

**MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
 FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.**

<u>Board Members</u>	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance May 2013 - April 2014	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barry Flanigan, Chair	P	4	0
James Harrison, Vice Chair	P	4	0
F. St. George Guardabassi	A	3	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	4	0
Jim Welch	P	3	1
Robert Dean	P	3	1
John Holmes	P	3	1
Bob Ross	P	4	0
Joe Cain	A	2	2
Tom Tapp	A	0	4
Herb Ressing	P	4	0
Frank Herhold	P	4	0
Lisa Scott-Founds	A	2	2
Zane Brisson	P	2	2
Erik Johnson	P	3	1

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

It was noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Staff

- Andrew Cuba, Manager of Marine Facilities
- Jonathan Luscomb, Supervisor of Marine Facilities
- Matt Domke, Downtown Facilities Dockmaster
- Levend Ekendiz, Intracoastal Facilities Dockmaster
- Todd Hiteshew, Environmental Services Manager
- Sergeant Todd Mills, Marine Police Staff
- Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

Motion made by Mr. Herhold, seconded by Mr. Ressing, to ask that the City Commission contact Michael Lieberman of the U.S. Coast Guard, requesting that bridge openings on Andrews Avenue and 3rd Avenue on Thursday, October 31, Friday, November 1, and Monday, November 4 be returned to an on-demand

Mr. McLaughlin stated that it did not appear the City had an individual in charge of its canals and rivers, or a set maintenance program for their upkeep. Mr. Hiteshew reiterated once more that this is the direction in which the City is moving: dredging is being handled by Public Works and Engineering, under the oversight of a project engineer. The City is seeking to holistically change a complaint-driven dredging process into a turnkey maintenance cycle.

Motion made by Mr. Rensing that the [Board] be furnished with whatever plan [the City has] for dredging, and updates as it comes along, so they can monitor the progress or lack thereof in terms of what is really happening. The **motion** died for lack of second.

Mr. Cuba asked if periodic status reports could be sent from Public Works to the Board, with another presentation to follow. Mr. Herhold suggested that presentations could be made on a quarterly basis, and agreed that the City was headed in the right direction.

Mr. Rensing requested more information on the \$600,000 budgeted for dredging from 2010-12. Mr. Hiteshew explained that in 2010, there was \$303,370 budgeted for a dredging contract, which was ultimately rolled into the 2012 contract. This contract is funding the dredging process for the seven canals currently on the list to be dredged.

VII. Reports

- **15th Street Boat Ramp**

Mr. Luscomb reported that a contract has been signed and the contractor has begun preliminary work at the site.

Chair Flanigan recalled that there had been discussion at the July meeting of honoring former mayor Bob Cox at this site. He advised that he has spoken to the Mayor, who welcomed the idea of changing the site's name to Cox's Landing 15th Street Boat Ramp. The Mayor has requested that the Board begin the process for renaming the site, which would begin with contacting the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Board.

Mr. Cuba advised that the Board make a motion in support of the proposed renaming through the proper channels. He would then forward the Board's minutes to the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Board.

Motion made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Mr. Herhold, through the proper channels, that [the Board] ask for the support of naming the 15th Street

Ramp to Cox's Landing 15th Street Ramp. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

- **Junior Sailing Program Update**

Mr. Luscomb continued that 32 children participated in the summer program, which has recently ended. He recalled that earlier in the year, the Lauderdale Yacht Club offered 15 scholarships totaling \$2600; he has provided this Club with the names of all children who participated in the program through this assistance.

He added that the City is now searching for a part-time instructor to continue the program on weekends and/or afternoons. The City is also working with another program that will subsidize scholarships for children who wish to participate in the program. The children will be asked to write an essay describing why they want to continue sailing. One child has qualified thus far, and has been provided with a life jacket, gloves, and other equipment for the program.

Mr. Luscomb advised that the City is looking into the possibility of purchasing more Sunfish vessels for a teenagers' or adult sailing class. The goal is for the community sailing program to become fully self-supporting. There are presently 30 to 40 children on the waiting list for sailing lessons.

He recalled that in June, Fort Lauderdale competed for the All America's Cities program. While they did not win, they received the Most Diverse City award, due in part to the junior sailing program.

- **Commission Agenda Reports**

Mr. Cuba reported that a Resolution Amendment sent to the City Commission after the July meeting had been passed. He noted that the Board's communication to the City Commission from July, recommending that no changes be made to the boat waiver process, also successfully passed.

VIII. Old / New Business

Mr. Cuba noted that the first Thursday of January 2014 falls on January 2. He advised that he has requested the room on Tuesday, January 14, in lieu of January 2, and asked that the members consider whether or not this date would be suitable. He concluded that he would email the members at a later date regarding this change.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.