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MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
COMMISSION CHAMBERS – FIRST FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015 – 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	7	0
James Harrison, Vice Chair	P	6	1
F. St. George Guardabassi	P	7	0
Norbert McLaughlin	P	7	0
Jim Welch	P	7	0
Robert Dean	P	5	2
John Holmes	P	6	1
Bob Ross	P	6	1
Joe Cain	P	4	3
Herb Rassing	P	7	0
Frank Herhold	P	7	0
Zane Brisson	A	6	1
Erik Johnson	P	6	1
Jack Newton	P	6	1
Jimi Batchelor	P	4	3

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 Andy Mills, Marine Police Staff
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

~~**Communication to the City Commission**~~

~~**Motion** made by Chair Flanigan, seconded by Mr. Herhold, to submit the following comments, provided by Chair Flanigan, as a communication to the City Commission:~~

~~To the Mayor and the Commissioners:~~

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

III. Statement of Quorum

It was noted that a quorum was present.

IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Sergeant Andy Mills of Marine Police Staff stated that the Marine Unit recorded eight reports, 17 miscellaneous incident reports, five accidents, nine citations, 121 warnings, and 79 safety checks during the month of January. The reports included four burglaries. He noted that a homicide victim was recovered from the water at George English Park.

Sgt. Mills added that very recently, three Marine Unit members responded to a distress call from a capsized vessel and pulled three individuals from the water. The body of a fourth individual was recovered from beneath the boat. He noted that the Marine Unit, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), and the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department cooperated in response to the emergency.

Sgt. Mills confirmed that most of the warnings issued by the Marine Unit are for wake violations. He explained that the goal is to educate boaters, many of whom are not aware of wake regulations. Citations are typically issued to repeat offenders.

V. Waiver of Limitations – 1524 Land LLC c/o Mr. Victor Doudine, Manager / 1524 South Ocean Drive

Tyler Chappell, representing the Applicant, showed a PowerPoint presentation, stating that the request is for a boat lift on a property currently under construction. The location of the boat lift would be within the 30% waterway restriction. The distance request is for the width of the boat lift, which is 11 ft. The Applicant has secured permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Board members discussed the Application, noting that the boat lift would be located in 2.6 ft. of water. It cannot be placed at greater depth due to the presence of seagrass.

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, the Chair closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

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

~~VI. Waiver of Limitations – Robert J. and Jane S. Palmicano 200 N. Birch Road~~