MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION
November 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:

Afeefa Abdool-Ghany	Peter Grady	Amanda Noon
Jerry Baer	Julie Greenfield	Jo Stanley
Cliff Berry	David Ide	Clive Taylor
John Fiore	Joseph Martinet	Barry Webber

New Member: Chair Fiore welcomed a new member to the MAC. Afeefa Abdool-Ghany introduced herself and mentioned she holds a PhD in Environmental Engineering from University of Miami. Ms. Abdool-Ghany expressed enthusiasm in joining the Committee and Chair Fiore welcomed her knowledge and expertise as the Committee proceeds with projects.

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

Guests: Alexander Chang, Lieutenant, City of Hollywood Police Department
Bernadette Roelofs, CSO, City of Hollywood Police Department
Sean Schutten, P.E., City Engineer, City of Dania Beach
Antoine Johnson, CIP and Grants Administrotor, City of Dania Beach
Michael Dellaporta, Dock Experts
Bart Hetfield, Dock Experts

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jo Stanley made a motion to approve the October 2, 2025, meeting minutes, and Clive Taylor seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

V CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VI OLD BUSINESS: Jay Sanford introduced the presentations for the applicants of the Broward Boater Improvement Program (BBIP).

Presentation by City of Hollywood Police Department for Derelict Vessel Removal BBIP Grant Application for FY 2026-2027

Lieutenant Alexander Chang of the Hollywood Police Department presented the City of Hollywood's Grant Application for derelict vessel removal, stating that their partnership with BBIP has reduced the number of derelict vessels from a high of 20-30 to only one in Whiskey Creek, which they are in the process of removing. He explained that this derelict vessel was originally under FWC jurisdiction, but the city decided to take action to avoid it becoming more of a nuisance or pose an environmental hazard. The City of Hollywood requested $63,000 in its Grant Application; however, after Mr. Sanford clarified the program's no-match maximum of $50,000, Lieutenant Chang agreed to amend the city's application to $50,000. Mr. Sanford detailed their current account balance and how future funding would be allocated while emphasizing the funds must be used for derelict vessel removal. Committee members, including Jo Stanley, Peter Grady, and Joseph Martinet, inquired regarding patrol areas, eligible spending, timelines, and grant procedures, which Lieutenant Chang and Mr. Sanford addressed. Julie Greenfield thanked the Hollywood Police Department for their efforts in cleaning up Whiskey Creek.

Jo Stanley volunteered to meet with City of Hollywood Police Department and Lieutenant Chang to review their BBIP Grant Application for Derelict Vessels Removal.

Presentation by City of Dania Beach for Derelict Vessel Removal BBIP Grant Application for FY 2026-2027.

Sean Schutten Deputy Director of Public Services and City Engineer from the City of Dania Beach presented the city's BBIP grant application for derelict vessel removal, explaining that Dania Beach was requesting $50,000 in grant funding to support efforts to remove derelict vessels. He described prior success with grants and outlined how the funds would be used, as well as the collaboration with law enforcement and environmental agencies. Antoine Johnson, CIP and Grants Administrator from the City of Dania Beach, contributed to the presentation regarding the city's process and qualifications for vessel removal projects. Jo Stanley inquired if the City of Dania Beach currently had any derelict vessels. Mr. Schutten stated he did not believe there were any derelicts vessels currently in the city. Mr. Sanford noted that there is one, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is working on it. Chair Fiore inquired if the city would use BBIP funds to remove derelict vessels that sink in private marinas and Mr. Schutten confirmed that BBIP funds would only be used for public waterways. Chair Fiore inquired about the boat ramp at the Dania Cut Off canal, referencing that the end of the ramp broke off. Mr. Schutten stated that the ramp was in the process of complete removal. Mr. Schutten mentioned they had applied for a FIND grant but did not have the permits in time for the last cycle; however, the permits were now in place, and they plan to apply again next year. Mr. Schutten stated that the ramp would remain closed for another year. However, Mr. Sanford noted that the ramp is still open.

Jerry Baer volunteered to meet with Sean Schutten and Antoine Johnson from the City of Dania Beach regarding their BBIP Grant Application for Derelict Vessels Removal.

Presentation by Broward County Staff for US 27 West Broward Boat Ramp, Phase I, BBIP Grant Application for FY 2026-2027.

Jay Sanford presented Broward County's BBIP Grant Application for the West Broward Boat Ramp, Phase I. The project includes rebuilding the dock, installing solar lights, and adding a boater education kiosk. He explained that the county was applying for $85,000 in grant funding for design and permitting for the US 27 boat ramp, which is a popular freshwater site with about 80 parking spaces and is frequently used by tilapia and peacock bass fishermen. Mr. Sanford described the current state of the ramp and dock, noting issues such as low water season inaccessibility and the need for a new accessible aluminum floating dock. Mr. Sanford outlined the project timeline, mentioning that design and permitting would take about a year, with a goal to start construction in December and complete it the following year, provided extensive permitting is secured. Mr. Sanford also indicated that the project was being matched with $85,000 from other sources and discussed anticipated project costs and permitting challenges due to the ramp's location west of the levee and within the Everglades. Questions from committee members focused on parking, costs, patrols, and future maintenance, which Mr. Sanford addressed by clarifying the facility would remain free to boaters, parking prioritization, and ongoing maintenance arrangements.

David Ide volunteered to meet with Jay Sanford regarding Broward County's BBIP Grant Application for the West Broward Boat Ramp, Phase I.

Presentation by Broward County Staff for Deerfield Island Marina Upgrade, Phase I, BBIP Grant Application for FY 2026-2027.

Jay Sanford presented Broward County's BBIP Grant Application for the Deerfield Island Marina Basin Dock, Phase I. Mr. Sanford explained that Deerfield Island is Broward County's only island park and described the marina basin's current accessibility challenges, particularly the steep ramps and lack of ADA-compliant features. He outlined the proposed solution, which includes removing the existing finger piers, installing a lateral dock along the sea wall, and creating a 60-foot ADA-accessible gangway. The project would make the dock more accessible and maneuverable for small boats. Mr. Sanford specified that the county was requesting $70,000 in BBIP funds for design and permitting for Phase I, with the match already secured from FIND. The total cost is estimated at $1.2 to $2 million. The project timeline, funding sources, and anticipated need for permits and variances were described in his remarks. Chair Fiore inquired about the possibility of adding a floating dock for larger vessels. Mr. Sanford responded that a floating dock for larger vessels was not part of the current project. David Ide inquired about the age of the docks that are in the basin now, and Mr. Sanford replied that the existing docks are approximately 30 years old. Mr. Sanford also mentioned the completion of an ADA-accessible walkway, county partnerships with local organizations for educational programming, and the acquisition of grant funding for a new ferry vessel serving the island.

Cliff Berry volunteered to meet with Jay Sanford regarding Broward County's BBIP Grant Application the Deerfield Island Marina Basin Dock, Phase I.

VII NEW BUSINESS: None.

VIII CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Fiore shared that he attended the opening of the Mooring Field at Loggerhead Park. He expressed his admiration for the project and noted the great turnout at the event, mentioning that he was one of several speakers, including County Commissioners and the Mayor of Hollywood. Chair Fiore remarked on the facility's capability to accommodate larger boats, referencing comments from an engineer who suggested that 50-foot vessels could be serviced, and discussed adjustments, such as moving pilings or shortening lines, that could further increase capacity. Chair Fiore also affirmed how well the project turned out, praised Jay Sanford's contributions, and said the Mooring Field was a great project.

IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT: None.

X HOLLYWOOD MAB REPORT: None.

XI POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT: None.

XII LIAISON'S REPORT: Jay Sanford spoke about the recent boat show and encouraged committee members to support the Marine Industries of South Florida. Mr. Sanford mentioned that he personally visited the Bahia Mar section but did not make it to the new convention center. He stated that the Marine Industries has consistently been a valued partner of the committee and emphasized the importance of their efforts to keep waterways open, which benefits both large yachts and recreational boaters.

XII MAC MEMBER COMMENTS: Jo Stanley mentioned the Winterfest Boat Parade. Cliff Berry announced that the parade is coming up on December 13th on the New River and mentioned that there will be two Grand Marshals this year. The parade starts at 6:00 PM, with downtown boat docking allowed on the day of the event. Mr. Berry is also the Chair of the Boat Parade. Additionally, there was a mention of Pompano Beach hosting their own Holiday Boat Parade, usually on the Friday before, with the Winterfest Boat Parade on Saturday night.

XIII ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM by Chair Fiore.