



MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 14, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Charlotte County Beach Complex

4500 Harbor Blvd.

Port Charlotte, FL 33948

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Upon the roll being called it was determined a quorum was present.

3. Chairman's Comments

A. REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: PLEASE SIGN IN. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes. A clipboard and a pen are provided on the podium for your convenience.

B. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS STATE THEIR NAME AND ORGANIZATION and TO USE THE MICROPHONE WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes

C. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS TO PLEASE SILENCE THEIR CELL PHONES.

4. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

5. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None offered.

6. Regular Business

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from December 3, 2020
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from December 10, 2020.
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

C. FY 21 Grant information – Jim Darden

Jim Darden said he has 2 applications so far for the 21-22 grant projects. He anticipates a few more in the next few weeks. Fiscal '21 he is processing check requests for US Coastguard and grant reimbursements.

D. MSBU Update – Matt Logan

Mr. Logan said he is here today for Zach Patchell.

Ackerman and Manchester Waterway – they finished up that project. Everything is good, they did a great job out there.

Alligator Creek – there is no active project at this time but they are waiting to present the bathymetry 2020.

Buena Vista – no active project at this time. The spot dredge for the access panel is completed and we are working towards gathering more information and working with the engineer to come up with a long term solution for the Sunrise channel.

Edgewater North – there is no active project.

Gulf Cove – there is a plan to dredge. Atkins Engineering has confirmed they have surveyed the entire system and they are working on presenting plans.

Harbour Heights – no active project. They are part of the 2020 pre-storm bathymetry.

Hayward canals – Johnson Engineering has come back with 80% plans. We received the FDEP permit but are still waiting for the Army Corp permit.

Manchester Waterway – this is completed.

Northwest Port Charlotte – They have decided to move forward with the 3.5 foot interior dredge. Coastal Engineering is continuing their work on the design.

Peace River Shores – no active project.

Pirate Harbor – the project is complete. There was a long delay getting the mitigation buoys out there. I am trying to find out from the contractor whether or not they installed the pre-notification signs for the sea grass scaring. (someone said they have been installed – he can see them)

Southbridge Waterway – no active projects.

South Gulf Cove Parallel Lock – we have 90% plans. We received the SWFWMD permit, still waiting for DEP permits.

Suncoast Waterway – there is no active projects.

Commissioner Deutsch said the Commissioners did not want to do the remotes (this is for South Gulf Cove). They are looking forward to having someone at the lock to operate it. I don't agree or think we need it.

Mr. Ireland said he has \$1000 worth of remotes that are programmed.

Mr. Logan said the Manasota Beach Key project is complete. They finished their 14th deployment of stone out there. It has been a slow going but they should be finishing up sometime in March.

One member asked if there was a declaration made or any FEMA money?

Mr. Logan said there are two parts of that. One, the State of Florida did not make an emergency declaration so we do not qualify for FEMA funds even if we met the criteria. The second is the magnitude of impacts that we received from ETA, they don't qualify us for receiving any funding. You have to meet a certain threshold of damage before you can apply. A lot of sand seemed to disappear from the top of the beach, there is still sand in the system. So we will see that the beach is pretty stable.

Robert Hickey asked about the Charlotte Park canal system – what is going on? He is getting caught between Alligator Creek MSBU who says it is not part of their MSBU, they are looking into something and I never hear back. This is a large canal system that starts down at Alligator creek, many spurs off of the creek and goes all the way up to Airport Road. It's a big canal system and there is a lot of new houses in there. There is no maintenance being done. It's not so much dredging of the depth, the problem is all the unoccupied lots. If you get an unoccupied lot on one side and then the other, the mangroves grow completely to the middle. Most of these canals are 50 feet wide. It doesn't take much. Something needs to be done.

Mr. Logan said this is a natural creek.

Mr. Hickey said it's not natural, it was all man-made done in the early '60's. This is all platted.

Mr. Logan said you are talking about an area that has never been an MSBU and we never maintained it. His understanding of the system, we need to have a funding source in place for us to do work.

Hank Killion said he is a member of West Count stormwater MSBU and he feels there should be an MSBU stormwater over in that area. He said his stormwater MSBU does do clearing. Oyster Creek and a few other areas they have done trimming.

Mr. Hickey said he did not know that is the direction to go in.

Paul Bigness asked if we could have a map to show certain waterway depths?

One member said there is a map on the boater improvement website which is a link off of Matt's website and it shows all the canal systems and which are public or private.

E. Derelict Vessel Report – Roger DeBruler

Roger DeBruler said there are a lot of boats on the list. There are 7 boats on the list that are ready to be removed. My contractor right now is removing one. He removed one 2 days ago. Candy Bar boat needs assistance – it is too big for the contractor. We were working on Pilgrim when a storm was heading toward the area. So we re-sank it in place. Scampi is ready to be removed. The Wellcraft is the one the contractor is working on today. He removed the Chris Craft AV-330 two days ago. We have the ok to remove Walrus and the Hafeman boat. (the two bottom ones on the list – both sailboats)

Mr. DeBruler said the update on dancing iguanas (boat name), I have not received the authorization to remove that yet. The time clock has not come to a close yet. It is still sitting there. I took pictures. It should be happening in February.

Mr. Bigness said we had 10 boats on the list – now there are many more. Is this an increase because of problems?

Mr. DeBruler said no, the hurricane Edna that came through in November, that increased our numbers greatly. A lot of them I was not notified about that the officers had them and were working on them. The increase is because of the hurricane. Silverton is not a hurricane boat. The officer is working on full citations.

Mr. Bigness said St. Petersburg has a handle on this. They don't have this problem. Do we know what they are doing?

Mr. DeBruler said they are following the same Statutes we are. We have to be careful because another County got into trouble. The coordinator got fired. He was grabbing boats, pulling them up on the beach and destroying them himself. He had the officers helping him but there were a couple of times when the County did not like what he was doing, so he lost his job.

F. Community Services Update – Tina Powell

Tina Powell said she will give a brief update on projects.

Anger Creek – This is being partly managed by Facilities and Construction Maintenance. They are getting a new draft concept plan.

Allapatchee – We are working with the Purchasing Dept. to get an engineer on board to replace the fishing pier.

Hathaway Park – canoe/kayak launch repairs are completed.

Live Oak Point – sidewalk handrails are in permitting, we received approval from DOT to make those repairs.

Placida Park – 2014 sales tax expansion is being managed by Facilities. They are working with Public Works on circulation issues.

Port Charlotte Beach Park – the 2014 sailing center has provided the following update – the workshop is over 50% complete. The public pavilion has been ordered. Upcoming repairs here at the rec center for the restrooms, they have some impacts on the park, shoreline issues, but it should not effect the use of the boat ramp.

Riverside Park – the boat ramp is in the design phase with the engineers.

Capt. Blago asked if there are any Anger Creek blueprints that show how this will look when finished?

Ms. Powell said we did present plans for that in 2019. The update from Facilities is they are currently working on those plans to address stormwater issues.

Capt. Blago asked if they are moving the boat ramps?

Mr. Powell said that is the intention. She said they will show MAC the new plans.

7. New Business
None offered

8. Old Business – Sailing Center Update

Mr. Killion said when they get into discussion on design for the new building here, the facilities that are not at the sailing center that we want to include, I would like to be included in that. Commissioner Constance has given me direction to make sure I follow that. Commissioner Deutsch if you can somehow make that can happen, so we don't forget anything.

Commissioner Deutsch said we open these things for public comment and input because if you get a group of 30 people or more, many times you get some good ideas. We want to be consistent on the site. He said he will be reporting on this and keeping MAC up to date.

9. Other Business
None offered.

10. Citizen Comments
None offered.

11. Good of the Order
None offered.

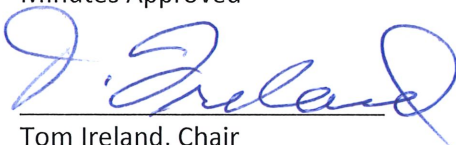
12. Next Meetings

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the **E. Jay Carlson Large Conference Room. (f/k/a Building Construction Services)**
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in **Port Charlotte Cultural Center.**

13. Adjournment
Mr. Strube made a motion to adjourn, second by **Mr. Hickey**, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Minutes Approved



Tom Ireland, Chair