



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
528 NW 2ND STREET, STATION #2
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33311
3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.

Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2024

Steve Witten, Chair	A	6	1
James Harrison, Vice Chair	P	4	3
Tyler Brunelle	P	6	1
Robyn Chiarelli	A	3	4
Jason Dunbar	A	3	1
Barry Flanigan	A	6	1
Robert Franks	A	5	3
Elisabeth George	P	7	0
Brewster Knott	P	4	3
John Lynch	P	6	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	7	0
Noelle Norvell	P	4	3
Ed Rebholz (via Zoom)	P	5	2
Bill Walker	A	4	3
Robert Washington	P	6	1

As of this date, there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager
Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor
Robert Dunckel, Assistant City Attorney
K. Cruitt, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Vice Chair Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Statement of Quorum

Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2024

Motion made by Ms. George, seconded by Ms. Norvell to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report / Code Enforcement Update

Vice Chair Harrison reported the following activity from June 2024:

- 113 calls for service
- 40 citations
- 4 marine accidents with no or minor injuries
- 1 vessel burglary

Ms. George stated that the Marine Unit had a visible presence at both the Florida Smithers' championship parade as well as for the City's 4th of July celebration.

V. Dock Permit – 909 Cordova Road / Neal & Susan Mehlman

Jena Robbins, representing the Applicants, gave a presentation on the Application, which requests a dock permit for the private use of public property abutting the waterway. The Applicants previously had a dock at the site, which was removed when the City built a seawall along the Cordova Road canal. The Applicants are requesting an after-the-fact permit for the dock, which was reinstalled in 2023.

The dock is 40 ft. long and 7.5 ft. wide. It adheres to Code and is more than the required setback distance from the adjacent property. The Applicants are willing to follow the Cordova Road landscaping plan in accordance with City Code.

There being no questions from the Board at this time, Vice Chair Harrison opened the public hearing. As there were no individuals wishing to speak on the Item, the Vice Chair closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board

Motion made by Mr. Brunelle, seconded by Mr. Knott, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 8-0 (Mr. Rebholz not voting).

Mid-Year Review, Strategic Planning Discussion & MAB Action Items

Vice Chair Harrison observed that while there is no moratorium in place for permit or waiver requests on the New River, the Board has taken a proactive stance on improvements to the City's waterways, water safety, and water quality, and is working to