



MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 9, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Charlotte County Administration Center

18500 Murdock Circle Room B-106

Port Charlotte, FL 33948

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chair Bareither called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Upon the roll being called it was determined a quorum was present.

3. Chairman's Comments

A. REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: PLEASE SIGN IN. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes. A clipboard and a pen are provided on the podium for your convenience.

B. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS STATE THEIR NAME AND ORGANIZATION and TO USE THE MICROPHONE WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes

C. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS TO PLEASE SILENCE THEIR CELL PHONES.

4. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

5. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None offered.

6. Regular Business

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from June 3, 2021
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from June 10, 2021.
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

C. FY21 MAC Grant Application Review – Jim Darden

Jim Darden said everyone should have the handout and where we stand on the grants. He said let everyone know they need to spend their grant by September 30, 2021 or they will not be able to use the

money. He said about half has been spent. He said the hayward canal is expiring for the term, this is the third year. They applied for another grant for hayward canal.

D. MSBU Update – Zach Patchell/Matt Logan

Mr. Patchell and Mr. Logan were not present. The MAC group has their report but no one had any questions.

Ackerman and Manchester Waterway – no projects – refer to Manchester waterway.

Alligator Creek – the Pre-storm bathymetric survey is complete and final deliverable have been received.

Buena Vista – Coastal Engineering prepared and submitted permitting plans to state and federal agencies. FDEP exemption status has been received. Awaiting ACOE permitting in request for information phase. Pre-storm bathymetric survey for Buena Vista interior canals is complete and draft deliverables have been received and reviewed, awaiting final deliverables.

Edgewater North – Coastal Engineering completed the field survey work for the bathymetric survey of this system. Draft deliverables have been received and reviewed by the County, awaiting final deliverables. The results will be reviewed by both the County and the MSBU Advisory Board for determination onto whether or not to proceed if a dredge project.

Gulf Cove Waterways – Atkins has completed the interior bathymetric survey project. All deliverables received. Approval was granted at the public hearing held in July for rate increases to fund the proposed interior dredge project. Final budgeting approval will be on the agenda at the next upcoming BoCC budget public hearing.

Harbour Heights – Spot navigational trimming job completed. Santa Barbara and San Salvador. Johnson Engineering was selected to design the upcoming maintenance spot dredge project. Johnson is preparing permitting plans and application to submit to agencies.

Hayward canals – Initial design complete and permitted. A change order was completed to fund a new bathymetric survey of the main channel and plan update of quantities ahead of the bid process. Johnson is working on this survey.

Manchester Waterway – AIM engineering has completed the 2021 pre-storm survey of the Manchester interior waterways. Draft deliverables have been received and reviewed. Awaiting final deliverables.

Northwest Port Charlotte – Design phase is complete. Interior dredge project is out to bid with updated survey data to come. NWPC access channels included in pre-storm survey project.

Peace River shores: No active projects at this time.

Pirate Harbor: No project at this time. The MSBU is exploring budgeting options for a future design and dredge project.

Southbridge Waterway: No active projects at this time.

South Gulf Cove: Turn basin / access channel design approaching 90%. In a holding pattern awaiting ACOE permitting.

South Gulf Cove Parallel Lock: Lock design working towards 90%. Awaiting ACOE response on permitting, EOR has requested updates, ACOE has provided they are working on this project and approved permit is expected soon. The County received and reviewed engineering scope and fees for additional services to add a Tender House to the design. Comments and questions were given, and negotiations continue.

Suncoast Waterway: No active projects at this time. This MSBU is looking into budgeting options for a future dredge project.

E. Derelict Vessel Report – Roger DeBruler

Roger DeBruler was not at the meeting. Ms. Bareither said Roger sent out a report in August and another report in September and there are a few more boats listed.

Commissioner Deutsch said he was at the Beaches and Shores meeting last week and they discussed the Riviera marina. He said they are starting to clean it up. This has been brought before the Code Magistrate and the coast guard is involved because of a spill.

Mr. Welsh said he heard it sold.

Commissioner Deutsch said it is in the courts. The man who owns the restaurant wants to buy it.

Mr. McIntosh said all the boats in front of the restaurant are gone. There are signs saying they are closed and in court.

Mr. Hickey said the dancing iguana boat is not part of the Riviera marina. The boat floated off and sank. The coast guard put a buoy behind it but it doesn't have a light on it.

Tina Powell said due to the size, we cannot move it. WCIND has to remove it. It should be removed within 30-60 days.

Mr. Hickey suggested putting a light on it so people know it's there when it gets dark out.

Commissioner Deutsch said he was going to call Justin at WCIND right now and will let us know what Justin says.

Mr. Bigness said there should be something we can do when a vessel is at risk of sinking. He said it should be taken out of the water, put on land, put a lien on it for expenses. If it sits long, it can have spillage and environmental problems in the water.

There were suggestions of having the police department to go out and check on derelict boats at night like Punta Gorda does. Owners should have pressure on them for leaving boats behind. There is a sailboat out there left behind. There was a port-o-potty on it. Later the port-o-potty was gone. Probably in the harbor.

Mr. Hickey asked about day docks, what the County felt about installing day docks.

Commissioner Deutsch said he brought that up with Administration because he felt this has some merit. He said he seemed to be the only commissioner interested, but he said you can contact any commissioner and present that to them. We can only talk when we are at meetings.

F. Community Services Update – Tina Powell

Ainger Creek – The park redevelopment project is managed by the Facilities construction and maintenance department. Due to the budget constraints of the RLI process, an RFP will be created and advertised for prospective design teams to continue the project. The most current information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage.

Allapatchee – The fishing pier replacement design budgeted for this fiscal year; design has been completed. Construction will go out to bid after October 1.

Bayshore Live Oak park – Fishing Pier replacement design budgeted for next fiscal year.

Hathaway Park – Design for the Hathaway Park floating dock and gangway is at 90% and bid documents are being prepared for construction after October 1.

Live Oak Point – installation for the new sidewalk handrail project is in fabrication.

Placida Park – 2014 sales tax project for the boat ramp expansion is managed by Facilities. The most current information can be found on the County's project status updates webpage. Facilities provided the following: The project is currently in schematic design flowing the concepts of the master plan. Schematic design plans are anticipated from the design professionals in mid-October.

Port Charlotte Beach Park – the 2014 sales tax project for the sailing center is complete. 2020 Sales Tax project for the recreation center is managed by Facilities Construction and Maintenance Department; the most current information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage.

Riverside Park – ramp has been closed due to safety issues for motorized vessels, cannot be addressed via repairs. Ramp full redesign is managed by Facilities Construction and Maintenance Department.

South Gulf Cove Park – Design for the South Gulf Cove Park boarding is at 90% and bid documents are being prepared for construction after October 1.

William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park – grant for additional trails, boardwalk, fitness equipment and interpretive signs was awarded; design in process; permitting with ACOE will begin shortly. ADA canoe/kayak launch project is managed by Facilities Construction and Maintenance Department.

7. New Business
None offered

8. Old Business –

Mr. Killion asked if he could get an update on Marker #2. He said Marker #4 has no data coming out of it.

Mr. Welsh said last week Ron Jones was out in a boat. He was on the phone with the people who put on the equipment. He said this is the second set of equipment on Marker #4. Old circuit boards were corroded and green. This one was supposed to be salt water resistant. It is dead. We are waiting for new equipment. Marker #2 is sitting awaiting one last signature from someone at the Coast Guard who deals with real estate. Everything else has passed. Just this one person needs to sign off.

Mr. Scott asked for Mr. Jones phone number and he would like to keep up with this.

9. Other Business -
None offered.

10. Citizen Comments –
None offered.

11. Good of the Order -

Jim Darden said he sent out most of the contracts for Fiscal year 21-22 grant cycle, if you can get your groups to sign the contract and get them back.

Commissioner Deutsch was on the phone with Justin a WCIND. The Commissioner told him about the dancing iguana that is derelict with no light on it. He said Justin said he would call Tallahassee right now.

Ms. Bareither said we used to have Marine Patrol attend the MAC meetings, but for the past 3 years or so, they have not attended. I think it is very important they attend.

Commissioner Deutsch said he would get a hold of the sheriff and let him know. There was talk about shallow depths and removing markers. They feel if it is shallow, that is when you need a marker. **Mr. Bigness** said there are underwater snorkel lights for like \$30 – solar power, similar to reflectors on the road. May be a remedy for the markers.

12. Next Meetings

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the **E. Jay Carlson Large Conference Room. (f/k/a Building Construction Services)**
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, in B-106 Conference Room.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Scott made a motion to adjourn, second by **Mr. Hickey**, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Minutes Approved



Tom Ireland, Chair