

Brevard Marine Advisory Council (BMAC)

January 20, 2011

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

Members Present:

- Jerry Butz
- Mike Cunningham
- Gary Hanlin
- Kelly Haugh
- Jim Mazza
- John Mongioi
- Joe Penovich
- Jim Rosasco

Members Absent:

Bill Powell

Staff Present:

- Ernest Brown, Director Natural Resources Management Office (NRMO)
- Matt Culver, Boating and Waterways Coordinator
- Holly Abeels, Marine Extension Agent
- Jeanette Scott, Administrative Assistant

Public Present:

- Dan Daniels
- Steve Haigis
- Gary Haugh
- Ron Morgan
- Peggy Wehrman
- Willie Wehrman

Handouts:

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

- Staff Report – *An Overview of Marina Use and Parking Standards*
- Proposed Marina Parking Ordinance Draft
- Working Group 5 and 6 Member List
- CM3P Steering Committee List
- CM3P Elements & Goals
- CM3P Draft Goals IC, IIC, ID and VIB
- Draft Participation Form – Space Coast Boating and Waterfest
- South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Press Release January 5, 2011
- Southeast Florida Regional Boating and Waterways Workshop Draft Agenda and Registration Form

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mongioi moved to approve the December 16, 2010 minutes. Mr. Hanlin seconded the motion and the 12/16/10 minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Agenda Items

1. New Business

a. Introduction of New BMAC Members

Chairman Cunningham welcomed Ms. Kelly Haugh and Mr. Jim Rosasco to the BMAC. Ms. Haugh was appointed by Commissioner Nelson and represents District 2. Mr. Rosasco was appointed by Commissioner Infantini and represents District 3.

Staff Action Item: Council Secretary will update the BMAC Member List.

b. Election of Officers

Chairman Cunningham discussed the process for electing officers. He proposed two options: nominations from the floor or by acclamation. **Mr. Butz moved to elect officers by acclamation. Mr. Mongioi seconded and the motion passed 7-1.** For 2011, Mike Cunningham will continue as Chairman, and Gary Hanlin will continue as Vice-Chairman.

2. Unfinished Business

a. Marina Parking

Mr. Brown presented the proposed marina parking ordinance amendments for BMAC's review. Mr. Brown pointed out the only significant change from the Overview of Marina Use and Parking Standards from the December 16, 2010 BMAC meeting was made regarding wet boat slips ratio calculations. The change allows for one parking space per two wet boat slips for the first thirty wet boat slips plus one space per three wet boat slips in excess of the thirty wet boat slips. Mr. Brown stated this change was made to improve flexibility and transitioning, especially for smaller marinas. Discussion on the proposed ordinance took place. Mr. Butz stated his recommendation would be to remove the parenthetical phrase from the text on the suggested parking ratios found on Page 5 of the Staff Report. Chairman Cunningham stated he thought the intent of revising the marina parking standards was to ensure uniform standards that would apply to all marinas. Mr. Mongioi inquired if this new ratio would discriminate against any marinas. Mr. Brown stated the ratio at 50 would discriminate smaller marinas. Mr. Penovich stated he would like the change to be one that would be less restrictive and encourages marina development. **Mr. Butz moved to accept the proposed ordinance but to strike the parenthetical phrase. Mr. Hanlin seconded the motion.** Discussion took place following the motion. Mr. Penovich stated he would like to see the ratio be

less restrictive with a three to one ratio across the board. Also, he added the ratio should consider smaller marinas who may want to maximize their situation. Chairman Cunningham reiterated his preference for a uniform standard across the board regardless of the number of wet boat slips. Mr. Butz inquired what will the Board of County Commissioners taken into account when considering this item at their meeting. Mr. Brown stated he believes the Board would consider two factors: 1.) Data driven documentation and 2.) Factors that would lessen the impact to development considering the current economic state or impediments to future development. Mr. Brown stated the proposed ordinance will be on the February 3, 2011 zoning agenda. He added the Board is seeking BMAC's opinion. **Mr. Butz moved to rescind his earlier motion. Mr. Hanlin rescinded his second to the motion made by Mr. Butz.** No further discussion took place. **Mr. Penovich moved to revise the parking ratio to state one parking space per three wet boat slips. Mr. Butz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

b. CM3P Draft Goals IC, IIC, ID and VIB

Mr. Brown provided a brief overview of the CM3P. The CM3P thirteen goals will address boating and waterway issues, such as public access, marina parking and environmental regulation. Mr. Brown stated the CM3P has been a community-driven effort. Mr. Culver explained Working Groups V (Goals IC and IIC) and VI (ID and VIB) conducted sessions to prepare these drafts. The CM3P Steering Committee then provided its suggestions on the drafts during their January 11, 2011 meeting. With the formal recommendation of the BMAC, the CM3P goal drafts will be presented to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners for their acceptance on February 22, 2011. Mr. Culver stated an introduction would be added detailing the development of the CM3P. Additionally, Mr. Culver will review the entire CM3P to ensure consistency. The drafts for Goals IC, IIC, ID and VIB were presented for BMAC's consideration. The documents were prepared to depict the Steering Committee suggestions by inserting comments. Mr. Culver reviewed each comment and explained its meaning and possible revision to the goal draft.

Goal IC – Manage Land Uses to Safeguard Waterway Environments and Ecosystems

Mr. Rosasco asked what is the *Related IRL CCMP Actions*. Mr. Culver explained the IRL CCMP (Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan) is a waterway management document prepared by the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program to specifically address the Indian River Lagoon.

The priority ranking system was discussed. Mr. Culver stated the Steering Committee suggested removing the priority ranking from each task. Mr. Culver pointed out the IRL CCMP used prioritization to acquire grant funding. Mr. Mongioi explained how the BMAC initially determined the priority ranking. Mr. Brown added the priority ranking is not static and could lead to confusion when presenting the goal drafts to the Board. Ms. Abeels suggested adding the priority ranking as an appendix item.

Mr. Culver pointed out that text was added to the notes section of Task IC1-g on weirs. Mr. Butz asked for clarification. Mr. Culver stated a weir is similar to a small dam.

Mr. Mongioi moved to accept the BMAC's recommended changes to Goal IC. Mr. Butz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Goal ID – Foster Awareness and Stewardship of Coastal Environments and Ecosystems

Mr. Rosasco inquired why the Save the Manatee Club was listed as a Secondary Who in Task ID1-h – Implement marine science programs for kids? Mr. Brown stated the intent is to be inclusive, not exclusive when listing organizations. Mr. Rosasco stated in his opinion the Save the Manatee Club is not in the best interest of the county. Mr. Brown suggested not itemizing individual groups, but to use the phrase “non-profit organizations” for the Primary and Secondary Who lists. The BMAC also discussed removing the Save the Manatee Club website information in the Notes Section. Ms. Haugh stated it is good to identify a particular group. Mr. Brown stated it is valuable to identify potential groups, but we need to exercise caution by avoiding propaganda. Mr. Culver stated a listing of all related civic organizations could be added as an appendix. Mr. Penovich suggested to strike the specific URL but keep the Save the Manatee Club on the Secondary Who list. **Ms. Haugh moved to strike the URL and keep the Save the Manatee Club as listed. Mr. Penovich seconded and the motion passed 7-1.**

Mr. Butz moved to accept the BMAC's recommended changes to Goal ID. Mr. Mongioi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Cunningham allowed time for Public Input prior to reviewing the last two goals.

V. Public Input

1. Dan Daniels, United Waterfowlers of Florida

Mr. Daniels addressed the BMAC as a member of the United Waterfowlers of Florida which is a non-profit wetlands, waterfowl, and wildlife conservation organization. Mr. Daniels stated the organization has a focus on conservation, access and promotion of

the waterfowl sport and nature to youth. Mr. Daniels expressed an interest in supporting the Space Coast Boating and Waterfest. Also, Mr. Daniels stated mosquito impoundments are a current issue for the local chapter. He stated the group supports rotational impoundments and habitat work.

2. Ron Morgan

Mr. Morgan inquired how the CM3P will be implemented. He expressed concern the CM3P may be too dependent on grant opportunities. Chairman Cunningham stated the Potential Funding Sources for each goal is critical to implementation. Mr. Brown added the economic state will affect what can be accomplished.

***Goal IIC – Preserve and Increase Waterfront Destination
Opportunities Accessible By Land and By Water***

Mr. Brown provided clarification on the proposed mitigation banking system. He stated the mitigation banking system will require changes to the Comprehensive Plan and the Manatee Protection Plan.

Mr. Hanlin moved to accept the BMAC’s recommended changes to Goal IIC. Mr. Mongioi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

***Goal VIB – Encourage Community Based “Peer Review” of
Science-Based Rules and Regulations***

Mr. Mongioi moved to accept the BMAC’s recommended changes to Goal VIB. Mr. Penovich seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, Mr. Mongioi moved to eliminate the priority rankings and to allow staff to make minor changes to the CM3P goal drafts, including spelling and grammar corrections and formatting revisions. Mr. Butz seconded and the motion passed 7-1 (Mr. Rosasco was absent during the vote).

c. Space Coast Boating and Waterfest

Mr. Culver stated the Friends of Turkey Creek (FOTC) are planning an event in early May during the Space Coast Boating and Waterfest. Mr. Mongioi had invited Mr. Culver and Ms. Abeels to a FOTC meeting to discuss possible activities. The FOTC will continue to develop the event, and staff will provide updates as plans are finalized.

Mr. Culver requested a BMAC member to serve as the liaison for future Space Coast Boating and Waterfest planning meetings. Ms. Haugh volunteered to serve as the BMAC liaison.

Chairman Cunningham stated he will be in contact with a youth sailing organization based in Vero Beach. The youths, aged seven to fifteen, build their own sailing boats. Additionally, Chairman Cunningham stated the Sebastian Inlet Marina has expressed an interest in hosting an event during the Space Coast Boating and Waterfest.

IV. Reports

1. Staff Report – Ernest Brown & Matt Culver, Natural Resources Management Office

Mr. Brown provided an update on the Mooring Field Siting Analysis. The Board of County Commissioners accepted the final draft on the Mooring Field Siting Analysis for Brevard County. Furthermore, Mr. Brown stated the Palm Bay Redevelopment Agency, City of Melbourne, City of Cocoa and City of Titusville have expressed interest in a mooring field partnership.

The BMAC members can still submit contacts for the Space Coast Boating and Waterfest Letter of Support/Participation. Chairman Cunningham and Mr. Butz's Letters of Support/Participation will be mailed on Friday, January 21, 2011.

2. Staff Report – Holly Abeels, UF/IFAS Extension Center

Ms. Abeels discussed the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Press Release dated January 5, 2011. She stated the Council will conduct public hearings/scoping meetings to address federal fisheries issues on February 1, 2011 from 3-7 PM.

Ms. Abeels also briefly reviewed the handouts on the Southeast Florida Regional Workshop. Ms. Abeels will be co-chairing the Workshop and invited the BMAC members to attend the Workshop.

VI. Attendance Review

Chairman Cunningham conducted the Attendance Review.

VII. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Butz. Mr. Penovich seconded and motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.