



AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

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MEETING AGENDA

Full Agency

Thursday, March 10, 2022

9:00 AM

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Chair

Mayor Woody Brown, Co-Chair

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call To Order/Welcome

Chair Todd called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM

2. Attendance

Present:

Audubon Florida – Mark Rachal

Friends of the Hillsborough River –
Rich Brown

Sierra Club – Nancy Stevens

Tampa Bay Conservancy – Sally
Thompson

Tampa Bay Watch – Peter Clark

Environmental Consulting (Wood) –
Kevin Shelton

Tampa Bay Pilots Association – Terry
Fluke

Mosaic Company – Keith Nadasky

Manatee (Staff) – Greg Blanchard

Hillsborough County (Staff) – David
Glicksberg

Pasco County (Staff) – Melissa
Charbonneau

Pasco County (Elected) – Jack
Mariano

Pinellas County (Elected) – Charlie
Justice

Port Tampa Bay – Chris Cooley

Manatee Port Authority – Dan Fitz-
Patrick

City of St. Petersburg – Michael
Perry

City of Tampa – Heather Maggio

Chair – Barbara Todd

Vice-Chair – Woody Brown

US Army Corps of Engineers –
Aubree Hershorn

NOAA National Marine Fisheries
Service – Mark Sramek

Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission – Jason
Wagman

Florida Fish and Wildlife Research
Institute – Brad Furman

Southwest FL Water Management
District – Chris Anastasiou

Hillsborough County at Large – Ann
Paul

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EPC of Hillsborough County – Chris Pratt

US Fish and Wildlife Service – Tiffany Lane

Hillsborough County Planning Commission – Shawn College

MacDill Air Force Base – Andy Lykens

Tampa Bay Estuary Program – Ed Sherwood

Tampa Bay Water – Bob McConnell

Others in attendance:

Alana Todd – TBRPC; Peggy Matthews – Pine Key Project, LLC; Christina Bryant; Bryan Merrill – USACE; Vicki Parsons – Bay Soundings; Carrie Moore; James Chambers; Coleen Weaver – Pasco County; Courtney Vandenberg – Pinellas County; Michael Neves – USACE; Kim Tapley – EPCHC; Kelly Thomas – City of St. Pete; Zack Sampson – Tampa Bay Times; Randy Runnels – Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserves; Bill Fehring; Cole Weaver; Jon Simon Suarez – USACE; Terry Cartwright – Patel, Greene and Associates; Jonathan McHenry; Tyson Dallas – FWC; Marie Bourgeois; Rick Gorsira – Jacobs; Joel Brown – Pinellas County; Troy Green – Hillsborough County; Rick Muratti – EPCHC; Laurel Reichold – USACE; Sean Sullivan – TBRPC; Jeff Liechty – Audubon Society; Patrick Blair – Port Tampa Bay; Barbara Nist – USACE; Serra Herndon – Tampa Bay Watch; Thomas Ries – Environmental Science Associates; Barbara Goetting – EPCHC; Mike Ornella – USACE; Maya Burke – Tampa Bay Estuary Program; Jan Allyn – University of South Florida; Diego Guerra – Hillsborough County Planning Commission; Jose De Jesus – Port Tampa Bay; Anna Laws - FWC; John Landon; Becky Schneider – FWC; Steve Conger; Drew Condon – USACE; Brendan Myers – MacDill Air Force Base

3. Public Comment

No public comment

4. Announcements

Today is Chair Todd's birthday.

Biologist and long time conservationist Allen Burdett passed away two weeks ago. He served as a mentor for many on the ABM, and he will be missed.

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, in collaboration with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program and UF/IFAS Pinellas County Extension, will hold a virtual meeting March 10th, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. to review the new NOAA 2022 Sea Level Rise Technical Report.

[Webinar Event Link](#)

Polk County conservationists are working to put a measure on the November ballot to ask voters to tax themselves to purchase environmental lands. This could be a potential presentation at a future ABM meeting.

5. Approval of December 9, 2021 Full Agency Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Peter Clark and seconded. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

6. ABM Committee meeting updates

- a. Legislative Review Committee – Alana Todd, TBRPC

The Legislative Review Committee helped edit a list of potential members for outreach and identified organizations that could assist us in tracking state and federal legislation. The Committee also compiled a [Legislation Watchlist](#) for Tampa Bay. The list is not exhaustive, but it includes objective descriptions of major legislation that could result in positive or negative impacts to Tampa Bay.

7. Pine Key Project, LLC– Peggy Matthews, Environmental and Government Relations Director

The Pine Key Project’s mission is to sustain the island for recreational use. The Pine Key Project acknowledges the importance of the island as a boating destination and will be diligent to preserve the island’s natural characteristics while providing access to residents of the surrounding area. ([Presentation Link](#))

Pine Key has been under private ownership since the 1940s, with the most recent owners taking control of the property in 2017. The owners are currently seeking an official land use designation, likely “Island Recreation Land Use,” once they resolve issues with the Planning Commission staff in defining the area and providing a caretaker house. They intend to establish a living shoreline and wave attenuators or riprap to assist with dissipating wave energy and stabilizing the shoreline, which has been experiencing significant erosion. They also intend to build a stage, wedding area, fitness area, camping area, restrooms, and two food vendors. Tom Ries is a consultant on the project.

Comments:

Several members expressed their appreciation to the owners for cleaning up Pine Key, which was previously had significant quantities of trash and debris. Questions remain about the long-term viability of their proposed recreation plan considering the increasing number of large ships passing through the nearby (500 yards) channel, sea level rise, and increasingly intense storm effects. Doubt was raised about the success of a seagrass planting project or oyster beds considering the high wave energy and boat traffic. A question was raised regarding the establishment of a conservation easement, to which Ms. Matthews responded that they are in the process of setting up an easement where the living shoreline will be placed.

8. Collaboration on Beneficial Uses for Dredged Material from Tampa Harbor – Aubree Hershorin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, kicked off a 3-year study to consider navigation improvements in Tampa Harbor in August. The study will consider deepening and widening, and there is the potential for future construction (in the 5-10 year timeframe) to result in significant volumes of dredged material, estimated at 7 to 8 million cubic yards upwards to 50 million depending upon how deep the channel is dug.

USACE would like to coordinate with stakeholders on restoration opportunities that may require dredged sediments to ensure these are prioritized over placement at the offshore Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) or even in the upland sites located in Hillsborough Bay.

USACE is currently investigating ten sites that could beneficially use the dredged material, including Egmont Key, dredged holes in Middle Tampa Bay, Alafia Bank Sanctuary Islands, hardbottom creation sites in Lower Tampa Bay, nearshore breakwaters, Manatee County Boat Ramp, East Bay Port expansion, Manbird Key Island Restoration, shoreline restoration at DMMA's, and bay-wide Reddish Egret habitat sites. They are seeking input now through the summer to have a plan in place by fall.

Comments:

Dr. Hershoin presented a poll via Zoom, which largely supported using the material at Egmont Key and Alafia Bank Sanctuary Islands. It was determined that a more in-depth discussion and vetting is needed before any recommendations are given as many of the sites have long, complex histories that need to be factored. It was suggested to overlay sea level rise maps with the proposed sites to better inform decision-making. Any cost benefit analysis should consider the unspent storage or offshore disposal site costs as savings.

It was recommended that this presentation be redirected to the Natural Resources/Environmental Impact Review Subcommittee for a longer discussion and vetting of the different site opportunities. The NR/EIR Subcommittee will likely meet in May.

9. Saltern Restoration Activities at MacDill Air Force Base – *Tiffany Lane, USFWS Coastal Program*

This presentation was postponed to the May Natural Resources/Environmental Impact Review Committee or June Full Agency meeting due to insufficient time remaining in the meeting.

10. Other Items

a) Bay Soundings article ideas

b) Topic ideas for the next meeting

ABM coordinator, Alana Todd, will be reaching out to the member organizations to schedule presentations, especially those that have not presented recently. Each will be charged with coordinating a presentation, such as one on their organization's work, new research, emerging issues in the bay, a project needing input, or recent accomplishments.

c) Next meeting dates

- April 14, 2022, 2pm– Legislative Review Committee
- June 9, 2022, 9am – Full Agency
- September 8, 2022, 9am – Full Agency



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- December 8, 2022, 9am – Full Agency

Attendees were polled about their preference for attending the next Full Agency meeting in June. Of those who responded during the meeting (36), the results were nearly split between attending in-person and virtually. The next ABM meeting in June will be hybrid, with in-person attendees meeting at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council office in Pinellas Park.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58