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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
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.

Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2024

Steve Witten, Chair	P	4	0
James Harrison, Vice Chair	P	2	2
Tyler Brunelle	P	4	0
Robyn Chiarelli (6:21-7:26)	P	2	2
Jason Dunbar	P	1	0
Barry Flanigan	P	4	0
Robert Franks	P	3	1
Elisabeth George	P	4	0
Brewster Knott	A	3	1
John Lynch	P	3	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	4	0
Noelle Norvell (dep. 8:01)	P	2	2
Ed Rebholz	P	4	0
Bill Walker	A	3	1
Robert Washington	P	3	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
 William Schultz, Chief of Police
 Dr. Nancy Gassman, Assistant Director of Public Works (Sustainability)
 Robert Dunckel, Assistant City Attorney
 Karen Cruitt, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Vice Chair Harrison stated that while he had not fully understood this issue when it was discussed at the March 2024 meeting, he now had a better grasp on the situation. He felt the subject properties should be treated the same as properties on Cordova Road and should not be penalized because they have another piece of waterfront property. He did not believe it was right for the City to force owners to pay for improvements to the City seawall or they would not be allowed to build a dock.

Vice Chair Harrison added that he also felt sheet pile was "the way to go" regarding seawall improvements, and concluded that treating the properties the same as those on Cordova Road would be in the good of the City.

Chair Witt advised that the discussion of the Seawall Ordinance may come back as a formal agenda item at a later date. Mr. Brunelle recommended that the Board see a list of the properties identified as being affected by this issue.

VI. Dock Waiver – 1801 SE 21st Avenue / Craig & Debra Heslin

Alejandra Giraldo, representing the Applicants, showed a PowerPoint presentation on the request, which would install a boat lift extending 64 ft. 8 in. into the waterway. The property line is submerged and is 75 ft. on the north side and 65 ft. on the south side of the property. There is an existing dock which extends 63.8 ft. into the waterway, for which the Applicants received a waiver in 2021.

Ms. Giraldo continued that extraordinary circumstances for the site include the submerged property line, the width of the waterway, and a high level of boat traffic in the area.

Attorney Dunckel asked if the requested length would be measured from the platted property line. Flavio Coronel, also representing the Applicants, stated that the measurement is from the wet face of the seawall. Attorney Dunckel explained that the length for which the waiver is sought must be measured from the property line. It was clarified that the distance from the wet face of the seawall to the property line is another 3 ft., which would mean the request should be for 67 ft. 8 in.

Motion made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Ms. George, to approve the plan as offered, with the addition of 3 ft. to the 64 ft. 8 in., making it 67 ft. 8 in. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Permit – 1025 Cordova Road / Tracey & Wallace Williford

Ms. Giraldo, representing the Applicants, stated the request is for private use of public property. The Applicants have a 20 ft. boat. She reviewed plans for a 20 ft. long 8 ft. wide dock.