MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION
November 2, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Plantation Heritage Park – Fountain Room
1100 S Fig Tree Lane, Plantation, Florida, 33317

I CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair John Fiore.

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

Members:

Jerry Baer	John Fiore	Miguel Orasma
Doug Beals	Peter Grady	Jo Stanley
Cliff Berry	Julie Greenfield	Clive Taylor
Penny Cutt	Kelvin Haynes	Barry Webber
Mark Ercolin	David Ide	

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

Guests:
Karl Chuck, City of Hollywood
Colin Donnelly, City of Dania Beach
Jamie Hart, City of Dania Beach
Jonathan Luscomb, City of Fort Lauderdale
David Vazquez, City of Hollywood
Luis Villanuva, City of Fort Lauderdale

Chair Fiore asked that all members introduce themselves since there are new members.

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark Ercolin made the motion to approve the October 5, 2023, meeting minutes and Clive Taylor seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Ercolin made a motion to approve the 2023 Broward County Marine Municipal Summit summary and Peter Grady seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

V CORRESPONDENCE: Jay Sanford stated Hollywood's request to transfer hours from daytime to aggressive was approved.

VI OLD BUSINESS: Jay Sanford overviewed the BBIP grant awards from FY 1974 – 2024.

VII NEW BUSINESS: Presentations of FY 2024/2025 BBIP Applications by Applicants.

Dania Beach – Griffin Marine Park: Colin Donnelly showed appreciation to the Committee for their assistance with previous marine projects. Jamie Hart presented the Griffin Marine Park

project to replace the ramp, which is currently a safety issue and has been closed since April 2023. Mr. Hart stated that the ramp is one of few access points west of I-95 and the slope of the ramp is currently too steep. The new design will have a more gradual slope and will be designed to accommodate 26–40-foot boats.

Discussion was had about the project still being within the 25-year maintenance requirement from when it was previously funded by BBIP. Mr. Hart asked the Committee to consider making an exception for this project. Chair Fiore recommended putting up a sign to show where the ramp ends as well as rocks to fill the end of the ramp. Julie Greenfield replied that if the City is asking for an exception that she would like to see the maintenance records of the ramp. David Ide volunteered to review the Dania Beach project.

Fort Lauderdale – Derelict Vessel Removal: Jonathan Luscomb presented Fort Lauderdale's application. Mr. Luscomb stated that the City has had two BBIP derelict vessel removal grants in the past and removed 11 derelict vessels. He noted that they make the most of the BBIP funds by also partnering with FIND for assistance, where FIND will cover 75% of the cost and BBIP will cover 25% of the cost. Mr. Luscomb also noted that Fort Lauderdale has 165 miles of waterway.

Cliff Berry inquired if the City is utilizing FWC's FTIP program. Mr. Luscomb stated that they have utilized this program recently with one vessel. Discussion was had about problems that are present when removing derelict vessels. Julie Greenfield volunteered to review Fort Lauderdale's application.

Hollywood – Marina Fuel Pier: David Vazquez reviewed Hollywood's application for design and permitting for the marina fuel pier. The plan is to move from a fixed to a floating pier system and removing the jetty to allow for large boats to access both sides of the pier. Mr. Vazquez noted that this will increase the revenue and the fuel pier constitutes 51% of the marina's revenue.

Mr. Sanford stated that the fuel pier and revetment were put in 35 years ago and funded through BBIP. He continued that if this project is considered a renovation/maintenance project, it is not eligible for funding for BBIP under the current County code. Mr. Sanford added that the Committee sees the value of this project and has made a recommendation to change the County code to allow for reinvestment, so that this project could be funded.

Penny Cutt inquired about how the waves will be dissipated if the revetment is removed. Mr. Vazquez stated that it is being built into the dock system. Jo Stanley volunteered to review Hollywood's application.

VIII CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Fiore provided an article to share with the Committee from the Sun Sentinel about speeding up derelict vessel removals. Chair Fiore reviewed his visit to the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show and provided brochures to the Committee.

IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT: Clive Taylor asked if Mr. Sanford would be able to provide Tim Ryan with a boat tour and Mr. Sanford replied that he would.

X HOLLYWOOD MAB REPORT: Ms. Greenfield stated that the City's fishing tournament was a success and hit attendance capacity. She thanked the Lady Pamela fishing crew

for assisting with the tournament. She added that Fish Florida also provided gear and a grant. Ms. Greenfield noted that the cardboard boat race was also a big hit for the City.

XI POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT: None

XII MAB REPORTS: Fort Lauderdale's November agenda was included in the agenda packet.

XIII LIAISON'S REPORT: Mr. Sanford stated that there are three openings on the Committee. He continued that manatee season starts on November 15, 2023, and commented that the summit went really well. Discussion was had about when the next summit will be.

Ms. Greenfield asked if there are certain locations that are being targeted for the openings on the Committee. Mr. Sanford stated that there are no freshwater representatives from west Broward or representatives from Lighthouse Point nor Hillsboro Beach and their input would be appreciated.

XIV MAC MEMBER COMMENTS: None

XV ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m. by Chair Fiore.