



AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

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MEETING AGENDA

July 10, 2014

9:00 AM

FULL AGENCY

Mayor Bob Minning, Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME
2. PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS
3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY
4. FLORIDA CONSERVATION AND TECHNOLOGY PARK

Mr. Stan Kroh, TECO, will discuss a public-private partnership between TECO, the Florida Aquarium and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The project, located near the existing Manatee Viewing Center will feature outdoor exhibits demonstrating state-of-the-art energy technologies and will engage and educate visitors about the vital connections between Florida's waters, plants and fishes.

Action: None. Information only.

5. LITTLE FISH, BIG ROLE: PROTECTING FLORIDA'S FORAGE FISH

Forage fish, also known as "bait fish", are critical to the health of marine food webs. Cameron Jaggard, Senior Associate, The Pew Charitable Trusts, will present on the importance of these small, schooling fish to Florida's predators and economy, their vulnerability, scientific support for conserving forage fish, and strategy and goals for conserving forage fish in Florida.

Action: None. Information only.

6. OTHER ITEMS
7. ADJOURN

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MEETING SUMMARY

AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

MARCH 13, 2014

The full Agency met on March 13, 2014 in the Council conference room located at 4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Pinellas Park, FL. Mayor Bob Minning chaired the meeting.

Members/alternates present included the following:

Bob Minning, ABM Chair, Treasure Island/TBRPC
Heather Maggio, City of Tampa
Sarah Josuns, City of Clearwater
Jim Spangler, Egmont Key Alliance
Robin DiSabatino, Manatee County
Serra Herndon, Tampa Bay Watch
Phil Steadham, Port Tampa Bay
Kevin Shelton, AMEC
George Isiminger, Port Manatee
Peter Clark, Tampa Bay Watch
Jim Iglar, Florida Aquarium

Carlos Frey, City of St. Petersburg
Peter Plage, USFWS
Tom Ash, Hillsborough County EPC
Lindsay Cross, Tampa Bay Estuary Program
Jan Platt, Recreational Fishing Interests
Tom Ries, Sceda Ecological Associates
Al Higginbotham, Hillsborough County
Mark Sramek, NOAA NMFS
Mark Luther, USF CoMS
Andy Squires, Pinellas County
Jason Kirkpatrick, MacDill AFB

Other individuals present:

Ed Turanchik, Akerman LLP
Mike Williams, Hillsborough County
Dan Harris, SouthSwell
Steve Blaschka, SWFWMD
Estella Gray, SWFWMD
Carrie Felice, SWFWMD
Karen West, SWFWMD
John Ferguson, SWFWMD
Bill Fehring
Penny Hall, FWRI
Julie Christian, FWRI
Christina Hummel, MacDill AFB

CJ Reynolds, USF CoMS
Steven Meyers, USF
Cece McKiernan, ECT
Margaret Rush, Hillsborough County EPC
Rick Garrity, Hillsborough County EPC
Thomas Ruppert, Florida Sea Grant
Libby Carnahan, Florida Sea Grant
Ed Sherwood, TBEP
Vicki Parsons, Bay Soundings
Brady Smith, TBRPC
Avera Wynne, TBRPC
Maya Burke, TBRPC/ABM Staff

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order/Welcome

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Public Comment

No public comments were made. Ms. DiSabatino announced that she will replace Betsy Benac to represent Manatee County.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the January 9, 2014 Full Agency Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Ash and a second by Mr. Clark, the meeting summary was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 - Schultz Ferry Park

Mr. Turanchik provided a summary of the proposed public-private partnership to develop a ferry terminal on the northwestern end of the Port Redwing Peninsula in order to establish passenger ferry service to MacDill Air Force Base (with subsequent trips to Channelside and downtown St. Petersburg possible). He reviewed the legal

and environmental policy considerations associated with the proposed site and offered the rationale against several other potential sites, including Williams Park, Alafia Marina, Fish Camp Basin, Old Alafia, Bull Frog Marina and Apollo Beach. Members raised several concerns primarily relating to traffic analysis, market demand, potential access issues with Port Tampa Bay, ownership, shoreline impacts, wakes and the need to protect existing investments on Gadsden Point. Because the project is still in the conceptual phase, no official Agency comments were issued.

Agenda Item 5 · Coastal Islands Sanctuaries

Ms. Paul recounted the history and origins of the Coastal Islands Sanctuaries and Mr. Rachal described current efforts to protect the great colonial water bird populations of the Florida coast and the natural systems that support them. Members asked where to send inquiries regarding sick or injured birds and discussed several relevant issues including fishing line recovery programs, nest marking and the prevalence of dogs at Three Rooker Island. The Agency also officially recognized the 80th anniversary of the program and its value to Tampa Bay and the region as a whole.

Agenda Item 6 · Tampa Bay Sea Level Rise Coordination

Ms. Burke introduced the agenda topic by discussing the kick-off of the ONE BAY: Resilient Communities Working Group and how that will tie into recent efforts initiated in Pinellas County. Ms. Carnahan and Mr. Ruppert discussed tools available to local governments attempting to plan for sea level rise, extreme weather and floodplain management, as well providing a status update on the Regional Collaborative Sea Level Rise Project Inventory meeting held in January. Members clarified that technical assistance would be available to communities throughout the region, inquired about the existence of consensus regarding the rate of sea level rise in the Tampa Bay area and provided anecdotal evidence of sea level rise occurring locally. Finally, Ms. Platt urged Ms. Carnahan and Ms. Burke to review her files from ICLEI housed at the University of South Florida library.

Agenda Item 9 · Other Items

No other items were brought before the Agency.

Agenda Item 10 · Adjourn

Chair Minning adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Recording Secretary

Mayor Bob Minning, Chair