



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, APRIL 6, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2023**

Ted Morley, Chair	P	4	0
Steve Witten, Vice Chair	P	4	0
Michael Boyer	P	3	1
Tyler Brunelle	P	2	0
Robyn Chiarelli	A	2	2
Barry Flanigan	P	4	0
Robert Franks	P	4	0
Elisabeth George	P	4	0
James Harrison	P	3	1
Brewster Knott	P	3	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	4	0
Noelle Norvell	A	2	2
Ed Rebholz	P	1	0
Robert Washington	P	1	0

As of this date, there are 14 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager
Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor
Sergeant Travis O’Neil, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Mayor Dean Trantalis, City of Fort Lauderdale
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

Motion made by Mr. Flanigan, seconded by Mr. Franks, to make the following communication to the Commission [with attachments]:

In light of several past, current, and potential waiver requests for mooring piles extending beyond Code distance to allow for perpendicular docking of vessels into the New River, which have the potential to impact navigational safety of larger vessels transiting the New River, the Marine Advisory Board requests that

In a roll call vote, the motion failed 5-6 (Mr. Flanigan, Mr. Franks, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Knott, Mr. McLaughlin, and Mr. Washington dissenting).

IX. Dock Waiver – 801 SW 6th Street / Andrew J. Schein, esq. as agent for Christina Kirwin

Mr. Schein, again representing the Applicant, advised that the same presentation would apply to this waiver request as applied to Item VIII.

There being no questions from the Board at this time, Chair Morley opened the public hearing.

Sgt. O'Neil requested clarification of whether or not the property owner in this case owned two sailboats docked on a canal near the subject property. Mr. Schein replied that he did not believe these vessels were owned by his client. Sgt. O'Neil explained that his concern was that the sailboats were at risk or derelict.

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 Vice Chair Witten, seconded by Mr. Boyer, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** failed 5-6 (Mr. Flanigan, Mr. Franks, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Knott, Mr. McLaughlin, and Mr. Washington dissenting).

X. Discussion – Code Enforcement Marine Issues

Chair Morley stated that in the absence of Code Enforcement, the Item would not be discussed.

XI. Old / New Business

Mr. Franks distributed papers addressing Code and regulated navigation on the Miami River, pointing out that Code on that waterway requires the 65 ft. middle of the channel to be maintained at all times. He felt a channel should be similarly designated on the New River, although he acknowledged that this could be difficult due to the widening and narrowing of the waterway.

Mr. Franks continued that he would recommend the City Commission appoint a committee to review issues related to safe navigation on the New River, and that the Commission suspend dock waivers on the New River for one year in order to review current dockage ordinances. He also proposed that the City pursue having the New River designated as a regulated navigation area by the United States Coast Guard, which would include the establishment of a minimum channel width and vessel passing zones.