



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
1ST FLOOR CITY HALL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2022**

Ted Morley, Chair	A	5	2
Steve Witten, Vice Chair	A	5	2
Michael Boyer	P	1	0
Robyn Chiarelli	A	4	3
Bob Denison	P	5	2
Barry Flanigan	P	7	0
Robert Franks	P	4	0
James Harrison	P	7	0
Brewster Knott	P	1	0
Norbert McLaughlin	P	6	1
Noelle Norvell	P	5	2

As of this date, there are 11 appointed members to the Board, which means 6 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager
Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor
Sergeant Travis O’Neil, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Dr. Nancy Gassman, Assistant Director of Public Works
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. and roll was taken.

As neither the Chair nor Vice Chair was present at tonight’s meeting, it was noted that the Board would elect an Acting Chair (A/Chair) to preside in their absence. It was determined that Mr. Harrison would serve as A/Chair.

maximum length that could be docked on the property without exceeding the 30% limitation.

Mr. Flanigan asked if the subject property will have a homeowners' association. Ms. Robbins replied that the property is a 16-unit condominium which has received Site Plan approval. She was not certain of whether or not a homeowners' association will be part of the development.

Mr. Flanigan also asked if there is any language that would restrict units from docking boats longer than 45 ft. on the property, other than the City's 30% limit. Ms. Robbins replied that this will be up to the homeowners' association if there is one; however, the environmental permits required for the site will also limit extension into the waterway. The site includes an existing property which is being redeveloped. The slips will be owned by the condominium unit owners.

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

Motion made by Mr. Flanigan, seconded by Mr. Franks, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (8-0).

X. Proposal to Operate a Floating Business / Rahn Bahia Mar LLC

Robert Lochrie, representing Rahn Bahia Mar LLC, showed a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, stating that the proposal is to use a floating vessel as a business. Presentation to the Marine Advisory Board is a prerequisite to a request for approval before the City Commission.

A portion of this overall project has previously been approved and is currently under construction. This marine village will be located at the southeast end of the site. The village will include food and beverage kiosks, retail, and a large promenade along A1A facing the waterway. It will be open to both the public and guests at Bahia Mar. A landscape buffer will separate A1A from the pedestrian area, and a wide sidewalk will be built on the site.

The proposal before the Board is the inclusion of a former auto/pedestrian ferry, which previously existed at Fisher Island. The vessel has been retired and is undergoing renovation and system upgrades. It will be incorporated into the marine village as an additional amenity for Bahia Mar and the public.

The vessel will be located outside any navigable waterway and will have no impact on the channel. It will include two levels with views across the marina as well as toward the beach.

Mr. McLaughlin requested clarification of the vessel's wastewater connection. Mr. Lochrie replied that this will be a hard connection from the vessel to the sewer line along the marine village. The vessel will include holding tanks but no "pumping out in the traditional way" is planned. It will meet all local Codes and Ordinances. There will be restrooms both on the boat and near the ticket offices.

A/Chair Harrison asked if there is a plan for periodic maintenance of the boat. Mr. Lochrie confirmed this, stating that the vessel will continue to be regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard, although it may be decommissioned over time. While it is currently being renovated outside the City, there are boatyards in Fort Lauderdale and Miami that are capable of servicing the boat if necessary.

Mr. Boyer asked if the vessel would remain in place in the event of a storm, or if it would be removed. It was clarified that the boat would remain on-site.

Mr. Franks asked what would happen to charter boats formerly docked in the subject area. Mr. Lochrie replied that these have been moved to the north side of the site while the south side is under construction. Plans for the site include a new ticket office and facility for the *Jungle Queen*. Mr. Franks emphasized the ongoing importance of charter boats to the City and its history.

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Motion made by Mr. Flanigan, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (8-0).

XI. Old / New Business

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Mr. Flanigan recalled that in the past, the Board discussed the illegal use of City facilities by charter companies to pick up and drop off customers. He described this practice as out of control, particularly on weekends. The use of City floating docks by commercial vessels violates the Broward County grant program that paid for these docks, and could affect future grants. He also noted that the City is not named in these vessels' insurance policies.

Mr. Flanigan advised that the City could take actions such as implementing a boarding fee, requiring proper insurance, monitoring the activity, or receiving revenue. He felt this issue should be brought to the attention of the City Manager for review and direction. He requested a full discussion of this issue at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Flanigan showed photographs of the activity he had described at various City facilities.