

Brevard Marine Advisory Council (BMAC)

November 18, 2010

Space Coast Room, Bldg C, Government Center, Viera, Florida

**Members Present:**

Jerry Butz  
Mike Cunningham, Chairman  
Gary Hanlin  
Jim Mazza  
Bill Powell

**Members Absent:**

Doug Jaren  
John Mongioi  
Joe Penovich

**Staff Present:**

Matt Culver, Boating & Waterways Coordinator, NRMO  
Holly Abeels, Marine Extension Agent, UF/IFAS Extension Office  
Jeanette Scott, Administrative Assistant, NRMO

**Public Present:**

Ron Morgan

**Handouts:**

(Go to <http://natres.brevardcounty.us/bmac-minutes.cfm> to view handouts)

- 2011 BMAC Schedule
- Overview of Marina Use and Parking Standards
- Sec. 62-3203 Traffic Parking and Loading Requirements
- Local Seafood Class Flyer

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Powell moved to approve the October 21, 2010 minutes. Mr. Hanlin seconded the motion and the 10/21/10 minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Agenda Items**

**1. New Business**

*a. 2011 BMAC Meeting Schedule*

Mr. Culver presented the 2011 BMAC Meeting Schedule. The Council will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Space Coast Room. The Council Secretary stated the only exception to the meeting location will be on April 21, 2011 when the BMAC will meet in the Florida Room located on the third floor of Building C at the Government Center. Chairman Cunningham approved the 2011 Meeting Schedule.

b. *Reappointments*

Mr. Culver reminded the members to confirm their reappointment to the BMAC with their respective Commissioner. The BMAC members' terms will expire on December 31, 2010.

c. *Space Coast Boating and Waterfest 2011*

i. *Vision*

Mr. Culver discussed the purpose of having a vision statement for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Space Coast Boating and Waterfest. The vision statement would help to communicate the purpose and intent of the Waterfest. The statement would be included in a proposed Letter of Support and/or Participation which would be distributed to potential sponsors, organizations and businesses. Mr. Hanlin requested a flow chart be created to track the development of the Waterfest to facilitate planning for future Waterfests. Mr. Butz inquired if language from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Waterfest Resolution could be used to draft the vision statement. The Council Secretary provided the Resolution, and Mr. Butz wrote:

*Provide a range of water-based activities, with an open invitation to all people of Brevard County and Central Florida, to promote and celebrate Brevard County's waterways and its diversity of water-based activities, thereby increasing residents' and visitors' knowledge of the economic, ecological, educational, and recreational opportunities.*

*ii. Objectives*

Mr. Culver proposed the 2011 Waterfest have a theme centered on family, children and youth activities. Mr. Powell requested an objective is to have the entire county well represented. Mr. Powell pointed out most of the 2010 events took place in the central area of the county. Mr. Butz added it is important for each BMAC member to alert the organizations in their district that we are planning the 2011 Waterfest.

**Mr. Butz moved to establish the theme for 2011 as family and youth-based water-related activities and to use the Letter of Support and/or Participation. Mr. Hanlin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Hanlin moved to accept the vision statement drafted earlier in the meeting by Mr. Butz. Mr. Mazza seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

Staff Action Item: Prepare a draft Letter of Support/Participation.

Mr. Hanlin inquired if the BMAC would be conducting a regular meeting in December. Mr. Culver alerted the BMAC on a pressing matter which would require their attention. The Mooring Field Siting Analysis is due by December 23, 2010 to be considered at a January 2011 Board of County Commission meeting. Mr. Culver has requested a draft from the University of Florida Sea Grant by December 16, 2010 in time for the next BMAC meeting. Depending on the size of the draft, Mr. Culver offered to email the document to each member for their review. Chairman Cunningham asked who set the deadline. Mr. Culver replied the grant agency determined the deadline. In fact, this is the second time extension for the mooring field siting analysis. Mr. Hanlin stated the BMAC will fully cooperate to accomplish the review by the grant deadline. Chairman Cunningham stated his preference would be to try to review and submit comments without having to meet in December; however, the BMAC would hold its scheduled December meeting, if needed.

*iii. Tentative Events*

Mr. Culver listed tentative events for the Waterfest 2011.

Hooked on Fishing – pending application approval

National Safe Boating Week – Kiwanis Island Park on Merritt Island

Ballard Park Event

Friends of Turkey Creek Open House – Mr. Culver will meet with their Board in January

Kick-off Event – to be held in mid-March as an opportunity for all the participating organizations to gather and network. There would be an informative seminar and possibly a raffle to benefit a charity.

Crane Creek FIT Anchorage

Scouting Badge

Fishing Tournaments

Offshore Power Boat Races – The races are tentatively scheduled for May 2011. Mr. Butz inquired for a volunteer to contact the organizers.

Chairman Cunningham offered to make contact.

2. Unfinished Business

*a. Marina Parking*

Chairman Cunningham stated the marina parking issue needs definite attention by the BMAC. Mr. Butz asked who determined the parking ratios outlined in the *Overview of Marina Use and Parking Standards*. Mr. Culver replied he determined the parking ratios (based on research), and the BMAC approved the recommendations in 2009. Mr. Butz inquired how long it would take to amend the ordinance which contains the marina parking requirements. Mr. Culver stated it would take approximately four months. Legislative Intent would be considered at the Board's January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. During March, the item would be heard at the BCAC (3/9/11) and LPA (3/21/11) for their recommendations. Finally, the amended ordinance would be considered for Board approval on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Culver pointed out the

amended ordinance would require County Attorney approval which could possibly affect the timeline.

**Mr. Butz moved for Staff to proceed with the process to amend the marina parking ordinance based on data compiled in the Staff study in an effort to encourage marine development. Chairman Cunningham seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Hanlin inquired how the timeline was determined. Mr. Culver stated the dates came from the Board's meeting schedule and due date calendar for agenda items. Mr. Hanlin asked if he should approach his Commissioner for support of the amended ordinance. Mr. Culver stated the preliminary discussions with Staff seem favorable. Mr. Butz added extra lobbying is a good thing. Mr. Hanlin agreed by stating it is important for BMAC members to report back to their Commissioners on boating and water-related issues. Mr. Hanlin added it is his responsibility to keep his Commissioner informed on issues heard by the BMAC.

#### **IV. Staff Report**

##### **1. Matt Culver, Boating & Waterways Coordinator, NRMO**

###### *a. CM3P Steering Committee Member Replacement*

Mr. Culver stated Mr. McCrary was the BMAC representative on the CM3P Steering Committee. Due to Mr. McCrary's resignation, another member will need to serve on the Steering Committee. Mr. Culver stated the Steering Committee will meet in January to review working drafts on several CM3P Goals. Chairman Cunningham requested a majority of the BMAC members be present prior to making any volunteer assignments. Mr. Culver requested permission to contact Mr. Mongioi, who has served on CM3P working groups, if the next Steering Committee meeting is held prior to the January BMAC meeting. Chairman Cunningham stated it would be acceptable to call on Mr. Mongioi since he is familiar with the CM3P. Mr. Hanlin offered to assist and provided his cell phone number as an alternate contact.

*b. Artificial Reef Update*

Mr. Culver stated the re-permitting funding contributions for the artificial reef project is moving forward. Mr. Hanlin suggested Staff contact NASA for possible reef material or barge services. Mr. Hanlin suggested the former Tingley's Marina could be a staging location. Mr. Mazza also suggested mooring near Sandpoint Park, since it is a sheltered basin.

2. Holly Abeels, Marine Extension Agent, UF/IFAS Extension Center

*a. Agricultural Tour for the Legislation Delegation*

Ms. Abeels reported she participated in the agricultural tour for the legislators, which took place on November 18<sup>th</sup>, to showcase the different agricultural places in the county so the legislators can make more informed decisions. The tour consisted of visits to Roy Roberts Citrus, Wild Ocean Seafood Market, Dixie Crossroads, Harvey's, and the farmer's market at Wickham Park. Mr. Hanlin inquired which legislators attended the tour. Ms. Abeels replied mostly legislative aides were in attendance. Additionally, Ms. Abeels stated Wild Ocean Seafood Market and Dixie Crossroads would probably be happy to participate in the Waterfest.

*b. Local Seafood Class*

Ms. Abeels announced the Local Seafood Class will be held on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at the UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Office in Cocoa. Wild Ocean Seafood Market has partnered once again with UF/IFAS to conduct this class about local seafood products.

*c. Boating Workshop*

Ms. Abeels announced a tentative boating workshop to be held in March 2011 which the BMAC will be invited.

*d. Aquaculture Development in Brevard County*

Chairman Cunningham asked what Brevard County is doing to increase the aquaculture market locally. Ms. Abeels stated a clam producer is operating in the Port, and Griffis Landing was acquired by the County to secure the last

working waterfront on the Indian River in Brevard County. There are plans to establish an aquaculture facility at Griffis Landing and to continue attracting commercial fisherman to the site.

**V. Public Input**

*1. Mr. Morgan – The Space Coast International Science Center*

Mr. Morgan gave a brief presentation on the proposed Space Coast International Science Center (ISC). Mr. Morgan shared the Resolution from the League of Cities in support of the ISC. Additionally, Mr. Morgan read a synopsis of the ISC and emphasized there will be specific areas dedicated to the ocean and earth science disciplines. Mr. Powell offered to share his educational contacts and expertise to Mr. Morgan.

Staff Action Item: Chairman Cunningham requested Mr. Morgan and the Council Secretary review the ocean science portions of the ISC and report back to the BMAC on how they could support this endeavor.

**VI. Attendance Review** – Chairman Cunningham conducted the attendance review.

**VII. Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Butz. Mr. Hanlin seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.