

**MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
 FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
 TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.**

<u>Board Members</u>	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance May 2014 - April 2015	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barry Flanigan, Chair	P	3	0
James Harrison, Vice Chair	A	2	1
F. St. George Guardabassi	P	3	0
Norbert McLaughlin	P	3	0
Jim Welch	P	3	0
Robert Dean	P	2	1
John Holmes	P	3	0
Bob Ross	P	2	1
Joe Cain	A	1	2
Herb Rassing	P	3	0
Frank Herhold	P	3	0
Zane Brisson	P	3	0
Erik Johnson	P	3	0
Jack Newton	P	2	1
Jimi Batchelor	A	2	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
 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 6:05 p.m. and roll was called.

II. Approval of Minutes – June 5, 2014

~~Mr. Nipple and the Board discussed the seasonal nature of the business, as well as dockage rates, occupancy, and amenities, including fuel and electricity. He reiterated that if space is made for mega-yachts, they would prefer to come to Fort Lauderdale. He estimated that with four mega-yacht-sized slips, Sails Marina brings in roughly \$120,000/month.~~

**V. Application – Waiver of Limitations – ULDR Sec. 47-19.3 C, D, & E
– John C. Jr. & Cheryl J. Gorman – 720 SE 20th Ave.**

Tyler Chappell, representing the Applicants, showed a PowerPoint presentation, including several aerial views of the property and a current survey. A previous waiver was authorized by the Board for a 42 ft. finger pier and 80 ft. triple pile clusters. The new Application would add 10 ft. to the existing 42 ft. finger pier and extend the triple pile clusters from 80 ft. to 125 ft. This would allow for better mooring of the Applicants' 97 ft. vessel, as well as larger vessels that the owners are considering for purchase.

Mr. Chappell reviewed the distances required by Code, adding that the extraordinary circumstance in this case is the location on one of the widest parts of the Middle River. The request is also a significant distance from the 30% line. The Application would provide safer mooring for vessels, particularly during storm events or wake activity. The waiver is consistent with other waivers issued for nearby properties. Mr. Chappell provided a letter of support from the Applicants' adjacent neighbor to the north.

Mr. Dean commented that because similar waiver requests are likely to be forthcoming from the surrounding neighborhood, the area could seek to create a special zoning district that takes waterway width into consideration. Mr. Chappell advised that residents of the area have been encouraged to form a neighborhood association or group, which could eventually come before the Board and the City Commission to make a request for a special district. Mr. Ross cautioned, however, that the Board should continue to have a voice in the review process due to their knowledge and expertise.

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. Rassing, to approve as stated. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**VI. Application – Waiver of Limitations – ULDR Sec. 47-19.3 C, D, & E
– Grand Birch, LLC – 321 N. Birch Road**