

11. **COMMITTEES BOARDS COMMISSION**

- e. Discussion of the Scope of the Marine Advisory Committee

**MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE
2006-2008**

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**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
February 20, 2008**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, K. Vertesch, T. Gillis, D. Jones, C. Vail, W. Burch, R. Downey Council Liaison Ruane, Major Murray and Lt. J. Phillips.

Absent: J. Carney, S. Dunn, Marine Officer J. Cechman and Marine Officer E. Gayer.

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the January 16, 2008 Committee minutes.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by K. Vertesch, to approve the January 16, 2008 Committee minutes amended to add the following information regarding Committee Member C. Vail's meeting with Public Works Director G. Castle on the City Boat Ramp. "C. Vail commented that he made four recommendations to Director Castle:

- Put some signage to indicate the end of the concrete ramp
- Stringers, above and below the existing ones to keep boats from drifting under dock
- Need to etch across ramp for traction
- Regularly clear debris from bottom of ramp"

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Council Liaison Ruane's report on City Committees. He spoke that the following was discussed at the February 19 Council meeting:

- Council would like to see what biggest need is a Committee.
- Council would like to see that City Committee goals be meet.
- Making suggestions to help Committees meet their goals.
- Trying to evolve the Committees as Sanibel evolves.
- To utilize the volunteer pool the best way.

Discussion ensued regarding Committee members requesting more information on Committee minutes to detail considered agenda items.

Lt. J. Phillips spoke on the City Manager's letter requesting suggestions for grant funding for education, environment, and safety to fund the following: Marine patrol, construction of the Police dock, purchase of marine patrol boat, dredging at Sanibel boat dock, and water quality education. Lt. Philips spoke a second time that the new Police boat design would be available for review. Discussion ensued regarding AED machines on the City Marine Police boats. Major Murray spoke on the Mobile Emergency Response Vehicle (MERV). He invited the Committee to visit the vehicle at the March meeting. Major Murray requested the Committee bring suggestions for the hurricane boat safety pamphlet to next meeting. The Committee recommended by consensus that the Police department apply for a grant for the hurricane boat safety pamphlet. J. Strothers spoke that Steve Abbott from Power Squadron had made recommendations for the Hurricane Brochure at the Police department request.

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
March 19, 2008**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, C. Vail, W. Burch, R. Downey, J. Carney, Council Liaison Ruane, Major M. Murray and Lt. J. Phillips.

Absent: K. Vertesch, T. Gillis, S. Dunn, Marine Officer J. Cechman and Marine Officer E. Gayer.

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the February 20, 2008 Committee minutes.

C Vail made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the February 20, 2008 Committee minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of S. Dunn, T. Gillis, & K. Vertesch from the March 19, 2008 meeting.

W. Burch made a motion, seconded by R. Downey, to excuse S. Dunn, T. Gillis, & K. Vertesch from the March 19, 2008 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the extension of the Committee member's terms and Council consideration of City Committees objectives. Chairman Strothers commented on the Committee enacting legislation concerning absences and the Committee charge. He suggested that the Committee members discuss with the City and Council what objectives the Committee should undertake. C. Vail spoke on the original work of the Committee as an advisory group to the Council. The Committee agreed by consensus to add to the April meeting agenda to review Committee objectives.

Council Liaison K. Ruane to that Council looking to retool City Committees charge to identify and meet current objectives. He commented Council had extended the Committees term to June, 2008 to gain feedback from the Committees and City staff. He further stated Council would like to maximize productivity from volunteers and the City. The intent of the feedback would be for the Council, City Staff and the Committees to work together and be productive.

Discussion ensued regarding the West Coast Inland Navigational District (WSCIND) grant for \$10,000. Lt. Phillips commented the grant application was submitted and would go to finance the hurricane safety boat brochures, police boat dock, new police boat, and marine police salaries.

R. Downey spoke on the current Blind pass report previously emailed to Committee members. The Committee agreed by consensus to include the report in the minutes (See attached). Discussion ensued regarding the Police Department Mobile Emergency Response Vehicle MERV. Major Murray commented the Police Departments (MERV) had VHS radio capability. He also offered a tour as the vehicle was outside if the Committee would like a tour.

April 16, 2008 mins

The Committee agreed by consensus to attach the draft DEP coastal permit to the minutes. (See attached)

Discussion ensued regarding the Police Department Hurricane Boat Safety pamphlet:

- The Police Department will write the pamphlet
- The Committee agreed by consensus to take item off the agenda.
- The Committee will request a review the draft pamphlet

Discussion ensued regarding tabling current Committee agenda items. The Committee agreed by consensus to remove the mooring field's from the Committee agenda.

C. Vail made a motion, second by S. Dunn, to table the following items:

- Recreation Department visit to speak on Bay View Park
- Funding for dredging public canals per City Staff recommendations

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding City Committees scope. Vice Mayor Ruane spoke on the following:

- Council discussion on Committee re-tooling tabled to June
- Council would like feedback from City Committees
- Council will discuss and re-define City Committee scopes and purpose
- Council will look into current needs of the City and where the City Committees could be most helpful
- Council will discuss how to best utilize the City Committees and City staff

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- The need to continue the long history of volunteerism on Sanibel
- The Committee was needed to voice boaters concerns
- The Committee identifies, reviews, and makes recommendations on marine issues
- The Committee has good coordination with City Staff
- The City Committee's under the Sunshine Law

C. Vail spoke on the following task the Committee:

- Interested Citizen Participation in the Marine Environment on Sanibel
- Qualified Members with marine experience or background
- Multiple "eyes on" Sanibel's marine environment
- Regular identification of issues related to Sanibel's marine environment
- Research on Marine issues
- Review of Marine issues by the committee
- Coordination with:
 - Police/Marine Units
 - SERAT
 - Other Committees
 - Fire/rescue
 - SCCF
 - Sheriff's Dept.
 - Public works
- Interaction with Citizens on Marine Issues
- Initiative and Advice on marine issues (ie: boating brochure, Police dock, equipment, boat ramp, dredging)

- Forum for Public Discussion of Marine Issues
- Marine Advisory Members are knowledgeable Ambassadors of the City of Sanibel

S. Dunn made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to adjourn the meeting

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

CITY OF SANIBEL

RESOLUTION NO. 85 - 18

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS A PERMANENT, FIVE-MEMBER, STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL; SETTING FORTH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SAID COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Sanibel Marine Advisory Committee was established as an ad hoc committee by motion of the City Council on August 16, 1977, and has continued functioning as such until this date without having been established formally as a standing committee; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Advisory Committee has performed a valuable service to the City of Sanibel by continuously advising the City Council on all matters related to boating and fishing in the waters in and around the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Lee County, Florida:

Section 1. The Marine Advisory Committee is hereby established as a permanent, standing committee, to be composed of five members appointed annually by the City Council for terms expiring on December 31 of each year. The City Council shall also appoint one of its own members each year to serve as an ex-officio member. The Marine Advisory Committee shall elect its own chairperson and establish rules of procedure.

Section 2. The Marine Advisory Committee shall meet as often as it deems necessary to consider all matters referred to it by City Council concerning fishing and boating in the waters in and around the City of Sanibel. The Marine Advisory Committee shall also consider such matters on its own initiative as it deems advisable. On all such matters, the Marine Advisory Committee shall render to the City Council such advice and recommendations as it deems fitting and proper to ensure the safe and healthful use, enjoyment, preservation, and conservation of the City's water-related environment for fishing and boating activities.

Section 3. All persons who are members of the Marine Advisory Committee on the effective date of this resolution shall continue to serve until December 31, 1985.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Sanibel,
Lee County, Florida, this 19th day of March, 1985.

ATTEST:

Francis P. Baile
Member of Council

Paul L. P...
City Clerk

Louise M. Johnson
Member of Council

Fred Dalkin
Mayor

Marion W. Klein
Member of Council

William E. ...
Member of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM

3/12/85

David ...
City Attorney

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Legislative Conference Room
December 19, 2007**

Present: W. Burch, J. Carney, R. Downey, S. Dunn, T. Gillis, D. Jones, C. Vail and Lt. J. Phillips.

Absent: Chairman J. Strothers, K. Vertesch, Council Liaison Ruane, Marine Officer E. Gayer, and Marine Officer J. Cechman.

Vice Chairman Gillis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the October 17, 2007 Committee minutes.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by S. Dunn, to approve the October 17, 2007 Committee minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the police boat storage, marine insurance advisory book for hurricanes, police boat enforcement, dredging operations, the Regional Marine Advisory Committee, water quality issues, water quality testing, the Marine brochure, SERAT operations, Clam Bayou/Blind Pass parking, resource compiling, and the boat ramp memo from the City Manager.

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by C. Vail, to have the Committee follow up with Public Works Director Gates Castle on possible recommendation for the City boat ramp and then discuss the issue further.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the mooring fields and the absence of J. Strothers and K. Vertesch from the December 19, 2007 Committee meeting.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by C. Vail, to excuse J. Strothers and K. Vertesch from the December 19, 2007 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Legislative Conference Room
November 14, 2007**

The November 14, 2007 Marine Advisory Committee was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Legislative Conference Room
October 17, 2007**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, R. Downey, S. Dunn, D. Jones, J. Carney, C. Vail
T. Gillis, K. Vertesch, Council Liaison Ruane, Marine Officer E. Gayer, Lt.
J. Phillips, and Marine Officer J. Cechman.

Absent: W. Burch

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of W. Burch from the October 17, 2007
Committee meeting.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by S. Dunn, to excuse W. Burch from the October 17,
2007 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the June 20, 2007 Committee minutes.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by T. Gillis, to approve the June 20, 2007 Committee
minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the police boat dock, boater hurricane information
pamphlet and derelict vessels. Corporals J. Regan and K. Fulton from the Lee County
Sheriff's Office spoke on the derelict vessels taskforce.

Discussion ensued regarding canal dredging. T. McColgan, Manager of the Sanibel
Marina spoke on the canal dredging project.

Discussion ensued regarding the Regional Harbor Board, Council Liaison Ruane's water
quality report, beach pollution, red algae update, mooring fields, the marine brochure,
SERAT, Clam Bayou and Blind Pass, resource compiling, the Environmental Impact
Conference October 30, the City boat ramp, and Discussion the November Committee
meeting.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by C. Vail, to move the next Committee meeting to
Wednesday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

R. Downy made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Legislative Conference Room
September 19, 2007**

The September 19, 2007 Marine Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled per the Committee.

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Legislative Conference Room
August 15, 2007**

The August 15, 2007 Marine Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled per the Committee.

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Legislative Conference Room
July 18, 2007**

The July 18, 2007 Marine Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled per the Committee.

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Legislative Conference Room
June 20, 2007**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, R. Downey, S. Dunn, D. Jones, T. Gillis, and Marine Officer E. Gaiter.

Absent: J. Carney, C. Vail and Council Liaison K. Ruane.

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding J. Carney and C. Vail's absence from the June 20, 2007 Committee meeting.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by R. Downey, to excuse J. Carney and C. Vail from the June 20, 2007 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the May 16, 2007 Committee minutes.

S. Dunn made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the May 16, 2007 Committee minutes with the following amendments on page one:

- Delete: "D. Jones" and replace with "T. Gillis" in the motion "D. Jones made a motion seconded by C. Vail, to cancel the July, August & September Committee meetings".
- Delete: "The motion passed unanimously" and replace with "The motion passed four to one, D. Jones opposed".

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Marine Patrol report, abandoned marine vessels, the police boat ramp, canal dredging, the Regional Harbor Board, water quality issues, marine brochures, SERAT, Blind Pass/Clam Bayou, Clam Bayou parking, mangrove plantings, public mooring fields, funding for canal dredging, and no Committee meetings in July, August & September.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Legislative Conference Room
May 16, 2007**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, J. Carney, D. Jones, T. Gillis, C. Vail, Lt. Phillips, and Officer E. Gaiter.

Absent: T. Kaplan, R. Downey, S. Dunn, and Council Liaison K. Ruane.

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Strothers called for nominations for Chairman of the Committee.

D. Jones nominated J. Strothers for Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee agreed by consensus to appoint J. Strothers Chairman of the Committee.

Chairman Strothers called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

D. Jones nominated T. Gillis for Vice Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee agreed by consensus to appoint T. Gillis Vice Chairman of the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding S. Dunn, T. Kaplan and R. Downey's absence from the May 16, 2007 Committee meeting.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by C. Vail, to excuse S. Dunn, T. Kaplan & R. Downey from the May 16, 2007 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the March 21, 2007 Committee minutes.

T. Gillis made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve March 21, 2007 Committee minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the police departments request that the Committee assist the police in dealing with abandoned boats, the police boat ramp, signage changes at the City boat ramp, kite water skiing, canal dredging, water quality issues, Marine brochure distribution, SERAT, Clam Bayou/Blind Pass, Resource Compiling, mooring fields, Committee membership, and canceling the July, August & September Committee meetings.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by T. Gillis, to cancel the July, August & September Committee meetings.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by T. Gillis, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary
City of Sanibel

At the June 20, 2007 Committee meeting S. Dunn made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the May 16, 2007 Committee minutes with the following amendments on page one:

- Delete: "D. Jones" and replace with "T. Gillis" in the motion "D. Jones made a motion seconded by C. Vail, to cancel the July, August & September Committee meetings".
- Delete: "The motion passed unanimously" and replace with "The motion passed four to one, D. Jones opposed".

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
MacKenzie Hall
April 18, 2007**

The Marine Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
MacKenzie Hall
March 21, 2007**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, J. Carney, R. Downey, D. Jones,
T. Gillis, C. Vail, Lt. Cooper, Officer Cechman, and Major Murray.

Absent: T. Kaplan, S. Dunn, N. Stewart, and Council Liaison K. Ruane.

Guest: C. Anders, Education Director, SCCF

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding S. Dunn, T. Kaplan and N. Stewart's absence from the March 21, 2007 Committee meeting.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to excuse S. Dunn, T. Kaplan and N. Stewart from the March 21, 2007 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the February 21, 2007 Committee minutes.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the February 21, 2007 Committee minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Police Boat dock, VHF police radios, a barge landing, and the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) presentation on water release research and Red Algae.

Discussion ensued regarding canal dredging, marine brochures, SERAT, Clam Bayou & Blind Pass, Resource Compiling, inviting G. Castle & H. Phillips to discuss Bayview Park, mooring fields, and the ordinance review update.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
MacKenzie Hall
February 21, 2007**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, C. Vail, T. Gillis, J. Carney, S. Dunn D. Jones, Lt. S. Ashby, and Major Murray.

Absent: N. Stewart, T. Kaplan, R. Downey, and Council Liaison S. Brown.

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding N. Stewart, T. Kaplan and R. Downey absence from the February 21, 2007 Committee meeting.

T. Gillis made a motion, seconded by S. Dunn, to excuse N. Stewart, T. Kaplan and R. Downey from the February 21, 2007 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the January 17, 2007 Committee minutes.

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the January 17, 2007 Committee minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the police boat dock, boat speeding zones exemptions, National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) training, SERAT training, public boat dock enforcement, canal dredging, Red Start Program, Red Algae and the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). The Committee agreed by consensus to invite a member of SCCF to the March meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding Clam Bayou/Blind Pass information, Resource Compiling, ordinance review, mooring fields, and the Committee Annual Report.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to approve the Committee Annual Report amended to add under Goals & Recommendations, "Work with Recreation Department on development of Bay View Park".

The motion passed unanimously.

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
MacKenzie Hall
January 17, 2007**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, C. Vail, T. Gillis, J. Carney, T. Kaplan,
R. Downey, D. Jones, Officer J. Cechman, and Major Murray.

Absent: N. Stewart, S. Dunn and Council Liaison S. Brown.

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding N. Stewart and S. Dunn absence from the January 17, 2007 Committee meeting.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to excuse N. Stewart and S. Dunn from the January 17, 2007 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the December 20, 2006 Committee Minutes.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by T. Gillis, to approve the December 20, 2006 minutes amended to delete "Colonial" and replace with "Colonel" in the paragraph "Discussion ensued regarding the Council Liaison report, water quality issues, U.S. Corps of Engineers Colonial Grossgruger, injunction to stop water releases, Medical Advisory Committee, bacteria count in the water, water releases lawsuit, marine brochure, canal dredging operations, Operation Redstart, and the possible name change for the Calooshatchee by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers."

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding approval of the Police boat ramp by Council, changes to the Marine brochure, SERAT procedure, policing the boat ramp, and a report on opening Clam Bayou by J. McCabe of the Bayous Preservation Association. Mr. McCabe commented that the next Clam Bayou information meeting will be held on February 28, 2007.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to request a public notice so the Marine Advisory Committee can attend the February 28 Clam Bayou meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding a definition of the Sanibel marine environment, water quality issues, the mooring fields, and public access to Sanibel waterways.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
September 17, 2008**

The Committee meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum.

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
August 20, 2008**

The Committee meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum.

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
July 16, 2008**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, W. Burch, S. Dunn, D. Jones, T. Gillis, K. Vertesch, Lt. J. Phillips and Council Liaison K. Ruane

Absent: R. Downey, J. Carney, C. Vail, and Major M. Murray

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the June 18, 2008 Committee minutes.

T. Gillis made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the June 18, 2008 Committee minutes amended as follows: delete "Discussion ensued regarding the Periwinkle Partners June 19 meeting" and replace with "Discussion ensued regarding Hurricane Partners meeting on June 26" in the first sentence of the last paragraph on page one.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of R. Downey, J. Carney, & C. Vail from the July 16, 2008 meeting.

T. Gillis made a motion, seconded by W. Burch, to excuse R. Downey, J. Carney, & C. Vail from the July 16, 2008 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Council liaison report. Vice Mayor Ruane commented that Council had approved a noise waiver for Lee County to work on the Blind Pass/Clam Bayou project at the July 17, 2008 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the following Police report by Lt. Phillips:

- Police checking the Manatee slow down signs
- Boat Dock update: no report
- Police staff working on the Hurricane Boat Safety brochures
- Marine Patrol will patrol Sanibel canals and check on boats

Discussion ensued regarding canal dredging (see attached). Committee member T. Gillis distributed a News-Press article on Lee County proposed dredging plan to prevent the scarring of the shallow water and implementing "Pole and troll" zones, areas waterways where gas boat motors would be prohibited.

Discussion ensued regarding water quality, Marine brochure distribution, and Chairman Strothers gave the following report for the Sanibel Emergency Response Assistance Team (SERAT):

- SERAT members attended City Hurricane Partners meeting
- SERAT possibly working with the Medical Reserve Corps to provide boats during emergencies where the Medical Reserve Corps would be needed
- SERAT members possibly working with the Sanibel Police Department to practice with the Mobile Emergency Response Vehicle (MERV)
- SERAT to provide base radio stationed at Sanibel Fire Department

Discussion ensued regarding the Clam Bayou/Blind Pass project. Chairman Strothers commented that per the Clam Bayou Preservation Association the Clam Bayou/Blind Pass project start date had been pushed back to October.

Discussion ensued regarding resource compiling, hurricane boating brochures, and the August meeting.

S. Dunn made a motion, seconded by K. Vertesch, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
June 18, 2008**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, T. Gillis, J. Carney, K. Vertesch,
and Lt. J. Phillips

Absent: W. Burch, R. Downey, S. Dunn, C. Vail, Council Liaison K. Ruane,
and Major M. Murray.

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the May 21, 2008 Committee minutes.

T. Gillis made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the May 21, 2008
Committee minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of W. Burch, C. Vail, S. Dunn and R.
Downey from the June 18, 2008 meeting.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by T. Gillis, to excuse W. Burch, C. Vail, S.
Dunn and R. Downey from the June 18, 2008 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Lt. Phillips reported on the following Marine Patrol issues:

- Police boat dock project to go out soon for bid (see attached)
- Waiting for West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND) grant for
Police boat dock construction
- Exploring possibility of printing Hurricane boat safety brochures in house
- Marine patrol checking on Manatee "No Wake Zone" signs
- Repositioning drifting markers

Discussion ensued regarding canal dredging, water quality, the recent algae
bloom, marine brochure distribution, and the Sanibel Emergency Response
Assistance Team (SERAT) meeting. Chairman Strothers commented that the
scheduled "Man Overboard" drill did not occur and instead members took the
winning Sanibel School 6th grade classes out on the Sanibel Fire District boat.

Discussion ensued regarding the Periwinkle Partners June 19 meeting, and
storage of the Police boat. The committee agreed by consensus to remove
Police boat storage as an agenda item.

Discussion ensued regarding the Clam Bayou/ Blind Pass report, C. Vail's report on Committee recommendations for the City boat ramp (see attached), and the summer Committee meeting schedule. The Committee agreed by consensus to hold meetings during the summer.

Discussion ensued regarding emergency response passes for SERAT members.

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by K. Vertesch, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

At the July 16, 2008 meeting T. Gillis made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the June 18, 2008 Committee minutes amended to delete "Discussion ensued regarding the Periwinkle Partners June 19 meeting" and replace with "Discussion ensued regarding Hurricane Partners meeting on June 26" in the first sentence of the last paragraph on page one.

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
May 21, 2008**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, T. Gillis, C. Vail, J. Carney, K. Vertesch, W. Burch and Lt. J. Phillips

Absent: R. Downey, S. Dunn, Marine Officer J. Cechman and Marine Officer E. Gayer.

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the April 16, 2008 Committee minutes.

Chairman Strothers made a motion, seconded by W. Burch, to approve the April 16, 2008 Committee minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Vail made notice of improvements of quality of the minutes and wished to thank K. Pickens for her efforts.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of S. Dunn and R. Downey from the May 21, 2008 meeting.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to excuse S. Dunn and R. Downey from the May 21, 2008 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding extension of the City Advisory Committees to October, and the Marine Patrol report. Lt. J. Phillips reported on the following:

- West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND) meeting:
 1. City waiting for WCIND funding for police boat dock construction
 2. No grant money awarded for hurricane boating brochure

The Marine Patrol would investigate missing "No Wake Zone" signs for Manatees in canals.

Discussion ensued regarding canal dredging, a possible off load ramp for spoil from the canal dredging, and water quality issues. J. Carney commented that a new algae bloom was present at Lake Okeechobee and water releases would need to be watched during this upcoming rainy season.

Discussion ensued regarding marine brochure distribution and the next Sanibel Emergency Response Assistance Team (SERAT) meeting. SERAT would participate with the Sanibel Fire Department in a "Man Overboard drill" with the

Sanibel School 6th grade class on Saturday, June 6, and Lt. Phillips commented the Marine Patrol may participate if available.

Discussion ensued regarding storage of the Police boat, construction of the Police boat dock, Clam Bayou/Blind Pass permitting and possible dredging in the fall.

Discussion ensued regarding the boating hurricane brochure. Lt. J. Phillips reported the Police Department was working on completion of a draft brochure. Chairman Strothers requested a finished copy of the draft brochure for review by the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding mooring fields. Chairman Strothers reminded the Committee that the Mooring Field discussion was removed from the April agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding funding for dredging of City canals and the Council's recommendation that the Committee look into funding possibilities.

The Committee agreed by consensus to remove funding for public canal dredging from the meeting agenda until such time discussion would be warranted.

Discussion ensued regarding tabling the discussion with the Recreation Department on Bayview Park.

W. Burch made a motion, seconded by C. Vail, to table the discussion with the Recreation Department on Bayview Park until the fall.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Committee recommendations for updating the City boat ramp discussed at the January Committee meeting. C. Vail agreed to contact Public Works Director G. Castle for an update on the progress of the recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding Council review of the City Committees.

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by W. Burch, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
April 16, 2008**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, T. Gillis, C. Vail, S. Dunn, R. Downey, J. Carney, Council Liaison Ruane,

Absent: W. Burch, K. Vertesch, Major M. Murray, Marine Officer J. Cechman and Marine Officer E. Gayer.

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the March 19, 2008 Committee minutes.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the March 19, 2008 Committee minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of W. Burch and K. Vertesch from the April 16, 2008 meeting.

S. Dunn made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to excuse W. Burch and K. Vertesch from the April 16, 2008 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding dredging at Sanibel Harbors, spoil disposal from the dredging, and the cost. T. Gillis commented the water quality is excellent around the island, and updated the Committee on the Marine brochure distribution; Chairman Strothers mentioned that SERAT had received a private donation to purchase a CPR mannequin for their CPR classes.

Discussion ensued regarding the City Boat Dock:

- The Police launch their boats from Punta Rassa when winds and tide prevent them from launching at the City ramp.
- Could be a hindrance for Police & Fire Departments if there were an emergency
- Potholes in ramp causing boats trouble when launching
- If dredged by City, the boat ramp would be deep enough for awhile, but still could fill back up within a year.

C. Vail commented he had spoken to Public Works Director G. Castle regarding minor recommendations to the City boat ramp, but had heard nothing back on the recommendations. The Committee agreed by consensus for C. Vail to speak to Public Works Director again regarding the City Boat Ramp and report back to the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the when construction of a permanent police boat dock would begin. Chairman Strothers agreed to look into it and report to the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the Blind Pass dredging project:

- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had issued a notice of intent to issue a joint costal permit
- The Florida DEP Issued draft coastal permit to Lee County Board of Commissioners for the dredging at Blind Pass

The Committee agreed by consensus to attach the draft DEP coastal permit to the minutes. (See attached)

Discussion ensued regarding the Police Department Hurricane Boat Safety pamphlet:

- The Police Department will write the pamphlet
- The Committee agreed by consensus to take item off the agenda.
- The Committee will request a review the draft pamphlet

Discussion ensued regarding tabling current Committee agenda items. The Committee agreed by consensus to remove the mooring field's from the Committee agenda.

C. Vail made a motion, second by S. Dunn, to table the following items:

- Recreation Department visit to speak on Bay View Park
- Funding for dredging public canals per City Staff recommendations

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding City Committees scope. Vice Mayor Ruane spoke on the following:

- Council discussion on Committee re-tooling tabled to June
- Council would like feedback from City Committees
- Council will discuss and re-define City Committee scopes and purpose
- Council will look into current needs of the City and where the City Committees could be most helpful
- Council will discuss how to best utilize the City Committees and City staff

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- The need to continue the long history of volunteerism on Sanibel
- The Committee was needed to voice boaters concerns
- The Committee identifies, reviews, and makes recommendations on marine issues
- The Committee has good coordination with City Staff
- The City Committee's under the Sunshine Law

C. Vail spoke on the following task the Committee:

- Interested Citizen Participation in the Marine Environment on Sanibel
- Qualified Members with marine experience or background
- Multiple "eyes on" Sanibel's marine environment
- Regular identification of issues related to Sanibel's marine environment
- Research on Marine issues
- Review of Marine issues by the committee
- Coordination with:
 - Police/Marine Units
 - SERAT
 - Other Committees
 - Fire/rescue
 - SCCF
 - Sheriff's Dept.
 - Public works
- Interaction with Citizens on Marine Issues
- Initiative and Advice on marine issues (ie: boating brochure, Police dock, equipment, boat ramp, dredging)

- Forum for Public Discussion of Marine Issues
- Marine Advisory Members are knowledgeable Ambassadors of the City of Sanibel

S. Dunn made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to adjourn the meeting

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
March 19, 2008**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, C. Vail, W. Burch, R. Downey, J. Carney, Council Liaison Ruane, Major M. Murray and Lt. J. Phillips.

Absent: K. Vertesch, T. Gillis, S. Dunn, Marine Officer J. Cechman and Marine Officer E. Gayer.

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the February 20, 2008 Committee minutes.

C Vail made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the February 20, 2008 Committee minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of S. Dunn, T. Gillis, & K. Vertesch from the March 19, 2008 meeting.

W. Burch made a motion, seconded by R. Downey, to excuse S. Dunn, T. Gillis, & K. Vertesch from the March 19, 2008 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the extension of the Committee member's terms and Council consideration of City Committees objectives. Chairman Strothers commented on the Committee enacting legislation concerning absences and the Committee charge. He suggested that the Committee members discuss with the City and Council what objectives the Committee should undertake. C. Vail spoke on the original work of the Committee as an advisory group to the Council. The Committee agreed by consensus to add to the April meeting agenda to review Committee objectives.

Council Liaison K. Ruane to that Council looking to retool City Committees charge to identify and meet current objectives. He commented Council had extended the Committees term to June, 2008 to gain feedback from the Committees and City staff. He further stated Council would like to maximize productivity from volunteers and the City. The intent of the feedback would be for the Council, City Staff and the Committees to work together and be productive.

Discussion ensued regarding the West Coast Inland Navigational District (WSCIND) grant for \$10,000. Lt. Phillips commented the grant application was submitted and would go to finance the hurricane safety boat brochures, police boat dock, new police boat, and marine police salaries.

R. Downey spoke on the current Blind pass report previously emailed to Committee members. The Committee agreed by consensus to include the report in the minutes (See attached). Discussion ensued regarding the Police Department Mobile Emergency Response Vehicle MERV. Major Murray commented the Police Departments (MERV) had VHS radio capability. He also offered a tour as the vehicle was outside if the Committee would like a tour.

Discussion ensued regarding inviting a representative from the Recreation Department to speak on Bayview Park. The Committee agreed to table the item to the April meeting.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to table the rest of the reports until the April meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by C. Vail, to adjourn to tour the MERV.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee decided to look at MERV vehicle. Discussion ensued regarding the uses for MERV, the Sanibel Fire and Police departments need to improve communications with each other, hurricane preparedness, VHF radios for the police department and the need of boats during emergency situations.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to adjourn the meeting

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Mackenzie Hall
February 20, 2008**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, K. Vertesch, T. Gillis, D. Jones, C. Vail, W. Burch, R. Downey Council Liaison Ruane, Major Murray and Lt. J. Phillips.

Absent: J. Carney, S. Dunn, Marine Officer J. Cechman and Marine Officer E. Gayer.

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the January 16, 2008 Committee minutes.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by K. Vertesch, to approve the January 16, 2008 Committee minutes amended to add the following information regarding Committee Member C. Vail's meeting with Public Works Director G. Castle on the City Boat Ramp. "C. Vail commented that he made four recommendations to Director Castle:

- Put some signage to indicate the end of the concrete ramp
- Stringers, above and below the existing ones to keep boats from drifting under dock
- Need to etch across ramp for traction
- Regularly clear debris from bottom of ramp"

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Council Liaison Ruane's report on City Committees. He spoke that the following was discussed at the February 19 Council meeting:

- Council would like to see what biggest need is a Committee.
- Council would like to see that City Committee goals be met.
- Making suggestions to help Committees meet their goals.
- Trying to evolve the Committees as Sanibel evolves.
- To utilize the volunteer pool the best way.

Discussion ensued regarding Committee members requesting more information on Committee minutes to detail considered agenda items.

Lt. J. Phillips spoke on the City Manager's letter requesting suggestions for grant funding for education, environment, and safety to fund the following: Marine patrol, construction of the Police dock, purchase of marine patrol boat, dredging at Sanibel boat dock, and water quality education. Lt. Phillips spoke a second time that the new Police boat design would be available for review. Discussion ensued regarding AED machines on the City Marine Police boats. Major Murray spoke on the Mobile Emergency Response Vehicle (MERV). He invited the Committee to visit the vehicle at the March meeting. Major Murray requested the Committee bring suggestions for the hurricane boat safety pamphlet to next meeting. The Committee recommended by consensus that the Police department apply for a grant for the hurricane boat safety pamphlet. J. Strothers spoke that Steve Abbott from Power Squadron had made recommendations for the Hurricane Brochure at the Police department request.

Discussion ensued regarding finalizing the details of the SERAT training session with the Sanibel Fire Department on March 4th, 5th & 6th. The training would consist of class work in the mornings, and the afternoons on the water. J. Strothers commented that the City Marine Officers would be invited but didn't have to attend the entire session and requested the use a police boat during the sessions.

Discussion ensued regarding water quality issues and protecting the Sanibel River watershed. Since the Council has discussed the Sanibel River, the Committee agreed by consensus to monitor the issue and if Council makes a request to act on it. Councilman Ruane spoke on water education, and efforts to stop the sources of problems like water releases and fertilizer run off. He spoke a second time on the fertilizer ordinance, fertilizer ordinance enforcement, the fertilizer class, fertilizer competency test, and certified fertilizer companies.

Discussion ensued regarding canal dredging. T. Gillis commented that Shell Harbor and Isabel Drive canals needed to be dredged, but there would be no place to put the spoil. He further spoke that the City wanted to put an offloading dock for the spoil next to the City boat dock. Public Works Director Gates Castle spoke on the following:

- The proposed police dock is designed to also be the offloading dock for any barges.
- To expedite the permit for the police boat dock, the City had to change the square footage to make the permit for boat docking only.
- The City will need to lease back the land to use it as offloading dock.
- The schedule for dredging is difficult due to the different times the canals need work.
- Barge landing on the beach.
- City had dredging survey done of area right beyond boat ramp.
- The City will need permit to dredge beyond boat ram
- The City applying for a grant to dredge beyond the ramp.

C. Vail spoke that literal drift had begun by the boat ramp and requested that the City keep the Boat ramp clean for safety reasons. Public Works Director G. Castle commented that the City would be applying for a grant to upkeep the City boat ramp.

Discussion ensued regarding marine brochures distribution, placing the marine brochure under glass at the boat ramp, and Blind Pass/Clam Bayou. R. Downey spoke on the following:

- Clam Bayou is functioning well,
- Blind Pass project was going smoothly.
- Lee County waiting for approval from Fish & Wildlife at Vero Beach
- Bids for project should be solicited in about four weeks
- The whole project should take less than thirty days
- By the summer of 2008 the dredging should begin.

Discussion ensued regarding C. Vail continuing to monitor the City Boat ramp area. J. Strothers commented on requesting the City Attorney look into the Marco Island mooring fields' debate. Councilmember Ruane commented he would follow up on it for the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the Marine Advisory Committee Annual Report.

C. Vail made motion, seconded by R. Downey, to accept the Committee Annual report as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee agreed by consensus that Vice Chairman T. Gillis would present the report at the March 4, 2008 Council meeting. Discussion ensued regarding meeting with a representative of the Recreation Department at the April meeting concerning use of the Bayview property.

Discussion ensued regarding absence of S. Dunn & J. Carney from the February 20, 2008 meeting.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to excuse S. Dunn & J. Carney from the February 20, 2008 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by R. Downey, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
Legislative Conference Room
January 16, 2008**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, K. Vertesch, J. Carney, S. Dunn, T. Gillis, D. Jones, C. Vail, Council Liaison Ruane, Marine Officer J. Cechman and Lt. J. Phillips.

Absent: W. Burch, R. Downey and Marine Officer E. Gayer.

Guest: T. Gardner, Sanibel Bayous Preservation Association

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the December 19, 2007 Committee minutes.

T. Gillis made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the December 19, 2007 Committee minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding W. Burch and R. Downey's absence from the January 16, 2008 meeting.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by T. Gillis, to excuse W. Burch and R. Downey from the January 16, 2008 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding mooring fields, marine hurricane preparedness manual, dredging, water quality, marine brochures, and the SERAT program. T. Gardner from the Sanibel Bayous Preservation Association spoke on the Blind Pass/ Clam Bayou project.

Discussion ensued regarding the police boat ramp, resource compiling, dredge funding, abandoned vessel enforcement, Committee Annual report, the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) Marine Lab Director, and inviting Recreation Department Director for a Bayview Park report,

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by S. Dunn, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

At the February 20, 2008 meeting C. Vail made a motion, seconded by K. Vertesch, to approve the January 16, 2008 Committee minutes amended to add the following information regarding Committee Member C. Vail's meeting with Public Works Director G. Castle on the City Boat Ramp. "C. Vail commented that he made four recommendations to Director Castle:

- Put some sawing at the end of the concrete ramp
- Need more stringers above or below
- Need to etch across ramp for traction
- Regularly clear debris from bottom of ramp"

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
MacKenzie Hall
December 20, 2006**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, N. Stewart, C. Vail, T. Gillis, S. Dunn, J. Carney, Officer J. Cechman, and Council Liaison S. Brown.

Absent: T. Kaplan, R. Downey, and D. Jones

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding D. Jones surgery.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by S. Dunn, to excuse D. Jones from the November 15 and December 20, 2006 Committee meetings due to surgery.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the November 15, 2006 Committee Minutes.

C. Vail made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to approve the November 15, 2006 minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Council Liaison report, water quality issues, U.S. Corps of Engineers Colonial Grossgruger, injunction to stop water releases, Medical Advisory Committee, bacteria count in the water, water releases lawsuit, marine brochure, canal dredging operations, Operation Redstart, and the possible name change for the Caloosatchee by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by S. Dunn, to recommend to Council that the City of Sanibel Legal Department monitor any changes affecting the river and water quality, specifically, the Caloosatchee/C41 Industrial canal.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the City of Sanibel Police Department involvement with SERAT, Councilmember Brown water quality information report next Committee meeting, and storage of police boat.

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by N. Stewart, that the Committee forwards a letter to the City Manager requesting an update at the next Committee meeting from the Police, Administration and Planning Departments regarding the police boat dock issue.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Clam Bayou, Blind Pass, Resource Compiling, Ordinance Review Update, and Mooring Fields. The Committee agreed by consensus to have N. Stewart monitors the Cities Water Quality information.

N. Stewart made a motion, seconded by T. Gillis, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
MacKenzie Hall
November 15, 2006**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, N. Stewart, C. Vail, T. Gillis, T. Kaplan, S. Dunn,
R. Downey, J. Carney Lt. J. Phillips, and Officer Cechman.

Excused: D. Jones and Council Liaison S. Brown

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the October 18, 2006 Committee Minutes.

T. Gillis made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to approve the October 18, 2006 minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Marine Officers report, review of Marine Boat brochure by police department, the fishing pier ordinances, Clam Bayou parking right of way plans, permanent mooring fields, police involvement in Serat program, no Sanibel police staff at causeway ribbon cutting ceremony, and Cuban refugees landing on Sanibel

Discussion ensued regarding possible canal dredging operations at Shell Harbor, Watershadows, and Sanibel Harbors, the Regional Harbor Board report, Operation Redstart, water quality issues, resource compiling, the November 20, 2006 Special Council special meeting, the possible name change for the Caloosachatee River by Army Corps of Engineers, Sanibel bridge opening in May, storage of Police Boat, the Blind Pass project, mangrove replanting, Marine ordinance Review, Serat identification cards, positive changes to Marine Patrol, Committee goals, and the change in Coast Guard regulations for boats entering and exiting U.S. waters

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by S. Dunn, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory
Committee Meeting
MacKenzie Hall
October 18, 2006**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, C. Vail, T. Gillis, T. Kaplan, Lt. S. Ashby,
and Council Liaison S. Brown

Excused: S. Dunn, R. Downey, and J. Carney

Chairman Strothers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the May 17, 2006 Committee Minutes.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by T. Gillis, to approve the May 17, 2006 minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Operation Redstart, law enforcement activities for Sanibel waters, the proposed police boat dock property on Sexton Drive, the police boat, storage, the boat lift, bock dock status, the Environmental Impact Statement sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the pending law suit, red tide, the Lee County Health Department's study concerning diseases, and that the City would be taking bids (a Request for Qualifications or RFQ) for a consult to study the quality of the water and estuaries

Discussion ensued regarding updating the Marine brochure, a police revue of the brochure, the Sea Rat program, the Sanibel Causeway ribbon cutting ceremony, possible Committee Boat use during emergency operations, Resource Compiling, Ordinance Review, personal watercraft operation, Sea Rat identification cards, Clam Bayou parking, Mooring Fields, and adding new members to the Marine Advisory Committee to help insure a quorum.

J. Strothers made a motion, seconded by C. Vail, to accept the application of Captain Noah Stewart for appointment to the Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

J. Strothers made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Carol Reed

**Marine Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2006**

The meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

**Marine Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2006**

The meeting was cancelled per the Committee.

**Marine Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2006**

The meeting was cancelled per the Committee.

**Marine Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2006**

The meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

**Marine Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2006**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, S. Dunn, J. Carney, D. Jones,
R. Downey and Council Liaison S. Brown.

Excused: T. Gillis, N. Chapman Vail, T. Kaplan, and Marine Officer Griffin.

Chairman Strothers convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the April 19, 2006 meeting minutes.

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by R. Downey, to approve the April 19, 2006 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding T. Gillis absence due to his wife's surgery. The Committee agreed by consensus to excuse T. Gillis from the Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the Council Liaison's report, Operation Red Start, Sea Rat water rescue drill on May 2 & 3 with local emergency agencies, securing Span A bridge with the Coast Guard on May 11, communication with local emergency agencies, hurricane passes, identification cards, a recommendation to Council to create a Blind Pass parking area, the mooring fields, and water quality issues.

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by S. Dunn, to recommend to City Council to take whatever steps necessary including a lawsuit to protect our waters from excessive discharges from Lake Okeechobee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Liaison Brown requested that the Committee send a memo to Council concerning the Committee's water quality recommendation.

S. Dunn made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2006**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, T. Kaplan, N. Chapman Vail, J. Carney, D. Jones, T. Gillis, R. Downey and Marine Officer Griffin.

Excused: S. Dunn and Council Liaison S. Brown.

Guest: Bill Vanderbilt, Clam Bayou Preservation Association

Chairman J. Strothers opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

City Attorney K. Cuyler opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Marine Advisory Committee.

R. Downey nominated J. Strothers as Chairman of the Marine Advisory Committee.

D. Jones seconded the nomination.

The Committee agreed by consensus to appoint J. Strothers as Chairman of the Marine Advisory Committee.

Chairman J. Strothers opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Committee.

T. Gillis nominated T. Kaplan for Vice Chairman of the Marine Advisory Committee.

D. Jones seconded the nomination.

The Committee agreed by consensus to appoint T. Kaplan as Vice Chairman of the Marine Advisory Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the March 15, 2006 meeting minutes.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the March 15, 2006 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Marine Brochure printing, the Emergency Assistance Team, water monitoring station, storage of the Police Boat and construction of the lift, and Clam Bayou parking.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by D. Jones to recommend to Council to consider the possibility of public parking and launching facilities at the Clam Bayou Culvert for safety reasons.

The motion passed unanimously

Discussion ensued regarding B. Vanderbilt presentation of the Blind Pass Project status, review of city/state marine ordinances, City owned waterways, Sanibel Safe Boating Day, letter to Power Squadron, draft memo to Council for identification for the Sanibel Emergency Assistance Team, and creating a comprehensive Sanibel marine zones resource guide.

T Gillis made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2006**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, T. Kaplan, D. Jones, T. Gillis,
R. Downey and S. Dunn.

Excused: K. Koughan, J. Carney and Council Liaison S. Brown.

Guest: Marine Officer Griffin

Chairman J. Strothers opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the February 15, 2006 meeting minutes.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the February 15, 2006 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Council liaison report, the City setting up a special taxing district to maintain the canals with a third funded by the City, and two-thirds by residents, Shell Harbor's participation in the special taxing district, boat lifts, the Regional Harbor Board meeting, disappearing public marinas, removal of derelict vessels, removal of derelict traps, and mooring fields. The Committee agreed by consensus to draft a memo to the City Manager requesting creation of mooring fields in Sanibel waters.

Discussion ensued regarding Operation RedStart, water quality issues, marine brochure, the Emergency Assistance Team, storage of the police boat, and drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. The Committee agreed by consensus draft a memo to City Council informing them of a meeting in Tallahassee April 6, 2006 regarding the Offshore Drilling Hearing.

Discussion ensued regarding the request for City Staff to review other Florida cities marine ordinances versus Sanibel marine ordinances, the Police following up on the request, Marine Officer R. Griffin keeping the Committee updated on the progress of the review, Clam Bayou and Blind Pass update, mangrove planting, the Committee Annual Report, and Sanibel Safe Boating Day.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by S. Dunn, do not consider a Safe Boating Week sponsorship by the Marine Advisory Committee for 2007 and that the Committee seek to encourage the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron to proceed with some format of a Safe Boating Week program with the Committee's support.

The motion passed unanimously

The Committee agreed by consensus to draft a letter to Power Squad requesting that they sponsor a Safe Boating Week program in 2007 with the Committee's support.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2006**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, J. Carney, T. Gillis,
R. Downey, and K. Koughan.

Excused: Officer J. Cechman, T. Kaplan, S. Dunn, and Council Liaison S.
Brown.

Guest: Bill Vanderbilt, from the Bayous Preservation Association

Chairman J. Strothers opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the January 18, 2006 meeting minutes.

K. Koughan made a motion, seconded by J. Carney, to approve the January 18,
2006 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the February 1, 2006 meeting minutes.

D. Jones made a motion, seconded by R. Downey, to approve the February 1,
2006 meeting minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the Council Liaison Report, that the Marine Patrol
would be represented at the meetings, and canal dredging. The City would be
looking into setting up special taxing areas to collect money to have private
canals dredged by the City.

Discussion ensued regarding Operation RedStart, brochure distribution, the
Emergency Assistance Team search and rescue drill, storage of the Police Boat,
sending the Regional Harbor Board minutes to the City Clerk, and that the City
would be requesting bids for construction of the Boat Dock on the recently
purchased property.

Discussion ensued regarding the South Florida Water Management District
(SFWMD) Water Issues meeting at Florida Gulf Coast University on Wednesday,
February 8, attendance, the Clewiston High School Seniors presentation, lake
pollutants, SFWMD's desire to get Lake Okeechobee to fourteen feet, the
Kissimmee project, and the City of Sanibel's response to the water releases.

The Committee agreed by consensus to encourage Council to continue working
toward a resolution to the water releases, request that J. Carney draft a memo to

Council on possible Committee recommendations, and to form a subcommittee on water issues.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by D. Jones to form a subcommittee on water issues which would include J. Carney, T. Gillis, and K. Koughan.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Clam Bayou and Blind Pass.

Public Comment:

Bill Vanderbilt from the Bayous Preservation Association spoke on the creation of the citizens group to support opening Blind Pass and improve the condition of Dinkin's Bayou and Sunset Bay. He further spoke on the changes made to the current plan to open Blind Pass.

The Committee agreed by consensus to have B. Vanderbilt come back with regular updates on Blind Pass.

Chairman Strothers gave the following report on Safe Boating Day on February 11, 2006:

1. Good sponsor turnout
2. Lack of public at the event
3. Thank you letters would be sent to the sponsors.
4. Hold the event at a different location next time, or as part of another Sanibel event, such as Bailey fest.

The Committee agreed by consensus to continue to discuss ideas to promote safe boating at future meetings.

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by R. Downey, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10: 20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2006**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, Officer J. Cechman, J. Carney, T. Gillis, and R. Downey.

Excused: T. Kaplan, K. Koughan, S. Dunn and Council Liaison S. Brown.

Guests: Coby Amadio, Recreation Department

Chairman J. Strothers opened the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the following items for Safe Boating Day on Saturday, February 11, 2006 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Sponsors Update:

Army Corps of Engineers: Display of lifejacket safety exhibit from

Coast Guard: Display hand held flares, homeland security, water safety exhibit

Sanibel Fire & Rescue: Fire Extinguishers

Sanibel Marine

Food and Drinks: Trying to finalize getting food from Lazy Flamingo. The morning coffee and snacks would be provided by Baileys General Store, but the table would need manned volunteers to cook and serve.

Tents: the Committee agreed by consensus to use six tents.

Special Meeting: The Committee decided by consensus to meet on Friday, February 10 at 2 pm at the Sanibel School to set up for Safe Boating Day.

Door prizes from the following sponsors:

Bait Box

Sanibel Marine

Coast Guard

The Committee decided by consensus to give the prizes away at different times during the event. J. Cechman commented she would bring the Sanibel Marine boat and give away whistles.

Set Up: Setting up tables, the Special Events Permit, signage, and Parking.

Chairman Strothers commented that he would invite the City Council to the event.

R. Downey made a motion, seconded by t. Gillis, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

**Marine Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2006**

Present: Chairman J. Strothers, D. Jones, T. Kaplan, J. Carney, T. Gillis, R. Downey, K. Koughan, and S. Dunn.

Excused: Officer J. Cechman, and Council Liaison S. Brown.

Chairman J. Strothers opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the December 21, 2005 meeting minutes.

J. Carney made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to approve the December 21, 2005 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the review of the marine ordinances by the City. T. Kaplan commented that the Committee had not heard back from Council Liaison Brown regarding the ordinance review. K. Koughan commented that Lee County would be looking at the State marine ordinances. Chairman Strothers stated he would look into it.

Discussion ensued regarding the Marine Patrol Officer Report. The Committee decided that Chairman Strothers would contact the Police Department concerning Officer Cechman's participation.

Discussion ensued regarding dredging, the Regional Harbor Board. T. Kaplan commented that he had Board minutes from past years, and the Committee decided to contact the City.

Discussion ensued regarding Operation RedStart, and Sanibel Safe Boating Day. Chairman Strothers commented that a Safe Boating Proclamation, food, publicity, sponsors, prizes, media, signs, parking, and scheduling a special meeting to finalize Safe Boating Day preparations. The Committee decided to hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2006.

Discussion ensued regarding Gulf of Mexico pollution, Marine Brochures. The Committee decided to check if the new speed zones for the causeway should be included in the Marine Brochure.

Discussion ensued regarding the Emergency Assistance Team, storage of the Police Boat, the Clam Bayou and Blind Pass projects. R. Downey commented that the project was continuing on schedule, and the Blind Pass design would have a hearing soon.

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee Annual Report. The Committee commented on the Committee Goals that they wanted to work on for 2006.

Discussion ensued regarding Lake Okeechobee. The Committee decided to change the agenda items from Gulf of Mexico Pollution to Water Quality Issues.

T. Kaplan comment Water quality monitoring stations. Having one placed here,

S. Dunn made a motion, seconded by D. Jones, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Pickens
Recording Secretary

MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Issues:

The Marine Advisory Committee discussed numerous issues during the past year. The following is a list of the prominent issues discussed or brought before the Committee:

- Storage facilities for the Sanibel Police Marine Patrol units.
- Red Start Program.
- Dredging of Blind Pass
- Dredging of the canal systems.
- Representation on the Regional Harbor Board.
- Distribution of Marine Brochures.
- Providing Marine related information to the public.
- Development of Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron's Sanibel Emergency Response Assistance Team (SERAT).
- Communication with Sanibel Marine Patrol Unit
- Water Quality issues.
- Lake Okeechobee releases.
- Review and updating of City Marine Ordinances.
- Review of County and State Marine Laws.
- Permanent Mooring Fields.
- Compiling of Marine Resources.
- Problem of abandoned boats in the waters around Sanibel Island

Accomplishments:

The following actions have been taken on the issues brought before the Marine Advisory Committee:

- Received updated reports on the storage of the Police marine Patrol Units.
- Monthly updates on Red Start program. Program has been discontinued.
- Monthly updates on Blind Pass and dredging projects.
- Updating of the Marine Brochures. New brochures have been secured.
- Providing marine related issues to local papers.

- Regional Harbor Board Meetings. This agency has appeared to become inactive. Not further representation by a member of the Marine Advisory Committee until further notice that it is active.
- Monthly reports on the Sanibel Emergency Assistance Team (SERAT). SERAT has been recognized as a partner with the City of Sanibel in its Emergency Management Plan.
- Monthly reports from Marine Patrol Unit.
- Monthly reports on water releases from Lake Okeechobee.
- Started compiling of marine resources.
- Citizen complaint on City Boat Ramp addressed.

Goals & Recommendations for 2008:

- Continue to monitor progress of storage for Marine Patrol Unit.
- Working on ways to assist the Police Department with the issue of abandoned boats in the waters surrounding Sanibel Island.
- Continuing distribution of the Marine Brochure.
- Continue monthly reports on the following:
 - Blind Pass and canal dredging.
 - Sanibel Emergency Response Assistance Team (SERAT). There are plans for the SERAT unit to provide navigational and boat handling training to the Fire and Police Department.
 - Lake Okeechobee releases.
 - Water Quality Issues.
 - Marine Patrol Unit
- Continue to compile Sanibel marine resources.
- Continue to monitor the potential need for a Public Mooring Fields in the future.
- Work with Recreation Department on development of Bay View Park.
- Work with the Department of Public Works to improve the Sanibel Boat Ramp.
- Investigate possible funding for the dredging of the public canal systems.
- Discussing any issues that may impact the Marine Environment of Sanibel Island.
- Study of Boat Ramp prepared and presented.

Conclusions:

The year 2007 was considered to be very productive for the Marine Advisory Committee. Membership on the Committee was increased to nine (9) this year. We feel that many major marine related issues have been discussed with action resulting in successful conclusion or progress being made. The Committee wishes to thank the Council Members and City Staff for their support and assistance.

MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2006

Issues:

Numerous issues were discussed by the Marine Advisory Committee during the past year. The following is a list of the prominent issues discussed or brought before the Committee:

- Participation/Sponsoring of Sanibel Island Safe Boating Week and Safe Boating Day.
- Storage facilities for the Sanibel Police Marine Patrol units.
- Red Start Program.
- Dredging of Blind Pass and canal systems.
- Representation on the Regional Harbor Board.
- Distribution of Marine Brochures.
- Providing Marine related information to the public.
- Development of Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron's Sanibel Emergency Response Assistance Team (SERAT).
- Communication with Sanibel Marine Patrol Unit
- Water Quality issues.
- Lake Okeechobee releases.
- Review and updating of City Marine Ordinances.
- Review of County and State Marine Laws.
- Permanent Mooring Fields.
- Compiling of Marine Resources.

Accomplishments:

The following actions have been taken on the issues brought before the Marine Advisory Committee:

- Sanibel Island Safe Boating Week and Safe Boating Day be handled by the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron and not the City of Sanibel.
- Received updated reports on the storage of the Police marine Patrol Units.
- Monthly updates on Red Start program.
- Monthly updates on Blind Pass and dredging projects.

- Updating of the Marine Brochures.
- Providing marine related issues to local papers.
- Regular reports on the Regional Harbor Board Meetings.
- Monthly reports on the Sanibel Emergency Assistance Team (SERAT).
- Monthly reports from Marine Patrol Unit.
- The continuous monitoring of the status of Gulf Drilling.
- Monthly reports on water releases from Lake Okeechobee.
- Started compiling of marine resources.

Goals & Recommendations for 2007:

- Continue to monitor progress of storage for Marine Patrol Unit.
- Reprinting of the Marine Brochure.
- Continue monthly reports on the following:
 - Red Start Program.
 - Blind Pass and canal dredging.
 - Regional Harbor Board
 - Sanibel Emergency Response Assistance Team (SERAT).
 - Lake Okeechobee releases.
 - Water Quality Issues.
 - Marine Patrol Unit
- Continue to compile Sanibel marine resources.
- Establishment of Public Mooring Fields.
- Work with Recreation Department on development of Bay View Park.

Conclusions:

The year 2006 was considered to be very productive for the Marine Advisory Committee. We feel that many major marine related issues have been discussed with action resulting in successful conclusion or progress. The Committee wishes to thank the Council Members and City Staff for their support and assistance.