

**MINUTES
CHARLOTTE COUNTY
MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 8, 2012**

Chairman Len Harris called the meeting to order at 9:28 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

Len Harris, Chairman – Burnt Store Isles Boat Club
Raymond Rose, Vice Chairman – Peace River Squadron, Inc.
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 87 Englewood
Susan Bareither - U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor
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
Chuck Gertner – Pirate Harbor Yacht Club
William Kumm – Punta Gorda Boat Club
Captain Tim Lynch – Member-at-Large
Herman Novak – City of Punta Gorda
Mike Quinn – Punta Gorda Sports Fishing Club
Captain Maurice Sabourin – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Rotonda
Garland Wilson – Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

VACANCIES

Member at Large

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Richard Hoagland - Harbour Heights Yacht Club
Tom Ireland – South Gulf Cove Yacht Club
Capt. Scott Schermerhorn – Member at Large

MEMBERS ABSENT

NONE

STAFF

Charles Mopps, Community Development – Engineering
Richard Kolar - Fiscal Services
Andy Stevens - Community Services
Debrah Forester - Redevelopment Manager

GUESTS

Randy Broderson, City of Punta Gorda

J.S. "Jay" Buckley, Applicant

Henry "Hank" Killion, Applicant

Changes to the Agenda

- a. **CHANGE:** Change description under Section VII Old Business Item A to read "Charlotte Harbor Harborwalk" in order to differentiate between the Harborwalk in Punta Gorda and the one in Charlotte Harbor.
- b. **ADD:** Add the name of Henry "Hank" Killion to the list of applicants for the vacant Member-At-Large position under Section V Regular Business Item E-2.
- c. **REMOVE:** The name of George Bobko should be removed under Section V Regular Business Item E-1. His appointment does not expire until 12/31/2014.
- d. **REMOVE:** The name of Alfred Yeno as an applicant to fill the vacant Member-at-Large position under Section V Regular Business Item E-2. E-mail received withdrawing his application.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Stephen Deutsch represented the BCC at this meeting.

Regular Business

On motion by Jake Dye, seconded by George Bobko, and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from November 1, 2012 were approved as submitted.

On motion by Chuck Gertner, seconded by Mike Quinn, and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from October 11, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Charles Mopps answered several questions regarding his monthly MSBU Update which was previously sent to the membership. (see attached report)

It was suggested by several members that an update on Stump Pass should be added to the agenda for the Joint meeting with Beaches & Shores and Parks & Rec in February, 2013.

Mr. Mopps commended Jason Stoltzfus, an employee in the Fiscal Section, for his assistance to the County in obtaining funding for various projects such as Stump Pass.

Rich Kolar, Fiscal Services, provided copies of spread sheet showing the projects, the amounts funded and the funding sources for all those approved by the MAC for fiscal years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Page 1 is Boater Improvement Funds; Page 2 is WCIND funds. (see attached)

Captain Maurice Sabourin raised a question regarding the slow speed zones in the vicinity of the Palm Island Ferry. Andy Stevens reported that he had contacted FWC. Based upon historical data provided to him, FWC has no intention of pursuing slow speed zones. It was the consensus of the Committee to stop pursuing this item.

Membership:

1. The following members' current appointments expire December 31, 2012. All letters of recommendation from their respective organizations have been received.

Susan Bareither	USCG Flotilla 98, Charlotte Harbor
Sarah Buck	Punta Gorda Sailing Club
Len Harris	Burnt Store Isles Yacht Club
Gerald Meckenberg	USCG Flotilla 87, Englewood
Garland Wilson	Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

2. Both J. S. "Jay" Buckley and Henry "Hank" Killion presented a brief narrative regarding their qualifications and desire to serve on this Committee as a Member-at-Large. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. A vote was taken via written ballot. Clerk, Pam Alexander, prepared a tally sheet for the written ballots and provided the results to the Secretary, Gerald Meckenberg. He announced that all members present had voted and, by a majority decision, Jay Buckley was selected to fill the vacant Member-at-Large position. This information will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners. They will include confirmation of Mr. Buckley on their December 11, 2012 agenda.

Commissioner Deutsch left at 10:44 a.m.

New Business

On motion by Ken Dieffenbach, seconded by Herman Novak and carried unanimously the proposed Meeting Schedule for 2013 was approved.

Old Business

- A. Debrah Forester, Redevelopment Manager for the Charlotte Harbor CRA, presented an update on the Charlotte Harbor Harborwalk project. They have received the signed lease and have permits in hand. FDOT will allow commencement of the construction with a loan from the BCC. FDOT currently has this repayment budgeted in their 2014-2015 budget; however, they are hesitant to provide the authorization to begin construction until they are certain how much of the funding will be available under the new Federal Transportation bill which was approved a couple of months ago in Washington. The construction funds allocated by the MAC will expire at the end of 2014, if construction does not begin by that time. The BCC is anxious to move forward and the design process for Phase II will begin this coming year. A question was raised about the possible purchase of land with a house. Ms. Forester reported

that this purchase was never a part of the Harborwalk Project, but rather part of Chester Robbins Park. The Harborwalk Project is on FDOT ROW with a 25 year lease which has an option for 25 additional years.

- B. Andy Stevens reported that although the Bay Heights Park boat ramp and parking area project was approved, it is currently on hold due in part to the current economic conditions. It will be reviewed extensively from a “needs” perspective prior to moving forward. This is in agreement with SWFWMD, FDEP and the County.
- C. Andy Stevens reported that the Cattle Dock project has been placed on hold. He will provide an additional update at the January MAC meeting regarding the funding issues.
As an aside, Mr. Stevens reported that the WCIND Executive Director was given goals and objectives and received his evaluation. Mr. Stevens advised that he was pleased with his working relationship with the director over the last several years.
- D. Andy Stevens provided a printed synopsis of the recent engineering evaluation of the El Jobean, Boca Grande and Placida Fishing Piers. (copy attached)
- E. Betty Staugler provided a PowerPoint update of her programs under Florida Sea Grant. (copy attached) In addition, she reported that the two recently-hired MOTE Marine educators will be working with her. She followed her presentation with a period for questions.

Other Business

NONE

Citizen Comments

Hank Killion thanked the membership for considering his application and hoped that he could serve in the future.

Good of the Order

Sarah Buck thanked the Clerk, Pam Alexander for all she does for MAC and acknowledged that this is only one of the many hats she wears.

Captain Blago advised that he was still concerned about his recollection that when the funding request for the Charlotte Harbor Harborwalk was approved, it did include a request to purchase the property with the house on it.

NEXT MEETING

The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 9.30 a.m. the Building Construction Services Conference Room.

The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119. •(**REMINDER: Election of Officers for 2013 calendar year will be held at this meeting.**)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Captain Ron Blago, seconded by Ken Dieffenbach and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on December 13, 2012

Len Harris, Chairman
Marine Advisory Committee