

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Charlotte County Administration Center, Room B-119

Minutes
September 9, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Captain Ron Blago, Chairman
Len Harris, Vice Chairman
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary
Bill Dixon
Douglas Donovan
John Fleming
Tom Hamilton
Richard Johnson
William Kumm
Robert Leonard
Fred Mesler
Raymond Rose
Captain Maurice Sabourin
Cody Vaughan-Birch

MEMBERS EXCUSED

William Bergman
Captain Jay Buckley
Mike Conlon
Captain Tim Lynch
Scott Schermerhorn
Mel Staudmyer
Anthony Tonz

STAFF

Tara Musselman, Public Works
Roger DeBruler, Natural Resources
Debrah Forester, Economic Development
Sandra Williamson, Recording Secretary

GUESTS

Grace Amodeo
Mary McMurray

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Blago called the September 9, 2010, **Marine Advisory Committee** meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. noting there was a quorum present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Blago offered opening remarks and led the members and audience in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was presented by *Len Harris* seconded by *Maurice Sabourin* to accept the June 10, 2010, Marine Advisory Committee minutes as written. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Roger DeBruler gave an update on the different projects that have taken place in Charlotte County. The artificial reefs, 2 abandoned vessels have been removed from the waterways, and Florida Master Nationalist program has a class coming up in October.

Tara Musselman - presented a MSBU update regarding the following projects:

- ***Ackerman Waterway***: No active projects at this time.
- ***Alligator Creek*** – Contractor is on site dredging the S-Curve. When completed, the contractor will be moving to the northern 500' of the creek. The entire project should be completed by then end of the year.
- ***Buena Vista Area Waterways***:
 - ***Beach Complex/Sunrise Shoaling Study*** – Findings expected late September 2010.
- ***Edgewater North*** - No active projects at this time.
- ***Gulf Cove Waterways*** - No Active projects at this time.
- ***Harbour Heights*** – Dredging project is completed.
- ***Hayward Canals*** - No Active Projects at this time.
- ***Lewis Creek*** - No active projects at this time.

- **Manchester Waterway** - No active projects at this time.
- **Northwest Port Charlotte** – Coastal Engineering is seeking DEP permits to provide better access to the Myakka.
- **Peace River Shores** - No active projects at this time.
- **Pirate Harbor** – The DEP permit has been received pending ACOE permit.
- **Southbridge Waterway:** Coastal Engineering is in the process of obtaining permits from the required agencies.
- **South Gulf Cove:**
 - **Trout Creek** – All permits received, bid specs are being completed, and expected to go out for bid within the month.
- **Suncoast Waterway:** Coastal Engineering is in the process of obtaining permits from the required agencies.
- **Stump Pass** – The two (2) lowest bidders have been deemed non responsive. The staff is currently seeking approval to negotiate with the third lowest bidder. All permits are in hand.
- **Final Budget Action August/September**
All of the funding that was approved at the end of the year was approved by the BCC.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Charlotte Harbor – The Gateway Harbor Walk Concept Plan**
 - **Debra Forester**, Charlotte County Economic Redevelopment Manager gave a presentation on the design concept plan for the redevelopment of Charlotte Harbor. A brief discussion took place in regards to the funding, a fishing pier, and if there would be a public boat ramp or permanent floating docks.

- *Review the joint meeting with Parks & Recreation and Beaches & Shores Advisory Committees*
 - A discussion took place in regards to the existing parking meters located at the boat ramps and beaches and the cost of replacing or upgrading the equipment. Commissioner Starr would like for the County to start an honor system plan instead of upgrading the existing parking meters.
- *Membership Update*
 - There are seven (7) members are up for reappointment on December 31, 2010. The members representing an organization should obtain a letter, from that organization, stating they would like to reappoint that member and the member at large will need to submit their own letter to MAC requesting reappointment. All reappointment letters will need to be submitted before the next scheduled meeting.
- *Review Grant Request*
 - None

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Update Beach Complex Study***
 - None
- ***WCIND and Boater Improvement Funds***
 - Brief updates were given on the different boat ramps located in Charlotte County.
- ***Non WCIND Funds***
 - *Tara Musselman* gave an update on the available funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

Manatee Committee Review – Tom Hamilton informed the members that the first meeting is on September 30, 2010 and the meeting is open to the public.

A motion was presented by *Cody Vaughn-Birch* seconded by *Tom Hamilton* to set written goals and objects for the Committee. The motion did not carry.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding establishing a set of written goals and objectives. Chairman, Ron Blago, requested the members present a list of goals and objectives to the recording secretary for discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

Cody Vaughn-Birch would like for the Committee to review some of the old Florida Fish & Wildlife laws which remain on the books and recommend to the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners to pass a Resolution to delete certain laws.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Richard Johnson has submitted his resignation and the committee would like to give a letter of appreciation.

NEXT MEETING

The next pre-agenda meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., Room B-207. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2010, at 9:30a.m., Administration Center, Room #119.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 11:30.

**Approved by the Committee on:
October 14, 2010**

S. L. Williamson

Sandra L. Williamson,
Administrative Assistant I