

Brevard County Marine Advisory Council
Minutes for Meeting on February 21, 2002
6:00 p.m. – Atlantic Room

Members Present:

Tom McGill, Chairman
Doug Jaren
Mike Cunningham, Vice-Chairman
George Reynolds
Al Pappas
Wayne Mozo
Gary Hanlin

Members Absent:

Sandra Clinger
Troy Rice
Heie Simonsen

Staff Present:

Marsha Cantrell, Parks and Recreation Liaison
Cathy Lively, Secretary

Others Present:

Ray Stern
Chris Combs

Note: At 6 pm the meeting could not be called to order as a quorum was not present. Members present suggested they informally begin discussions on members handouts.

Mr. McGill distributed copies of information from David Roach, Florida Inland Navigation District, regarding a proposed Economic Study for Brevard County.

Mr. Jaren distributed copies of an Economic Impact Study Marine Related Business Survey he received from Florida Inland Navigation District.

Mr. Roach would like the Advisory Council to endorse this study to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners.

Action: Ms. Cantrell will order the Economic Study Brochures for Martin, Indian River and St. Lucie Counties. Ms. Cantrell will also request a copy of the 200-page report and executive summary.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Chairman McGill at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2002

Motion by Mike Cunningham to approve minutes of January 17, 2002 as submitted. Seconded by George Reynolds. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. McGill added FIND's Activity and the Economic Study and the Council's Representation on the Pineda Causeway Referendum Project to the Agenda.

FIND'S Economic Activity

Discussion continued on FIND's scope of work for an economic analysis of the District Waterways in Brevard, Volusia and Flager Counties. Mr. Roach will be writing a letter to the Chairman of Brevard County Board of County Commissioners requesting Brevard County participate in the study and assist financially with a \$15,000 contribution.

Action: Members are requested to read the facsimile and be prepared for the next meeting to continue discussions. Also, read the survey distributed by Doug Jaren.

Action: Ms. Cantrell to scan the survey into the computer and e-mail the survey to all members.

Mr. McGill stated that besides Brevard County's financial support they are interested in having the County's participation in the study. Mr. McGill stated that he spoke with Mr. Roach about the possibility of FIND participating in the Boating Guide and he indicated they would look at it.

Draft Marine Survey (Mike Cunningham)

Discussion was held regarding GEC, Inc. who is conducting the FIND survey and if it would effect the response we receive on our pump-out station survey.

Ms. Cantrell reported that she invited Jim Egan to this meeting however, he was unavailable to attend. He indicated that he would be able to attend our meeting in March. **Action: Ms. Cantrell will invite Mr. Egan to our next meeting.**

Ms. Cantrell reported that she received no comments back on the survey. The Committee agreed that no further changes needed to be made to the survey, the surveys would be mailed out, and addressed to the Marinas listed on the Marina Listing and other individuals/organizations. The Committee agreed the cover letter would be signed by Doug Jaren and he would be appointed as the Chairman to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion by Wayne Mozo to identify Doug Jaren as the Ad Hoc Committee Chairman for this survey, to prepare a letter for his signature, and add if they have any questions to contact web address or Mr. Jaren's phone number. Seconded by Gary Hanlin. Passed unanimously.

Discussion continued on who else should receive the pump out survey. There are approximately 69 Marinas on our list, other organizations include Sheriffs Dept, Police, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Marine Resource Council, Power Squadron, Boat Organizations (CFW, Cruising Clubs) and Suppliers of Boat Supplies.

Action: Staff will mail out the Pump Out Survey to the Marinas on our listing with Doug Jaren's letter.

Action: Members to be prepared at the next meeting with a list of other organizations/individuals with name and addresses who should receive the survey.

The Committee used the black board to work out draft wording for the letter to go along with the survey.

From: Doug Jaren, Chairman Ad-Hoc Committee of BMAC

To: Marine?

Subject: Survey – Pump Out Station

(1) As chairman of Ad Hoc Comm re: P.O. Station Activity for BMAC. I would appreciate your assistance in completing the enclosed survey.

(2) We request return no later than _____ in the enclosed envelope.

(3) If any questions or comments address them to e-mail _____ or phone _____.

(4) Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and the survey results will be posted on the website www._____.

Committee agreed to re-title the survey to Marine Pump-Out Survey. Staff will try to have the survey out by March 7, 2002 or sooner. Staff will finalize letter obtain Mr. Jaren's signature prior to copying and mailing.

Reiterate – Action: Members are to go back and bring for the next meeting names and addresses for other individuals/organizations. Mr. Cunningham will go to the Central Library and research organizations; Mr. Pappas will provide information on Coast Guard Auxiliary/Power Squadrons; and Mr. Hanlin would research the yellow pages. Members were asked to provide the information to Ms. Cantrell prior to the next meeting if possible.

Committee agreed that the survey should be mailed back to Parks and Recreation. Mr. McGill agreed to compile the data once received.

Task Force – Brevard Boating Guide (Troy Rice)

Tabled to next meeting.

Website Addition (Marsha Cantrell)

Ms. Cantrell reported that the Minutes and the Report to the Board have been added to the website. The Committee discussed placing the survey on the website but agreed not to at this time.

Action: The Committee agreed that the survey should be numbered and copied on blue colored paper.

Representation on the Pineda Causeway Boat Ramp Citizen Committee

Mr. Pappas attended the last meeting held in Satellite Beach and gave a brief report. Ms. Cantrell reported on the status of the project with regard to Parks and Recreation.

The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to appoint back-up liaisons for the Citizen Committees.

Back up liaison to Mr. Hanlin for the Pineda Causeway Boat Ramp will be Albert Pappas.

Ms. Cantrell updated the Committee on the status of land acquisition for the South County Boat Ramp.

Back up liaison to Mr. Cunningham for the South County Boat Ramp will be Wayne Mozo.

Voting of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. McGill opened the floor for nominations.

Nomination of Tom McGill for Chairman by Mike Cunningham, seconded by George Reynolds.

Nomination of Mike Cunningham for Vice-Chairman by Tom McGill, seconded by George Reynolds.

Motion approved unanimously.

Attendance Review

Ms. Cantrell read the County Ordinance pertaining to attendance by advisory board members.

“Excused absence shall mean personal emergency or business reasons excused by the Advisory Board or Chairman of the Advisory Board. Unexcused absence shall mean an absence from the advisory board meeting, which is not a result of illness or emergency. Three unexcused absences and two excused absences by an appointee within a one-year period shall be deemed as a resignation from the advisory board and the appointive position shall be considered vacant. A new appointment shall be made as set forth herein.”

The committee agreed that they are not going to make any recommendations with regard to the number of absences and County Code. Staff will attach attendance sheets to the minutes that are distributed to the Commission Office.

Ms. Clinger and Mr. Pappas were absent at the last meeting. Ms. Clinger is not present today. Mr. Pappas advised his nonattendance at the last meeting was due to personal reasons and would be unexcused.

Public Input

Mr. Combs provided copies of Safe Clean Boating - Stormwater Runoff Best Management Practices for Marinas: A Guide for Operators; Clean Boatyard Action Plan Workbook; and Panic - Preventor File for the BMAC Library.

Action: Staff will make copies of the Safe Clean Boating - Stormwater Runoff Best Management Practices for Marinas: A Guide for Operators and copies of the Clean Boatyard Action Plan Workbook for the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Gary Hanlin, seconded by Wayne Mozo, motion passed unanimously.