



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2023**

Ted Morley, Chair	P	1	0
Steve Witten, Vice Chair	P	1	0
Michael Boyer	P	1	0
Robyn Chiarelli (arr. 6:09)	P	1	0
Barry Flanigan	P	1	0
Robert Franks	P	1	0
Elisabeth George	P	1	0
James Harrison	P	1	0
Brewster Knott	A	0	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	1	0
Noelle Norvell	P	1	0

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
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

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

II. Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Vice Chair Witten, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

III. Statement of Quorum

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

IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Sergeant Travis O'Neil of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Marine Unit reported the following activity from December 2022:

- 67 citations
- 40 calls for service
- A number of burglaries throughout the south end of the City, 4 of which occurred on 15th Street

Sgt. O'Neil added that there were no serious issues with the 2022 Winterfest Boat Parade.

Sgt. O'Neil further addressed the burglaries, explaining that the items most commonly stolen are Garmin GPS units. Some owners do not discover they have been burglarized until weeks or months after the theft occurred, as they do not access their boats every day. Arrests have been made in Fort Lauderdale as well as in Miami-Dade County, and investigations are ongoing. Most of the thefts appear to be land-based.

V. Dock Waiver – 321 N. Birch Road / Lee J. Engler – Trustee of the Lee J. Engler Qualified Personal Residence Trust & Patt A. Engler, as Trustee of the Patti A Engler Qualified Personal Residence Trust (PH 03), Brenda LaPointe (#901), Robert J. & Mary K. Berard (PH 01), & Robert & Lisa D. Verdun (#803)

This Item was deferred to a later date.

VI. Dock Permit – 1028 SE 13th Terrace / Max Showker

Frank Mormando, representing the Applicant, provided visuals of the proposed project for the Board members, as well as the clearances and swales the Applicant would maintain. There are no plans to attach any items to the seawall cap.

Mr. McLaughlin commented that work was recently done near Cordova Road to prevent flooding from heavy rain events, king tides, or flood tides. He asked if the Applicant was aware of the location of a drain with a kick plate to prevent this flooding. The probable location of the drain and kick plate were discussed, with Mr. Mormando concluding that he would make the Applicant aware of this infrastructure. Mr. McLaughlin added that the drain will need to be cleaned regularly by the City.

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

Mr. Cuba observed that in other locations, some homeowners have drilled through the new seawall to install conduit holes, or have attached electrical or plumbing infrastructure to the new seawall with screws, neither of which is permitted.

Motion made by Mr. Franks, seconded by Ms. George, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Chair Morley requested an update on the City's landscaping plan for Cordova Road. Mr. Cuba replied that he has made Code Enforcement aware that there may be landscaping concerns in the same general area where some property owners have drilled into or through seawalls. He concluded that he would get more information on this in the future.

VII. Presentation – Las Olas Marina Update / Eric Metz

Eric Metz, representing Suntex Marine, provided an overview of the Las Olas Marina, recalling that a request for proposal (RFP) was awarded to Suntex in 2018-2019. Suntex formally broke ground on the marina in 2022. He showed a rendering of the project, which included restaurants and the main services building.

Mr. Metz continued that for the first four months of the project, the primary mission was installing sewer infrastructure, which met with several complications, including identification of existing pipeline and location of utility conduits. To date, Suntex has dredged a portion of the marina's basin, which held over 40,000 cubic yards of material. The next phase, which will involve hauling this material away, will begin the following week.

There are roughly 650 to 700 ft. of seawall along the marina. Suntex is building a new pump station for the City, which will handle most of the sanitary sewer needs for a portion of the Fort Lauderdale Beach. Mr. Metz estimated that the new station will be functional by January or February 2023, with the old station to be demolished in March.

Suntex has determined that the soil in the marina area was not in as good condition as originally expected. To address this, they will install 75 ft. batter piles east-west on the site. This is expected to take roughly a month to complete. Suntex has also pulled a significant amount of debris out of the ground on the site. While they hope to remove 2500 to 2700 yards of material per day, they are currently removing approximately 1500 yards per day.

Mr. Metz showed aerial views of the property, including the dredging area. He noted that a seawall which extends south from the property's garage to the Las Olas Bridge is not