



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD  
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CITY HALL  
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance  
January-December 2022**

Ted Morley, Chair	P	5	1
Steve Witten, Vice Chair	P	5	1
Robyn Chiarelli (arr. 6:13)	P	4	2
Bob Denison	P	4	2
Barry Flanigan	P	6	0
Robert Franks	P	3	0
James Harrison	P	6	0
Kitty McGowan (arr. 6:03)	P	3	3
Norbert McLaughlin	P	5	1
Noelle Norvell	A	4	2

As of this date, there are 10 appointed members to the Board, which means 6 would constitute a quorum.

**Staff**

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager  
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**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. and roll was taken.

**II. Approval of Minutes – June 2, 2022**

**Motion** made by Vice Chair Witten, seconded by Mr. Franks, 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 June 2022:

- 80 waterway calls for service, including five burglaries from vessels
- 63 citations
- 1 minor accident

Sgt. O'Neil advised that the burglaries targeted Garmin devices.

Ms. McGowan arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Chair Morley asked if Fort Lauderdale's Noise Ordinance will apply to vessels on the waterway and whether or not the Marine Unit will enforce it. Sgt. O'Neil stated that at present, this Ordinance does not include vessels.

#### **V. Dock Permit – 607 Cordova Road / SIPC LLC – Glenn Wright, Mgr.**

Michelle Wilson, representing the Applicant, stated that the proposed dock is approximately 40 ft. in length and 8 ft. wide. The property owners do not have a boat at this time; however, once they have purchased a vessel, the Board will be informed of its specifications. County permits have already been acquired.

Chair Morley noted that Items V and VI are both development projects, and the party requesting permits will not be the owner of the property once it has been completed. Ms. Wilson confirmed that the Applicant was aware that permits cannot be transferred from one owner to another.

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.

Chair Morley pointed out that the seawall cannot be penetrated or structures attached to it. This would result in loss of permit, as the seawall on Cordova Road is publicly owned and intended for flood maintenance. Ms. Wilson confirmed that there are no plans for attachment to the seawall. Marcus Buerosse, who is employed by the Applicant, added that he also understands the applicable rules and regulations regarding use of the seawall, including Ordinances C21-12 and C19-22.

Mr. Flanigan asked if the Board has previously approved a permit for an unfinished building. Mr. Cuba stated that a dock may not occupy a property that does not have a principal upland structure adjacent to it: the dock can be built once work on the upland

structure has been permitted. Mr. Buerosse confirmed that construction has begun on this property.

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

**VI. Dock Permit – 601 Cordova Road / 1550 Ponce de Leon LLC – Glenn Wright, Mgr.**

Ms. Chiarelli arrived at 6:13 p.m.

Ms. Wilson, representing the Applicant, explained that this request is also for a 40 ft. x 8 ft. dock.

There being no 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.

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

**VII. Dock Waiver – 777 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Edwin Kirwin III**

John Piotrowski, representing the Applicant, stated that the two properties seeking dock waivers, 777 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 801 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, are adjacent to one another. This request is for the installation of four sets of dolphin clusters at 62 ft. from the seawall. Any boats docked at the property will be for the owner's personal use. The Applicant is currently in the process of reconstructing the seawall and docks.

Edwin Kirwin, Applicant, explained that his property is located at the widest section of the New River. When large boats pass by quickly, their speed creates a significant wake that can damage vessels moored nearby, even though the area is a No Wake Zone. This is a constant problem that has resulted in over \$4000 in damage to his vessels.

Mr. Harrison requested clarification of the size of the Applicant's boats. Mr. Kirwin replied that his two vessels are 42 ft. and 48 ft. Mr. Harrison explained that his concern was for the two properties together at 777 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 801 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, which he felt could serve as a marina. Mr. Kirwin advised that the subject property is a family home. He owns four properties in the subject area.

Mr. Harrison reiterated his concern with a potential marina, recalling that dolphin pilings have previously been requested for other properties owned by the Applicant, with some opposition from the surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Piotrowski stated that the footprint of the site is not changing aside from the raising and reinforcement of the seawall.