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From: steve chess [mailto:steve@punchclock.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 4:22 PM
To: 'jack.seiler@fortlauderdale.gov'
Subject: FW: 773 Middle River Dr. dolphin pole waiver

Dear Mr. Cuba and Commissioners,

As you are aware I will be appearing at the commissioner meeting tonight to answer any question the board may have concerning our waiver request for the dolphin poles at our home. Your expected approval will end more than 20 years of my request for the dolphin pole waiver.

I would hope the commissioner's grants my request without further proceedings as it is the only fair and just outcome of these proceedings.

I want to bring additional information I related to the commission at the last hearing. As you are aware there were time limitations imposed on my presentation at that meeting and therefore I could not present all the information requested.

Therefore I would like to have this information read by all involved and entered into my file prior to the meeting tonight. It concerns the recent unanimous approval of my neighbor's variance for his /her after the fact waiver request.

With that in mind I want to present two new items that have direct bearing on my request. One is my letter in support of the after the fact waiver request sent to the marine advisory board when the new homeowner (785 Middle River Dr.) requested an after the fact waiver and my reason for that endorsement. That letter is attached.

The second is the proceedings that took place at the marine advisory board meeting where his request was granted with full approval based on the minutes of that meeting. That meeting is attached in this email as well as the prior one.

The location of the after the fact waiver approval is only a few houses away from my home and is zoned exactly as my home is. It is in a location that is much narrower from the opposite shore. It should be noted that the existing piling where placed unlawfully and that was why the new owner of the property requested an "after the fact waiver". One should also know that it appears from the proceedings that the voluntary home owners association did not object to the granting of the waiver from that property owner. There was no unfounded claims that he wanted them for a commercial marina. There was no talk that he was going to rent them out. There was no talk about it being unsafe. There was no talk about it causing a traffic issue as there has been over my request. It also appears that there were no extensive requests for safety study concerns and reports that were required be brought to the attention of the marine advisory board prior to the approval by the city commission.

As everyone that is involved in this process should be are aware the accusations that have been leveled against me have been found to be untrue and I believe that they are also libelous. I have always endeavored to follow the law. I have never been judged guilty for any code violation that has not been corrected once I was made aware of any infraction. I have been a law-abiding citizen and resident at 773 Middle River Dr., Ft. Lauderdale for more than 25 years and a resident of Florida for 68 years.

With all the facts we have provided and my exhibited character in mind there should be no hesitation for the commission to grant my request for the waiver we are requesting. Please do the right thing and approve our request.

Sincerely,

Dr. and Mrs. Chess