



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**DRAFT  
MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance  
May 2020 – April 2021**

Grant Henderson, Chair	P	1	0
Ed Strobel, Vice Chair	P	1	0
Cliff Berry II	A	0	1
Dierdre Boling-Lewis	P	1	0
Robyn Chiarelli	P	1	0
Barry Flanigan	P	1	0
Richard Graves	P	1	0
James Harrison	P	1	0
Rose Ann Lovell	P	1	0
Kitty McGowan	A	0	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	1	0
Ted Morley	P	1	0
Rossana Petreccia	A	0	1
Bill Walker	A	0	1
Steve Witten	P	1	0

As of this date, there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

**Staff**

Andrew Cuba, Manager of Marine Facilities  
Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor  
Sergeant Todd Mills, Fort Lauderdale Police Department  
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to City Commission**

None.

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call**

Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and roll was called.

**II. Approval of Minutes – March 5, 2020**

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

Sgt. Mills continued that the Department conducted hurricane preparations due to the recent tropical storm. A number of waterway issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic occurred as well, including anchoring to sandbars, rafting, and failure to comply with pandemic safety restrictions. He clarified that the number of individuals permitted on a boat depends upon vessel size, with a maximum of 10 people on a large boat.

Sgt. Mills recalled that the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show is still scheduled as normal. He was not aware of any restrictions related to the ongoing pandemic at this time. The Winterfest Boat Parade is still planned according to schedule, and the Tortuga Music Festival is scheduled to go on. The Air and Sea Show is not currently listed on the City's special events schedule, although tickets are still available on its website.

**VIII. Waiver of Limitations – Richard & Liliane Bolz / 1180 N. Federal Hwy. #609 Slip #4**

Adam Licht, representing the Applicants, showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Application. The Applicants own a slip at the Riva Residences and hope to install a four-post, 15,000 lb. boat lift at a distance of 5 ft. beyond the 25 ft. limitation. He reviewed the Site Plan, noting that the distance from the natural shoreline of the Middle River to the wet face of the seawall at Slip #4 is roughly 338 ft.

Additional exhibits included a cross-section review of the proposed lift. The distance from the natural shoreline to the boundary of the sovereign submerged land lease is 291.5 ft. The distance from the natural shoreline to the proposed boat lift is 380 ft.

Because this would be the sixth boat lift installed on the subject property, it must comply with Fort Lauderdale's Code limitation of only one mooring device per 100 linear ft. of shoreline. The Riva Residences have 412 linear ft. of shoreline. There are five existing boat lifts on the site.

Vice Chair Strobel requested clarification that the proposed boat lift would not extend further into the waterway than other boat lifts on the property. Mr. Licht confirmed that all lifts are approximately 30 ft. from the furthest piling. This distance and the size of the lift would accommodate a boat roughly 35 ft. in length.

It was noted that an anonymous individual had submitted a letter regarding each of the three waiver applications for 1180 N. Federal Highway. Mr. Harrison commented that while the letter had expressed concern regarding boats in the event of a hurricane, vessels would actually be safer on boat lifts than in the water. It was noted that four of the boat lifts approved on the subject property extend beyond the City's limitation.

Ms. Boling-Lewis noted that the City requires a finding of extraordinary circumstances for the approval of a waiver of this nature. The circumstance cited in this Application was the necessity of protecting a vessel docked near a waterskiing area. Mr. Cuba advised that this is a historically accepted extraordinary circumstance in the view of the

City Commission. Vice Chair Strobel explained that the wakes generated by boats with waterskiing can be massive, causing damage to nearby docked boats.

Mr. Witten asked if the Board is permitted to discuss multiple applications for the same address in total, as all three waivers would affect the subject property. Chair Henderson replied that individual applications must still go through the presentation process to ensure consistency in the Board's decisions. Mr. McLaughlin added that many of the boat slips at condominiums in the City are similarly configured, which makes it difficult to limit the number of waivers or variances for those properties.

There being no further questions from the Board at this time, Chair Henderson opened the public hearing. As there were no other individuals wishing to speak on this Item, the Chair closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

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

**IX. Waiver of Limitations – Robert Wilson & Peter Zupkofska / 1180 N. Federal Hwy. #1106 Slip #19**

Mr. Licht, representing the Applicants, showed a PowerPoint presentation on the request, stating that this Application is for a different boat slip on the same location as previously presented. The request is for a 5 ft. extension beyond the 25 ft. limitation for a 16,000 lb. boat lift. It is approximately 350 ft. from natural shoreline of the river to the back of the slip, 319 ft. from the natural shoreline to the sovereign submerged land lease boundary, and 330 ft. from the natural shoreline to the proposed lift.

Mr. Flanagan asked if the Riva Residences' condominium association has been made aware of appropriate practices for boats docked at their facility in the event of a hurricane. Mr. Licht stated that this association was only recently formed and may be working toward a hurricane plan, although he has not discussed such a plan with them.

It was determined that the anonymous letter did not need to be read into the record, as the Board members had received copies for their review.

There being no further questions from the Board at this time, Chair Henderson opened the public hearing. As there were no other individuals wishing to speak on this Item, the Chair closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

**Motion** made by Vice Chair Strobel, seconded by Ms. Lovell, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**X. Waiver of Limitations – Scott Rappoport / 1180 N. Federal Hwy. #408 Slip #17**