



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
1ST FLOOR CITY HALL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2022

Ted Morley, Chair	A	5	2
Steve Witten, Vice Chair	A	5	2
Michael Boyer	P	1	0
Robyn Chiarelli	A	4	3
Bob Denison	P	5	2
Barry Flanigan	P	7	0
Robert Franks	P	4	0
James Harrison	P	7	0
Brewster Knott	P	1	0
Norbert McLaughlin	P	6	1
Noelle Norvell	P	5	2

As of this date, there are 11 appointed members to the Board, which means 6 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager
Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor
Sergeant Travis O’Neil, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Dr. Nancy Gassman, Assistant Director of Public Works
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. and roll was taken.

As neither the Chair nor Vice Chair was present at tonight’s meeting, it was noted that the Board would elect an Acting Chair (A/Chair) to preside in their absence. It was determined that Mr. Harrison would serve as A/Chair.

standard for all new seawalls. While this may not be possible in all locations, it is the standard for City-owned seawalls.

Mr. McLaughlin continued that he would also like to see the City require seawalls in all areas rather than the natural berms that exist in some locations. Dr. Gassman replied that one goal of the proposed Ordinance is to ensure that a seawall is not the only solution: a homeowner can achieve sufficient protection using a number of different types of tidal barriers. She added that at present, tidal impacts on inland properties are less severe than in coastal zones, which means properties without seawalls are not experiencing the tidal flooding associated with sea level rise. The Ordinance is intended to allow rising seas to dictate where it must be enforced.

Motion made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Franks, to make a motion to support. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VII. Dock Waiver – 2631 NE 12 Street / Richard Peacey & Katalin Van Den Hurk

Richard Peacey, Applicant, explained that his dock was upgraded in 2019 and the inspection completed in 2020. He now proposed a new dock, with triple cluster pilings at 48 ft. 8 in., to accommodate a larger boat. Notice of tonight's meeting was sent to the 18 residences within 300 ft. of the subject property.

Mr. Flanigan noted that the Board had received one letter in opposition to the Application.

Mr. Franks asked if any of the Applicant's neighbors had expressed concern or complaints about maneuvering in the area. Mr. Peacey replied that they had not. He advised that he planned to purchase a large vessel and planned to put a new set of triple cluster pilings in the water to keep the boat away from the seawall in inclement weather.

A/Chair Harrison asked if the Applicant's immediate neighbor to the east would be "pinched" by the addition of larger boats on the Applicant's property. Mr. Peacey stated that he already docks a boat beside this property.

There being no further questions from the Board at this time, A/Chair Harrison opened the public hearing.

Tyler Chappelle, private citizen, advised that he was pleased to see neighbors in the area had resolved any issues related to previous dock waiver requests.

As there were no individuals wishing to speak on the Item, A/Chair Harrison closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

Mr. Flanigan requested clarification of the beam of the boat the Applicant plans to purchase. Mr. Peacey estimated it is 16 to 18 ft. The length of the boat to be purchased is 55 ft.

Motion made by Mr. Franks, seconded by Mr. Flanigan, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (8-0).

VIII. Water Taxi License – Staying Afloat Party Boat LLC / Andrew Cohen & Michael McClay

A/Chair Harrison noted that this Item was tabled.

IX. Dock Waiver – 10 Hendricks Isle / Yuda Gariplerden, Hendricks Group, LLC

Jena Robbins, representing the Applicant, reviewed the location of the subject property, which has roughly 14 existing slips that are perpendicular to the shoreline. Similar mooring is used at other properties in the surrounding neighborhood. There is a 250 linear ft. seawall along the length of the subject property, with a wooden marginal dock and eight wooden finger piers to accommodate the 14 slips.

The proposed project would remove the wooden docks and install a new seawall in front of the old one. It would also include eight concrete finger piers, 20 ft. in length and 4 ft. wide, as well as 30 mooring piles, 15 of which would be directly at the end of the finger piers and 15 of which would be approximately another 10.5 ft. waterward. Ms. Robbins showed multiple views of the property and plans.

Ms. Robbins continued that the vessels at the property vary in length from 40 to 59 ft. With the width of the marginal dock estimated at 5 to 8 ft., the vessels will extend 48 to 64 ft. into the waterway. The waterway in this location is roughly 160 ft. wide. With the proposed finger piers and mooring piles, the result is a reduction of approximately 30% in slip length. The slips will not exceed 30% of the width of the waterway. The Applicant requests a waiver for 15 of the 30 mooring piles, which extend approximately 35 ft. from the property line rather than the 25 ft. required by Code.

The mooring piles are necessary to safely moor vessels at the 14 slips, particularly during high wind events or excessive wakes from boats on the waterway. The proposed project is similar to others for which waivers have been granted in the surrounding neighborhood, which range from 35 ft. to 80 ft. from their property lines. The Applicant has received no letters of objection from neighbors.

Mr. McLaughlin requested clarification of the use of an extra pile at the end of the dock. Ms. Robbins replied that this is one of the mooring piles. She added that the property's seawall is being raised to a height of 5 ft. The longest boat that will be docked on the property is 45 ft. in length. Mr. McLaughlin commented that this would be nearly the