



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#23-0593

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: July 5, 2023

TITLE: Public Hearing - Quasi Judicial Resolution Approving a Waiver of
Limitations at Water's Edge, a condominium located at 321 N. Birch Road,
for the installation of two (2) 50.3'+/- x 8.7'+/- wave attenuating/breakwater
floating docks extending a maximum of 57'+/- into the adjacent waters of
the Intracoastal Waterway- (**Commission District 2**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a Resolution approving a Waiver of Limitations for the installation of two (2) 50.3'+/- x 8.7'+/- wave attenuating/breakwater floating docks extending a maximum of 57'+/- floating docks into the adjacent waters of the Intracoastal Waterway located at Water's Edge, a Condominium at 321 N. Birch Road.

Background

The Applicants are seeking a resolution granting a Waiver of Limitations (a waiver to allow mooring structures to extend beyond the maximum distance as defined by City Code) of Section 47-19.3 C of the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) for the installation of two (2) floating docks extending a maximum of 57'+/- from the property line of Water's Edge, a condominium, located at 321 N. Birch Road, into the adjacent waters of the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW).

The Applicants' Summary Description specifies that the proposed structures are necessary for safely mooring resident's vessels especially during high wind events and severe weather. Safer loading and unloading from the floating docks due to tide fluctuations are cited.

Although there is not a fee associated with obtaining a Waiver of Limitations, an application fee in the amount of \$1500 is required.

A 20' x 4' finger pier, included within the original proposed configuration at the northern end of the site, has been removed to appease neighbor concerns. A revised proposed plan is included as Exhibit 3. The Marine Advisory Board (MAB) recommended approval of the revised application 12:0 (see Exhibit 4) at the June 1, 2023, MAB meeting.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact in the amount of \$1,500. Revenue related to the application fee is included in the FY2022 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of February 10, 2022</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
001-PKR090101-K189	Marine Facilities Administration	Charges for Services / Private Dock Fees			\$1,500
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$1,500

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Here.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Application

Exhibit 2 – Code Sec. 47-19.3

Exhibit 3 – Revised Proposed Plan

Exhibit 4 – June 1, 2023, Draft Marine Advisory Board Minutes

Exhibit 5 – Approval Resolution

Exhibit 6 – Denial Resolution

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