



MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 6, 2011

Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners
18500 Murdock Circle.
Port Charlotte, FL 33943

RE: Fiscal Year 2010- 2011 - CCMAC Activities Summary

At the October 2010 meeting recommendations to establish a Mission Statement, and annual Goals and Objectives was debated and no conclusion was reached. Further discussion of this issue was held in abeyance until our January, 2011 meeting. At this meeting the committee reviewed a draft of the Goals and Objectives with comments. At the February meeting the committee reviewed the revised document a motion to establish the specific Goals and Objectives for each fiscal year was voted on and passed. The Goals and Objectives for two fiscal years are in the CCMAC public records as an attachment to the February 10, 2011 meeting minutes for 2010-2011, and the September 8, 2011 meeting minutes for 2011-2012.

Over the course of establishing the Goals and Objectives the committee chairperson agreed to provide at the closure of each fiscal year, a report summarizing the committee's activities to the Board of County Commissioners.

I have attached these three documents for your perusal:

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Goals & Objectives
Fiscal Year 2010-2011 CCMAC, Activities Summary
Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Goals and Objectives

Should the BCC require further information of the CCMAC activities, positions adopted, actions taken or any outstanding issues, please advise and the Committee will respond promptly to the request.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len Harris", is written over a horizontal line.

Len Harris, Chairperson
CCMAC

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Summary of Activities CCMAC Fiscal Year 2010-2011

MSBU Updates

- Received written monthly MSBU updates and responses to issues of concern from Administrative Services Liaison representative Tara Musselman.

Abandon Boat Program

- The budget for this program was \$130k. Roger DeBruler, Community Services representative updated the committee quarterly on the number of abandon boats removed and disposed off and the costs expended to date. In this financial year a total of 20-abandon boats were removed from county waters for a cost off \$60k. The county has not recovered any cost from abandon boat owners.

Manatee Committee

- Tom Hamilton was the MAC representative on the Charlotte Manatee Advisory Committee. On November 16, 2010 Manatee Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the BCC that the county adopt a Voluntary Manatee Protection Plan (MPP). He will continue to liaison with County Staff during the development of the MPP as needs dictate.

WCIND & BIF Funds

- At the March 10, 2010 meeting the committee reviewed 13-applications plus 2-two more added throughout the year for a total of 15-agencies requesting project funds. The committee reviewed all applications, recommended 13-funding requests for a total of \$344k to the BCC for review and approval. In addition there were \$410k Annual Amounts approved for Maintenance to Aids for Navigation, Stump Pass Dredging and the Abandon Boat Program, reviewed and recommended to the BBC for review and approval.
- At the April 11, 2011 meeting for the 2011-2012 F Y the committee reviewed 16-applications plus 4-more added in September for a total of 20-agencies requesting project funds. The committee reviewed all applications and recommended funding 16-agency requests for a total of \$545.7k, to the BCC for review and approval. In addition there were \$345K Annual Amounts approved for Maintenance to Aids for Navigation, Stump Pass Dredging and the Abandon Boat Program, reviewed and recommended to the BBC for approval.

Election of Officer

- At the November, 2010 meeting the committee held their election of officer for Calendar Year 2011. The candidates nominated and elected by voice votes were: Len Harris, Chairperson, Bill Dixon Vice Chairman and Gerald Meckenburg, Secretary.

Project Status Report

- Alligator Creek Channel and upper Creek dredging. Final inspection for compliance with design drawings and specifications. **Project completed in November, 2010.**

- Bay Front Center non motorized boat ramp. **Design completed and construction underway and scheduled for completion in November 2011.**
- Design and fabrication of 354 feet of floating docks. **Completed August 2011..**
- South Bridge Waterway maintenance dredge. **All permits in hand except USACE permit.**
- Coastal Engineering Consultants Shoaling Analysis for the Port Charlotte Beach Complex. **Completed in February, 2011**
- Stump pass maintenance dredge. **Completed April 2011**
- Suncoast Waterway, maintenance dredge. **Awaiting permit approval as of September, 2011.**
- Beach Complex/ Sunrise Shoaling Study. **Completed January, 2011**
- Manchester Waterway, Lewis Creek spot dredging. **Work underway as of September 2011.**
- South Gulf Cove, Trout Creek breach. Repair. **Completed March 2011.**
- Manatee Committee final report. **Completed January 2011 and sent to the BCC.**
- Harbor Heights, install marine marker. **Waiting for permits to install markers.**
- Installation of Hayward Canal markers. **Completed February 2011.**
- Lewis Creek and Manchester Waterway spot dredging. **Work underway as of September, 2011.**
- Pirate Harbor branch channel work. **Under administrative challenge as of September, 2011.**
- Hayward Canals new markers. **Installed March 2011.**
- The Palm Island artificial reef was expanded in June, 2011 with the addition of 500-ton of precast concrete sea wall panels, catch basins, culverts and large limestone rock.

Potential Projects

- Placida Boat ramp and parking expansion. **Funds approved for F Y 2011-2012.**
- Cattle Point Dock boat ramp and parking lot development. **Design complete, permitting underway and \$50k approved F Y 2011-2012 towards the projects construction budget.**
- Boat ramp and parking facilities required east side south of Alligator Creek. **No progress in finding an appropriate location for this goal as of September 2011.**
- Charlotte Harbor Gateway Harbor Walk Phase-1. **Design complete waiting on the final permits, \$268.70k funding approved for F Y 2011-2012 for the project budget.**
- Bay Heights Park boat ramp. **Design complete and permitting underway as of September, 2011.**
- Northwest Port Charlotte, better access to the Myakka River, study by WCIND. **Waiting on permit approval as of September 2011.**

Issues of Concern

- Clean up of Rivera Marina and the opportunity for the County to acquire the property, pending owner restoration in compliance with FDEP and County regulations. **At the May meeting FDEP representatives James Kipp and Mark Miller updated the committee on the status of state violations, clean up of the site and confirmed that FDEP had filed civil suit in Charlotte County against Riviera Marina and it's owner.**

- Encourage the development of a county annual registration program for kayak, canoe and other Non-Motorized Boats (NMB). **The MAC has been advised that NMB vessels cannot be registered by a county. Registration of NMB is the states responsibility and if enacted by legislation the registration of these type of vessel would be state wide.**
- Placements of slow speed signs in the intercoastal waterway at the Palm Island ferry crossing. **No activity on this safety issue through September 30, 2011.**

Presentations

During the year quest speakers and application agency representatives seeking funding made the following presentations to the committee:

- Concept design presentation and project schedule for the NMB launching ramp at the Bay Front Center by Weiler Engineering.
- FWC Boating Advisory Council Member representative Ms. Jo Mogel updated the committee on several topics: Boater safety training, NMB issues, mooring and anchoring projects and boating safety statistics.
- During the March and April review of agency applications for funds for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year, representatives from 20-agency's came before the committee to outline their projects and respond to committee questions
- The CCMAC had a quorum with 10 members participate in the December 1, 2010 and April 6, 2011 joint meeting with Beaches & Shores, Parks & Recreation committees chaired by Commissioner Star. At the April meeting the MAC voted 10-0 supporting the inclusion of Charlotte County in the Regional Impact Study being conducted by the Corps Engineers re the impact of phosphate mining.
- At the BCC April 26, 2011 BCC meeting Commissioner Stephen Deutch by proclamation declared May Safety Boating Month in Charlotte County.
- At the June meeting Mary McMurray of FDEP narrated a slide presentation on the current status on water and sea grass quality of the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Reserve and responded to questions from the committee.
- Michael Poff, from Coastal Engineering Consultants presented the analysis and recommendations for rectifying the shoaling of channels and beach erosion at the Port Charlotte Beach complex and responded to questions from the committee.

Summary

The committee has had a busy year, addressed and resolved many issues. The success of the committee's work would not be so, if we did not have the coordination, direction and dedicated support provided by County staff.. On behalf of the CCMAC members I would like to thank Commissioner Bob Starr, Andy Stevens, Derek Rooney, Tara Musselman, Pam Alexander, Diane Quilty and Roger DeBruher for their support and responses to our many questions as we worked together as a team for the betterment of our mission, in an advisory capacity on marine activities to the Board of County Commissioner of Charlotte County.

Len Harris, Chairperson
CCMAC

Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee, Goals & Objectives

Mission Statement;

The CCMAC will deliver responsive oversight services and financial recommendations on marine related activities on the behalf of the citizens of Charlotte County.

Goal: The CCMAC is a volunteer organization whose responsibility is to act in an advisory capacity to the BCC on marine-related matters

Objectives: Provide oversight to enhance public navigation channels and inlets, boating access facilities, waterfront parks and piers. Provide recommendations' in waterway resource-based stewardship by encouraging boater safety and marine environmental education and practices cost effectively, to enhance the regional economic base while preserving the marine environment and the quality of life in Charlotte County.

Projects

- Design and construction of the non-motorized vessel launch ramp and sea wall repair at Gilchrist Park, Punta Gorda
- Design and construction of the Cattedock Boat Ramp
- Design and Construction of Phase 1 of the Gateway Harbor Walk
- Monitor the Abandon Vessel and Artificial Reef program.
- Construction of 400-feet of floating docks for the 2012 IFDS World Disabled Sailing Championship
- Structural integrity survey of the El Jobean, Placida and Boca Grande fishing piers
- Placida boat ramp parking expansion
- Coral Creek Blueway Trail navigation marking

Objectives:

- Monthly MSBU project updates
- Review the CPW Department's related CIP schedule marine projects on a quarterly basis.
- Provide support to staff during the development and implementation of CC Manatee Protection Program
- Provide support to staff for the Stump Pass maintenance permit

2011-2012 Budget WCIND and BIF Funds

- Review applications for funds, and approve or disapprove the request. Submit CCMAC approved requests to the BCC for their approval.

Objectives:

- Permits for projects to be approved and in hand prior to the request for funds

- County staff to review Funding Request applications for completeness of information submitted prior to March, 2012 CCMAC approval
- Conduct the funding request reviews at the March, 2012 meeting.
- Finalize funding approval at the April 2012 meeting for submittal to the BBC

Potential Projects

- Cattle Point Dock boat ramp permits approval by April 2012
- Boat ramp and parking facilities required east side, south of Alligator Creek.
- Charlotte Harbor Gateway Harbor Walk phase 2 design engineering and permitting
- Northwest Port Charlotte, better access to into the Myakka River, study by WCIND
- Permanent barrier protection for Stump Pass

Objectives:

- Monitor these long-range projects and request updated presentations from county staff.
- Provide input to Parks and Rec, Beach and Shores committees as warranted, during the development of projects of interest to CCMAC

Issues of Concern

- Clean up of Rivera Marina and the opportunity for the County to acquire the property, pending owner restoration of the property in compliance with FDEP and County regulations'.
- Encourage the development of a county annual registration program for kayak, canoe and other non-motorized vessels.
- Placements of slow speed signs in the intercostal waterway at the Palm Island ferry crossing.
- Development of the updated Manatee Protection Plan for Charlotte County

Objectives:

- Have FDEP update the CCMAC on a semi annual basis on the progress of their compliance work with the owners of Rivera Marina
- The prime reason for registrations for non-motorized watercraft is for safety, search and rescue. Registration funds used for the development and maintenance of kayak trails and launch facilities within the county.
- Provide oversight to county staff during the Manatee Plan update