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**MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014 – 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	7	1
James Harrison, Vice Chair	P	7	1
F. St. George Guardabassi	P	7	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	8	0
Jim Welch	P	7	1
Robert Dean	P	6	2
John Holmes	A	5	3
Bob Ross	P	8	0
Joe Cain	P	5	3
Tom Tapp	P	4	4
Herb Rissing (arr. 6:05 p.m.)	P	8	0
Frank Herhold (arr. 6:04 p.m.)	P	7	1
Zane Brisson	P	4	3
Erik Johnson	P	6	2
Jack Newton	P	3	0

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  
Sergeant Todd Mills, Marine Police Staff  
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to City Commission**

None.

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

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

**II. Approval of Minutes – December 6, 2013**

**Motion** made by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**III. Statement of Quorum**

It was noted a quorum was present at the meeting.

**IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report**

Sgt. Todd Mills of the Marine Unit reported that during the month of December, six minor vessel accidents occurred and seven miscellaneous incidents were noted. Nine marine citations and 39 warning citations were issued and 46 safety checks were made. Two vessel burglaries occurred, one of which resulted in no loss.

Mr. Herhold arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Sgt. Mills also advised that the Winterfest Boat Parade was a success, with only two minor incidents taking place.

Mr. Rassing arrived at 6:05 p.m.

The Board briefly discussed the lack of "crossover" reporting of waterway crime, which may be affected by whether a land Police unit or the Marine Unit is sent to respond to a call. Sgt. Mills stated that he would look into this further before the next Board meeting.

**V. Application – Sec. 8-175 – Waiver for Beach Boating Restricted Area – Doctor Jet Ski of Fort Lauderdale, Inc. – Ocean Sky Hotel – 4060 Galt Ocean Drive**

Mr. Cuba explained that this request was for the establishment of a new concessionaire, who will replace the previous concessionaire in an established restricted corridor.

Henry Levy, representing Doctor Jet Ski of Fort Lauderdale, Inc., noted a correction on the Application: the concession will feature eight jet skis rather than six, one of which is a chase vehicle. There are no existing enforcement issues related to the concession, and customers will receive safety instructions before they are allowed onto the vehicles.

Mr. Tapp expressed concern with allowing the use of jet skis in the same area where diving may occur. It was clarified that diving Code requires vehicles to remain 300 ft. from dive flags.

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

**Motion** made by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to approve as stated. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**VI. Application – Sec. 8-146.1 – Water Taxi License Transfer – Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC – 413 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**

Mr. Cuba advised that the current Water Taxi operator is changing from a Delaware corporation to a Fort Lauderdale corporation.

Mr. Johnson recused himself from hearing this Item due to a conflict of interest.

William Walker, Applicant, explained that the corporation is being restructured so it is a Florida-based company for tax and insurance purposes.

There being no questions from the Board at this time, Chair Flanigan opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak on this Item, Chair Flanigan closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

**Motion** made by Mr. Herhold, seconded by Mr. Ross, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed 13-0. (Mr. Johnson abstained. A memorandum of voting conflict is attached to these minutes.)

Mr. Johnson returned to the meeting following the vote on Item VI.

**VII. Reports**

• **Commission Agenda Reports**

Mr. Cuba reported that the dock waiver for SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street was approved by the City Commission on December 17, 2013.

**VIII. Old / New Business**

Mr. Herhold advised that Phil Purcell will be the new Director of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF).

Mr. Guardabassi noted that the Raft Race will be held on April 5, 2014.

Mr. McLaughlin requested an update on dredging. Mr. Cuba stated that the City Commission plans to discuss this topic at their January 22, 2014 meeting, where they will hear a report on dredging from the City's Engineering Department. Mr. McLaughlin