

**MINUTES**  
**CHARLOTTE COUNTY**  
**MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, June 14, 2012**

Chairman Len Harris called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

The Clerk called the roll and the Secretary determined that a quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Raymond Rose, Vice Chairman – Peace River Squadron, Inc.  
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary –U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 87 Englewood  
Captain Ron Blago – Member at Large  
George Bobko – Port Charlotte Yacht Club  
Sarah Buck – Punta Gorda Sailing Club  
Ken Dieffenbach – Charlotte Coastal Conservation Association of Florida  
Jake Dye – Isles Yacht Club  
John Homer Fleming – Member at Large  
Tom Ireland – South Gulf Cove Yacht Club  
William Kumm – Punta Gorda Boat Club  
Captain Tim Lynch – Member-at-Large  
Herman Novak – City of Punta Gorda  
Captain Maurice Sabourin – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Rotonda  
Garland Wilson – Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

**VACANCIES**

Harbour Heights Yacht Club  
U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor  
Member at Large

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Charles Gertner – Pirate Harbor Yacht Club  
Len Harris, Chairman – Burnt Store Isles Boat Club  
Mike Quinn – Punta Gorda Sports Fishing Club

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Capt. Scott Schermerhorn – Member at Large

**STAFF**

Tara Musselman, Community Development-Engineering  
Diane Quilty, Fiscal Services  
Andy Stevens, Community Services

## **GUESTS**

Randy Broderson, City of Punta Gorda  
Susan Bareither, Nominee for Committee Member  
Jim Thomson, CEO, Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center

### **Changes to the Agenda**

NONE

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Starr advised that he would need to leave at 10:00 a.m.

### **Regular Business**

On motion by Tom Ireland, seconded by Garland Wilson, and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda meeting held on June 7, 2012 were approved as presented.

On motion by Ken Dieffenbach, seconded by Jake Dye, and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on May 10, 2012 were approved as presented.

Tara Musselman read her MSBU Update into the record (see attached).

Commissioner Starr added that the new parking meters are being installed and for approximately 30 days parking will be free.

The issues that have been reported in Sunshine Lake have not been observed in any of the salt water waterways.

An update on the Boca Grande Trestle was provided by Andy Stevens. Approximately an additional 270 feet of trestle were removed for fear of imminent collapse. The trestle has been posted as "No Trespassing" and they are working with law enforcement to assure the signage is adequate. The Sheriff's Office has done a major cleanup and will be strictly enforcing the trespass ordinance.

### **New Business**

- A. An interview Susan Bareither as the replacement for Douglas Donovan, USCG Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor was conducted.

On motion by John Homer Fleming, seconded by Jake Dye, and carried unanimously, Ms. Bareither's name will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for confirmation at a future meeting. She should commence her service beginning with the September 13, 2012 Meeting. Her appointment will expire on December 31, 2012 and she will have to be reappointed to a three-year term.

## B. Funding Applications

1. **Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC)** – supplemental funding for the 4<sup>th</sup>-Grade Field Studies Program for the 2012-2013 School Year - **\$34,000**

Jim Thomson, CEO of CHEC made a presentation and discussion ensued.

On motion by Ron Blago, seconded by George Bobko, and carried unanimously, this supplemental funding request was APPROVED on a one-time basis in the amount of \$34,000.

2. **MOTE Marine** – Commissioner Starr advised that they may have to resubmit their funding requests based on a suggestion by the County Attorney.

C. Based on a discussion of those in attendance at the pre-agenda meeting, Vice Chairman Rose reported that a suggestion for Quarterly Feedback Reports from those who have previously received funding in order to provide the membership with information which will assist them in the decision-making process for future funding requests.

## Old Business

### A. Update on the Bay Heights Boat Launch Project.

Commissioner Starr reported that originally there was to be a boat ramp constructed; then, the Coast Guard Flotilla wanted to put a structure there; there were concerns about traffic safety issues regarding turning off of main road; there are heritage oaks on the property which might impede construction. He feels that the BCC will appreciate input from the MAC regarding this site. He will have Administration forward information such as costs, etc. to the MAC to assist in their future discussions. He respectfully requested complete vetting of this project.

Commissioner Starr further reported that the Cattedock project has been put on the “back burner”. Several questions have arisen and he asked to cease funding the project.

MAC member Jake Dye stated that as a new member he was in favor of receiving regular updates as well as background information on all projects previously funded.

Discussion ensued.

*Commission Starr left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.*

### B. Update on Harborwalk Phase I Project

The update on this item was provided by Debrah Forester, Charlotte County Redevelopment Manager. She stated that they have received permit approval from SWFWMD. The Lease between Charlotte County and DOT is pending

approval and signature. They expect to begin in FY14-15. The lack of a national Transportation Bill is causing the delays in funding. She outlined the specifics expected in Phase I of the project. Discussion ensued.

**Other Business**

NONE

**Citizen Comments**

NONE

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NONE

**Next Meeting**

Vice Chairman Rose reminded all that the meetings have been suspended for July and August.

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 9.30 a.m. the Building Construction Services Conference Room.
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119.

**I. Adjournment**

On motion by Tom Ireland, seconded by Jake Dye, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander  
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on September 13, 2012

Len Harris, Chairman  
Marine Advisory Committee