

MINUTES
CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 10, 2013
Charlotte County Building Construction Services
18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

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 it was determined that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Len Harris, Chairman – Burnt Store Isles Boat Club
Tom Ireland, Vice Chairman – South Gulf Cove Yacht Club
Captain Ron Blago – Member at Large
George Bobko – Port Charlotte Yacht Club
Sarah Buck – Punta Gorda Sailing Club
Jay Buckley – Member at Large
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
Richard Hoagland - Harbour Heights Yacht Club
William Kumm – Punta Gorda Boat Club
Captain Tim Lynch – Member-at-Large
Herman Novak – City of Punta Gorda
Raymond Rose – Peace River Squadron, Inc.
Captain Maurice Sabourin – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Rotonda
Capt. Scott Schermerhorn – Member at Large
Garland Wilson – Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary –U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 87 Englewood
Susan Bareither - U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor
Mike Quinn – Punta Gorda Sports Fishing Club

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF

Charles Mopps, Community Development – Engineering
Andy Stevens - Community Services
Richard Kolar, Financial Consultant, Fiscal services
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, BCC Liaison

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GUESTS

Randy Broderson, City of Punta Gorda
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3

Changes to the Agenda

None

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Deutsch arrived at 9:38 am and provided his comments at that time. He reported that the BCC is in the process of setting federal legislative priorities. This list does include Stump Pass.

Commissioner Deutsch also reported on his research regarding Boater Registrations, which was requested at the last MAC meeting.

The revenue is derived from State fees and additional funds as a result of the fees we charge locally.

- In 2010: approximately \$163,500 from the state and \$287,000 from local funds for actual total of \$450,342.
- In 2011: the numbers were almost the same with a total of \$453,098
- In 2012: approximately \$166,500 from the state and \$293,000 local funds for an approximate total of \$459,473

These numbers clearly demonstrate a slight increase each year.

The number of vessels registered in Charlotte County, as provided by the Tax Collector's Office, is listed below. The figures for 2012 were not available at the time the rest of the information was provided.

- 2009 - 21,705
- 2010 - 20,968
- 2011 - 20,602

Regular Business

- A. On motion by Ray Rose, seconded by Scott Schermerhorn and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from January 3, 2013 were approved as presented.
- B. On motion by Herman Novak, seconded by Tom Ireland, and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from December 6, 2012 were approved as presented.
- C. Charles Mopps highlighted several items in his MSBU Update (Copy of report is attached as part of these Minutes). There was some discussion regarding a sail boat that had run aground and the proper procedures for reporting these types of situations. Mr. Mopps left the meeting after delivering his report.

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D. Rich Kolar provided a Quarterly Update.

- The annual report was filed with the State Fish and Wildlife and they confirmed that Charlotte County is in compliance.
- The information regarding applying for funding has been posted on the County website with a deadline for submittal of February 6, 2013. As of this date, no applications have been received.
- A spreadsheet listing the funding request for the current fiscal year was distributed and a discussion followed. For WCIND funds, if the project is not going to be completed in one year, a formal request for an extension is required. An extension can only be granted for a total of three years. This is WCIND Board policy. Any funds not used will revert to the CNIF account. Reminder notices will be sent to any group that may have funding in this category.
- A Certificate of Completion will be requested for the special debris removal grant and the excess funds appropriately transferred.
- The only invoices received so far for the 2012-2013 FY were from CAP Sundown Patrol and CHEC.
- Roger DeBruler will provide a complete report at the March meeting, when asking for funds for FY2013-2014. The County has a new contractor for the removal program and is a much lower bid than the previous. Contingency funds are necessary for this ongoing project.
- Funding from the Cattle Dock Point project has been reallocated.
- The Bay Heights Park project is moving forward.

9:58 a.m. Member Scott Schermerhorn left the meeting.

Captain Jay Buckley raised a question regarding a possible private dredging project in Punta Gorda. Commissioner Deutsch advised that it was his understanding that dredged material is to be sent to the landfill to be used as cover material. Additional discussion ensued.

New Business

Chairman Len Harris reported on the recent request to have a representative of MAC become a member on the Stakeholder Committee for the East/West Spring Lake Wastewater Expansion Pilot Program. This project is a result of the Manchester lock agreement with DEP. He advised that due to the short turnaround time, he elected to participate in the series of four meetings. Commissioner Deutsch contributed to the discussion regarding potential funding assistance for homeowners in the area impacted by the expansion.

Old Business

Andy Stevens will attempt to schedule an update from Mote Marine for the upcoming joint meeting in February.

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Randy Broderson, City of Punta Gorda, provided an update on the Gilchrist Landing project:

- Final depth inspection is scheduled tomorrow, January 11, 2013
- Spoil material will be removed next week
- Relocation of the docks from Laishley Park is scheduled to begin January 18, 2013, with an anticipated completion date of February 18, 2013
- Delivery of the gangplank is scheduled for January 14, 2013

Andy Stevens provided an update on Boca Grande and Placida Fishing Piers. The Department is evaluating the recent engineering report to determine future action. Due to the poor condition of the "Englewood side" has been posted with no trespassing signs as needed, since they seem to disappear. There was discussion on possible repairs and uses for the "Englewood side" as well as installing additional ramps.

Mr. Stevens reported that he took members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee to view the Placida overflow parking lot. There are currently 26 designated parking spots for cars, boats and trailers. This subject may be brought up at the February Joint meeting.

Mr. Stevens related that Jim Thomson of CHEC has reported that the grant funding provide by MAC has allowed them to provide services to more than 1000 kids

Other Business

Relocation of Pre-Agenda meetings and approval of new meeting schedule***

Citizen Comments

None

Good of the Order

Chairman Harris reminded all that a quorum is needed for the Joint Meeting and to send any suggestions for discussion items to the Clerk for the agenda. He explained his thoughts on the process for this Joint Meeting. Discussion ensued.

Sarah Buck reminded all that this is sailing regatta season. She thanked Andy Stevens and his team for their help.

Chairman Harris acknowledged the passing of Grace Amodeo, a member of the Charlotte County community who was in frequent attendance at meetings for several boards and committees.

Next Meeting

- The **Joint Meeting of the Parks & Recreation, Beaches & Shores and Marine Advisory Committees** is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at the Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Boulevard. Meeting Room C at 1:00 p.m. **(PLEASE NOTE: A QUORUM IS REQUIRED**)**

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- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 9.30 a.m. ~~Room B-207~~^{***}. (***PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A PERMANENT CHANGE IN LOCATION***)

*** (NOTE: This was the information contained on the meeting agenda and reported in these Minutes. However the location was changed to Room B-106 prior to the February meeting)

- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on April 11, 2013

Len Harris, Chairman
Marine Advisory Committee

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