



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2022**

Ted Morley, Chair	P	7	2
Steve Witten, Vice Chair	P	7	2
Michael Boyer	A	2	1
Robyn Chiarelli	A	5	4
Bob Denison	A	5	4
Barry Flanigan	A	8	1
Robert Franks	P	6	0
Elisabeth George	P	2	0
James Harrison	A	8	1
Brewster Knott	P	2	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	8	1
Noelle Norvell	P	7	2

As of this date, there are 12 appointed members to the Board, which means 7 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager
Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and roll was taken.

II. Approval of Minutes – October 2022

Motion made by Vice Chair Witten, seconded by Ms. George, 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

Mr. Cuba read a report provided by Sergeant Travis O'Neill of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Marine Unit, which listed the following activity from October 2022:

- 65 calls for service
- 2 burglaries
- 5 marine accidents
- 66 citations

Mr. Cuba also addressed anchoring north of East Las Olas Boulevard, explaining that he had made Sgt. O'Neill aware of a number of concerns at that location. Sgt. O'Neill had replied that Marine Unit Officers check on these units daily and ticket them for any violations. There are two known live-aboard vessels in the subject area, one of which belongs to the bridge tender for the Sunrise Bridge. There have been backflow valve inspections, although no issues have been found. The Marine Unit will deploy dye tablets in the future.

V. Dock Waiver – 1215 Seminole Drive / James & Darlene Barron

Frank Mamando, representing the Applicants, recalled that this Item first came before the Board in October 2022. The Applicant proposes the installation of a 95 ft. x 6 ft. concrete dock, as well as two 39 ft. concrete piers separated by 62 ft. 10 in.

Mr. Mamando noted that the Board had expressed concern with the previous Application because the proposed boat lift would not have met the property's setback requirements. The Applicants have agreed to remove the boat lift and bring the piers closer to the center of the property. He showed a number of slides of the proposed plans.

The project has been approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Florida Department of Environmental Resources. The proposed structures and piles will not exceed 30% of the width of the waterway, which is approximately 300 ft. from wet face to wet face at the subject location. The proposed structures are necessary for the safe mooring of the Applicants' vessels, particularly during severe weather and high wind events. They will also protect the vessels from high wakes on the lake.

The proposed project would rehabilitate the existing dock and slips and bring the property up to the City's new Code for seawall height. The Applicant is seeking a 14 ft. extension of the 25 ft. setback from the wet face of the seawall for both piers. Mr. Mamando concluded that the revised plans take the Board's concerns from the October meeting into consideration.

Mr. McLaughlin requested clarification of the distance between the property line and the angle at the end of the proposed dock. Mr. Mamando clarified that this would be 10 ft. No mooring pile would be added beyond this dock so it would remain within the setback requirement.

Mr. McLaughlin also asked what size boat the Applicant plans to dock at the location. Mr. Mamando estimated that this would be a roughly 40 ft. boat.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if any objections have been raised by the property's neighbor(s). Mr. Cuba advised that notice of tonight's meeting was provided to both adjacent neighbors and any other residents within 300 ft. of the subject property. He had not received any letters of opposition to the project.

Chair Morley asked if the Applicant plans to dock small vessels at the two finger piers. Mr. Mamando replied there are no such plans at this time.

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.

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

VI. Dock Waiver – 801 SW 6th Street / Christina Kirwin

VII. Dock Waiver – 777 SW 6th Street / Ed Kirwin

Andrew Schein, representing the Applicants in Items VI and VII, requested that he be allowed to present both Applications at the same time. The Board did not object to this presentation.

Mr. Schein explained that an application to place mooring piles 65 ft. from the property line was approved by the Board in 2018. When that application went before the City Commission, however, it failed by a 2-2 vote. In July 2022, the owner submitted an application to place mooring piles 62 ft. from the property line. The Board did not recommend the new application for approval by the Commission.

Mr. Schein advised that his understanding of the previously submitted application was that more information was needed. The Applicant is now submitting an Application to place mooring piles 60 ft. from the property line, which is a 5 ft. reduction from the original 2018 application and 2 ft. less than the July 2022 application.

Mr. Schein noted that a "point lot" located west of the subject site juts out approximately 55 to 60 ft. into the waterway, which affects how boats move through the area leading