Parks and Recreation Division regarding the repair issue at the dock. The letter references the Administrative Code, which requires a 25-year maintenance period for facilities funded under the BBIP program.

VI OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VII NEW BUSINESS:

FY 2025-2026 BBIP Grant Applications: Jay Sanford announces the receipt of two grants: one from the City of Hollywood for $50,000 to replenish their derelict vessel funds and another from Broward County Parks and Recreation Division – Markham Park for Phase I for design and permitting, to redo the west ramps and add a floating linear dock for $25,000. Discussion ensued on the Markham Park project, including the need for a county match and the benefits of the proposed improvements.

Marine Summit: Jay Sanford mentioned the lackluster enthusiasm from other committees and boards regarding the Marine Summit, with only Marine Industries showing support. Peter Grady suggested picking a date in the spring and Jay Sanford said he would reach out again to gauge interest in hosting a Marine Summit in the spring.

RAMP Boating Presentation: John Permenter introduces himself and his company, RAMP Boating, which aims to help boater accessibility issues through a rideshare-like service.
He explained the concept of using drivers to transport boaters and their trailers to and from the boat ramps. Concerns were raised about the impact on public boat ramps and the need to ensure the service does not conflict with the spirit of BBIP funding. Jay Sanford and other committee members discussed the potential benefits such as reduced need for parking at the ramps and increased boater access. The need for proper insurance and the potential for partnerships with trailer distributors were also discussed.

VIII CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Fiore reports three vacancies on the board since the removal of Miguel Orasma due to absences. Chair Fiore inquired if anyone knows someone that would be a good asset to the Committee, and encouraged them to apply.

IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT: Clive Taylor stated that he resigned as Chair of the Dania Beach MAB due to a lack of response from the City Manager. It appears the City Manager's office is too busy and is not prioritizing the suggestions, solutions, and issues in the minutes submitted by the MAB. This lack of communication has led to the board's potential dissolution as other members are considering resigning from the board. Suggestions were made to contact the Mayor, who could reprioritize the City Manager's tasks.

X HOLLYWOOD MAB REPORT: NONE

XI POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT: Penny Cutt reported there were waiver variance request, ongoing discussions regarding vessel speeds on the intercoastal, and safety concerns at Hillsboro Inlet snorkeling park due to potential hazards. The MAB also discussed code

amendments and updates to Alsdorf Park. No recent updates from agencies on the dock issue, which seems to be stuck due to objections and procedural delays.

XII LIAISON'S REPORT: Jay Sanford reminded the Committee of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, which is starting at the end of the month (October 30 through November 3), hosted and owned by Marine Industries of South Florida. He also discussed the new MAC truck and the possibility of adding a secondary logo on the back or a wrap on the bed of the truck. Mr. Sanford also mentioned the purchase and use of an underwater drone for ramp and bridge piling inspections. The potential for using the drone for waterway or beach cleanups was also discussed.

XIII MAC MEMBER COMMENTS: NONE

XIV ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 PM by Chair Fiore.