

**MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD  
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE  
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – EIGHTH FLOOR  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.**

<u>Board Members</u>	<i>Attendance</i>	<b>Cumulative Attendance May 2017 - April 2018</b>	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
F. St. George Guardabassi, Chair	P	5	0
Grant Henderson, Vice Chair	P	5	0
Jimi Batchelor	P	4	1
Cliff Berry II	P	4	1
Zane Brisson	P	4	1
George Cable	P	4	1
Joe Cain	P	4	1
Susan Engle	P	2	0
Richard Graves	A	3	2
John Holmes (arr. 6:06)	P	3	2
Ted Morley	A	3	1
Roy Sea	P	2	3
Ed Strobel	P	5	0
Bill Walker	P	3	2
Jim Welch	P	5	0

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

**Staff**

Andrew Cuba, Manager of Marine Facilities  
Jonathan Luscomb, Supervisor of Marine Facilities  
Sergeant Todd Mills, Marine Police Staff  
Division Chief Stewart Ahearn, Fort Lauderdale Fire Department  
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to City Commission**

**Motion** made by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. Morley, that a subcommittee be formed to look into the economics and other technical aspects of the proposed use of the southwest part of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call**

Chair Guardabassi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and roll was called.

Division Chief Ahearn continued that the Department's new fire boat was present at the Boat Show every day. The fire boat was present at the recent Grand Prix of the Seas and will be the lead vessel in the upcoming Winterfest Boat Parade. He thanked all who attended its christening on December 1, 2017. The boat will be placed in 24-hour service on January 1, 2018. Training for operators remains ongoing.

Division Chief Ahearn added that in November the Fire Department sent 12 members to a boat operator search-and-rescue class hosted by the United States Coast Guard. Nearly all members of the Marine Team have completed this class.

**V. Waiver of Limitations – Mitch Milesi / 1325 East Lake Drive**

This Item was deferred to a later date.

**VI. Waiver of Limitations – Kevin Klar & Michael Zuzzi Campbell / 726 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Ms. Engle recused herself from hearing this Item.

Stephanie Toothaker, representing the Applicant, showed a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, stating that the Application requests a number of waivers. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue is part known as a marine-oriented area where many large vessels are docked and several waivers have been granted in the past.

Ms. Toothaker explained that the subject location is near a very wide part of the Middle River where the waters can be very rough. The request is for four triple pile clusters, two finger piers, one boat lift, and one jet ski platform. The triple pile clusters extend a maximum distance of approximately 125 ft. from the property line. The allowable distance is 25 ft. into the waterway.

A previous waiver was approved for this location by a prior property owner in November 2014, and two sets of cluster piles were installed and remain on the property. The proposed boat slips and structures do not exceed 30% extension into the waterway. Additional piles are necessary for the safe mooring of boats. The distance across the waterway is 648 ft. at its narrowest point. The distance of individual waivers for each structure range from 5 ft. to 69 ft., with two of the triple pile clusters at 108 ft. A letter of support from a neighbor of the property was provided.

Mr. Welch asked if the property owner plans to dock two large boats at the location or a single large boat and other miscellaneous vessels. Ms. Toothaker replied that one finger pier will accommodate the other side of an existing boat, while the dock plan will also include room for another boat as well as jet skis.

Mr. Berry commented that the triple cluster piles 125 ft. from the property line would be consistent with other cluster piles in the general area. Ms. Toothaker confirmed this,

adding that the Applicant's backup materials include a list of waivers already granted along 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She noted that many properties north of the subject location are commercial, with residential properties to the south.

Chair Guardabassi requested clarification of the property's proximity to a No Wake Zone as shown on Google Earth. It was noted that the subject property is south of this zone, and signage would not be affected by the Application.

Mr. Strobel asked if the property owner also owns the yacht docked at the property. Ms. Toothaker replied that the City strictly prohibits rental of residential dock space.

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

**Motion** made by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. Cable, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed 12-0. (Ms. Engle was recused. A memorandum of voting conflict is attached to these minutes.)

Ms. Engle returned to the Board at the conclusion of the Item.

## ~~VII. Reports~~

~~Chair Guardabassi advised that a presentation on plans for Bahia Mar would be heard under this Item.~~

~~Scott Lamont, land use planner for EDSA, and Robert Lochrie, counsel representing EDSA, advised that the most recent plans for the site went before the City's Development Review Committee (DRC) in June 2017 and were approved by the Planning and Zoning Board in October 2017. They were subsequently approved by the City Commission. Mr. Lochrie emphasized that the marina will not be affected by improvements to the upland portion of the property.~~

~~Mr. Lamont showed a PowerPoint presentation on the project, which he characterized as an opportunity for the City. The vision for the property is to improve its upland area, as well as the marina promenade and the seawall. No changes are planned to the property's docks or configuration.~~

~~One major change planned for the project will place 74% of parking below grade, which provides greater flexibility during the Boat Show. This plan would also remove large parking garages and further activate the public realm by placing storefronts and restaurants at grade. The existing hotel on the property will be replaced by a new and more modern hotel.~~