

Maritime Management – Activating Our Waterways

November 1, 2016 Meeting – Flip Chart (#s relate to map)

- More waterfront restaurants with boat access
- 8 – Acosta bridge to RAM, no wake zone
 - Makes leisurely boating difficult
- 4 – More docks in Riverside
- Greenspace on the river
- Waterfront destinations downtown/riverside
 - (Water taxi) Connect Riverside with the rest of downtown
- Unpredictability of the railroad bridge (FEC) in correlation to a need for water taxi
- More boat fueling; safe and clean fueling, sewage dumping
- Destinations for people who are not necessarily boaters (Urban Core)
- Linking what we already have, downtown
- 1 – RAM connection
- Downtown green space / dog park
- Community garden
- 9 – Southbank along Riverwalk as an access point (The District)
- Access for school children engage them with the river while learning about the river
- 3 – Kayak CO-OP, Brown's Creek, Clapboard Creek, possibly Sister's Creek
- Sand Dollar closed marina parking issue, other parking restrictions discouraging waterfront restaurants?
- Waterfront for on the water sports area
- Poker runs, boat races
- Fishing tournaments (Palm Fish Camp)
- 12 – Paddleboarding
- Big, downtown boat show
- Kayak run, bike share
- Brochures of what to do on the river, plan your day on the river
- Better docks at the Zoo
- Help promote commercial boat tours
 - "Guide Tour Day", fishing guide boats – annual event

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November 1, 2016 Meeting – Individual Input

- 1) The greatest opportunity is to promote the St. Johns River via boat tours. This would allow for destination stops along the river.
- 2) I highly recommend the competitive sport of rowing along the river. This can become a corporate sponsored event.
- 3) I also recommend attracting the Bass Masters Fishing Tournament to Jacksonville and using the St. Johns River and its tributaries.
- 4) I advise the planning team to place an emphasis on river activation between the Matthews Bridge and Fuller Warren Bridge. This provides an opportunity to engage downtown, inner ring neighborhoods and visitors with the St. Johns River.
- 5) Expand the service of the Water Taxi along the river.
- 6) I recommend we bring in people who know much about rivers and activating them to listen to the possibilities of activating our river in ways you will not find anywhere else in the world.
- 7) I also recommend ideas that include:
 - a. International/National sporting events (i.e. fishing, crew, etc.)
 - b. Activities for school children (elementary and middle school) to engage the river while learning all about the river
 - c. World's best seafood restaurants where you can dock your boat and be served w/o ever leaving your boat
 - d. Jet skis, canoes, etc.
- 8) Eastside boaters & ICW boaters seem to recreationally attract to St. Augustine, Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville Beach, etc. Appears there are opportunities on the river to create more destinations for recreation for boaters. So where are those St. Johns river areas or pockets that are ripe for water access investment?
- 9) Look to expand boat ramp access in already developed areas like Julington Creek.
- 10) Create more pier destinations on water or a mega pier unlike any other
- 11) Consider a pedestrian bridge or walkway that ties two areas together
- 12) Boat races, fishing tour events
- 13) Promote kayaking more
- 14) I think the most important thing or start is to have total cooperation with all stakeholders. Access to our waterways for all user groups is paramount.
- 15) Facilities should be kept in great working condition and adequate parking available
- 16) Safety is a very important issue also.

Maritime Management – Telling the Story

November 1, 2015 Meeting – Individual Input

- Need all facilities to be accessible for disabled
 - Sidewalks, docks, bathroom, parking
 - Fishing piers, kayak & canoe launches
- Exchange Island – money appropriated, need completion
 - Need to be sure ongoing management is done
 - Safety for boating and fishing
- Fishing piers
- It would be helpful to integrate city or other publicly owned property as an additional layer
- It would be interesting to show recreation & community resources/destinations that are not necessarily boat launches, but could be amenities used by boaters & those wishing to be near the water, e.g. restaurants, cultural destinations
- Incorporate interpretive learning as well as up land opportunities in areas of population density such as urban core (Downtown, San Marco, Riverside)
- Consider non-boating users of waterfront in developing recreation areas & activation sites
- MOSH Southside Riverfront activation plan
 - Contact Marie Hane, Executive Director
 - Museum of Science & History
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- Programming on river
- Semi-permanent installation
- Interactives

Maritime Management - Facilities

Individual Input - November 1, 2016 Meeting

- Mandarin dock/pier – County Dock Road
 - After recent Hurricane Matthew, the Mandarin Dock/Pier was completely destroyed. The facility needs to be rebuilt and debris needs to be removed from the boat ramp area. Manatees utilize the area very heavily due to the sea grasses growing in the area. The boat ramp itself could use improvements, but care would need to be taken to avoid damage to the sea grass beds and avoid the manatees that constantly hang around the area. The manatee impacts are likely unavoidable, so it's likely best to just repair/rebuild the dock/pier and not worry about the boat ramp.
- Plan all parks, boat landing and fishing areas for vendors, food, ice, tackle, parts
- Jobs should be placed as one of the priorities.
- Educate the public and hold community workshops. It's important to let citizens know what the excitement is all about.
- Consider size and accessibility
- Use for multiple activities: recreation for kids, fishing, boating of all crafts
- Sustainability and protection
- Training and teaching users and workers
- Specializing activities
- Risk minimal
- Include H2O datums on ramps (i.e. elevation above MLLW).
 - Elevation above MHHW
 - Elevation above MHW
 - Elevation above MSL
 - Elevation above MLW
 - Elevation above MLLW
- Also, include same relative to bridge height
- Signage – signs directing to facility, adding to city maps
- All facilities accessible for disabled
- River boats should be wheelchair convenient (river taxis)
- Maintenance is extremely important
- Palm Island – Kayak launch exists but all grown over