

MARITIME MANAGEMENT MEETING 10/4/16

- What is “Mission Statement” for MMP Planning Team?
- Think BIG – for poorest-of-poor, richest-of-rich
- Focus on people/community wants
- Build Boardwalk downtown along as far as you have land. See UNF people
- Build Boardwalk on river side for walkers, bikers, sandboxes and access to river at appropriate places. The river should be used by everybody
- Boardwalks all along the river
- Park features to draw people to the boardwalk like ball fields, sand boxes
- Get corporate sponsorship
- Look at what Jupiter did (Susie Orchard) (Mayor Karen Golonka – 21 years as mayor)
 - Salutations for the Sun-Croatia
 - Sea Organ
 - HIGH LINE (NYC)
 - Cannery Row (Monteray, CA)
- WOW “Something”
- Connect the dots – make it all a Green Trail
- Develop more public parks around the river
- Kayak/paddleboard/rowboat accessible launches
- Public access (fishing and parking) between River Road and Goodby Creek on east side of river. (No public access between these areas)
- Floating dock for access to Riverside, water taxi access, public/private partnership
- Attract world class marinas
- Boardwalk on important part of cities, access points along the boardwalk. (Child accessible)
- Phone app to see what to do in the area
- Expansion of existing parks, community donations (name on boards)
- Redevelop Mayport with fishing village and ecotourism theme
- USS Adams downtown is bad idea – ref. Mobile, AL attempt
- Signs and displays to attract tourists
- Do annually or quarterly events that bring people to the river
- Museum on the water (Charleston, SC; NYC) Naval vessel to use as museum
- Maintain facilities that we already have and advertising them
- Fish cleaning stations on piers, etc.
- Johnson Island Park to increase waterway access via boat ramps
- Waterway welcome center Jax/Duval County (Vero Beach solution)
- Develop Mayport waterfront
- Think big for poorest of poor and richest of rich to gain their support
- Focus on people’s needs and wants
- Freedom to express self positively by having something to do
- Quarterly focus

- Support from community by involving them through their personal groups
- Quilt Guild, etc
- Rent paddle boats
- Displays of shells, fish, etc. – all water life
- Child < Adult 18 years - Invest in “people draws” to River. Needs things people do
 - Lay down, walk, run, sit, fish, loiter, learn, curious, observe, track, touch, smell, hear, practice, throw/catch, eat, boat, build (sandboxes), support
 - Invite – Florida history
 - Singles, married, families, schools, all local non-profits
- Facilities
 - Ball fields
 - Walks
 - Toilets
 - Playground
 - Tourist kiosk for JAX
- Limited access to Intracoastal from Beaches
- No Welcome Center for waterway
- Kayak Launches
- Island – Public (could be eventually)
- Kayak storage near kayak launches – sort of like bicycle sharing in Manhattan. In Maine already (Rockport, ME)
- Read “Make Way For Ducklings”
- Riverside (next to river) Mandarin River Access; Boardwalk – Downtown
- Jacksonville Ramp Launch
- Put crowdsource on JAXBOATPLAN.COM
- Consider neighborhood demographics when developing facilities and their assets
 - Example: Rowing team
 - Benches
 - Restrooms
- So many places that are pretty but are not lit or able to sit down
- Navy aircraft carrier
- USS Intrepid Museum (NYC)
- Need at least one public access for fishing between River Road and Goodby’s Creek, including parking on west side of river
- Johnston Island (Atlantic Blvd) not identified yet
 - South of Crying Child Island
- Why is it unlawful for residential local dock builders to use the boat ramps during non peak hours during the week to load materials for private docks?
 - The marinas test boats to make sure they have fixed their customers’ problems with the motors running at full speed only to wash out the end of the ramps and create sandbars in the approach area to the ramps

- The crabbers bring their crabs to the ramps, unload their catch and take on more bait to refill their traps with fresh bait, typically leaving a stinky, unhealthy, unsanitary mess!
- The local dock builders and marine contractors do more to keep the waterways clean and free of life threatening floating debris than any other organizations
- Who do you think cleans up all the pilings, dock sections, trees, that the storms break loose and huge equipment tires that have broken loose from the port authority, tug boats, and other heavy commercial entities?
- Who do you call on to remove abandoned or sunken vessels?
- Who do you call to build, fix, or maintain the boat ramps?
- Without these ramps, we will be forced to travel long distances to load new material and unload debris
- We should have as much right to use these ramps as everybody else does, as long as we don't interfere with recreational boaters
- We are here to serve and protect Jacksonville's greatest resource. If it weren't for us, there wouldn't be any city, county, commercial or state docks, nature walks in the wetlands, boat ramps, fishing piers for the handicap. The River Walk, restaurants on the river and intercoastal waterway, and the thousands of home owners who live on the water who depend on us to stabilize their shorelines from eroding, and to build and maintain their docks for family recreation use for many years
- Without us, this city and all others like it, would just be another town with dirty water running through it. Think of what it would be like here if we weren't here. No restaurants on the water to drive your boat to, have to go to the Zoo by road, dock builders and marine contractors going out of business due to extensive distances to load and unload, docks and bulkheads falling in the river constantly because there is not enough of us left to serve the over 4,000 miles of waterfront property in Duval County alone!
- Why don't you try working with us instead of against us?
- Think about this at your upcoming meetings:
 - Send a registered letter to all Marinas, boat repair centers, crabbers, shrimpers, dock builders and marine contractors, that if they intend to use any of the ramps for monetary gain, they will pay (amount to be determined) X amount each month for the use of the ramps at a determined time of the day. NO WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS OR SPECIAL EVENTS. All ramps will be closed every Friday from 2:00 p.m. till the following Monday at 7:00 a.m. Fees for use of ramp will be based on length of barge.
 - We are tax payers too!
 - Robert Woodard: B&W Marine Const. Inc.
- Dock builders – cut off from public boat ramps