



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2022**

Ted Morley, Chair	P	3	1
Steve Witten, Vice Chair	P	2	1
Robyn Chiarelli	A	2	2
Bob Denison (via Zoom)	P	2	2
Barry Flanigan	P	4	0
Robert Franks	P	1	0
James Harrison	P	4	0
Kitty McGowan	P	2	2
Norbert McLaughlin	P	3	1
Noelle Norvell	A	3	1

As of this date, there are 10 appointed members to the Board, which means 6 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager
Sergeant Travis O'Neil, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

Motion made by Ms. McGowan, seconded by Vice Chair Witten, to submit [the attached communication] to the City as well as the fact that each member of the Marine Advisory Board will be communicating directly with the Army Corps of Engineers and any other elected officials they see necessary that might impact this subject. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. and roll was taken. It was determined that Mr. Morley would serve as Acting Chair (A/Chair).

II. Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

New Board member Robert Franks introduced himself at this time.

III. Statement of Quorum

It was noted that a quorum was present at the meeting.

IV. Marine Advisory Board Elections – Chair / Vice Chair

A/Chair Morley briefly reviewed the purpose of the Marine Advisory Board (MAB).

Motion made by Mr. Witten, seconded by Ms. McGowan, that Ted Morley stay on as Chair. In a voice vote, Mr. Morley was unanimously elected Chair.

Motion made by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to nominate Steve Witten as our Vice Chair. In a voice vote, Mr. Witten was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

V. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Sergeant Travis O'Neil of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Marine Unit reported the following activity from April 2022:

- 75 waterway calls for service
- 1 burglary
- 62 citations
- 1 boating accident

Sgt. O'Neil added that there were no issues at the recent Air and Sea Show.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if the Marine Unit and other Police Department patrols communicate regarding crimes. Sgt. O'Neil explained that if a vessel is touching water, the Marine Unit responds unless they are unavailable. If a vessel is stolen on land, land-based units typically receive this report and share information with the Marine Unit so they are aware of the incident.

VI. Dock Permit – 901 Cordova Road / Matthew and Kathryn Friedman

Matthew Friedman, Applicant, stated that when he purchased his property, there was an existing dock attached to a City-owned seawall. The seawall has recently been repaired by the City, and he now wishes to rebuild the dock.

Chair Morley asked if Mr. Friedman was aware of City restrictions on docks, including a prohibition on penetration of the seawall. Mr. Friedman replied that there are no plans to attach the dock to the seawall.

There being no questions from the Board at this time, Chair Morley opened the public hearing. 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 Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to approve.

In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (8-0).

VII. Dock Permit – 1038 SE 13th Terrace / Max Showker

Chair Morley advised that this Item was withdrawn and will appear on the June 2022 Agenda.

VIII. Old / New Business

Mr. McLaughlin recalled that at the April 2022 meeting, the Board had discussed structures extending 30 ft. or 30% of the width of the waterway, whichever is less. He had expressed concern that there are apparently no restrictions on the size of the vessels that can be docked at these structures, which means the boats may extend significantly into the waterway.

Mr. McLaughlin advised that in the past, applicants for dock permits or waivers have agreed they would not dock a vessel larger than a certain size at their docks; however, he had looked into some of the locations for which the Board had recommended limitations on the size of the vessels that may be docked there, and had determined that the former applicants were not abiding by these restrictions and were not being cited for these violations.

Mr. McLaughlin also expressed concern with the Ikon property, recalling that the Board had recommended that the owner provide a railing on their property as a condition of approval. They had also recommended that a dockage area be changed to a walkway. Neither condition has been met according to the permit issued to the contractor for the Ikon property.

Vice Chair Witten requested clarification of the process that occurs when a waiver is granted. Mr. Cuba explained that waivers are granted via Resolutions, which are signed by the Mayor. An enforceable restriction, such as the limitation on the size of boats that can be docked at the structure, is written into the Resolution as a condition. When the waiver is recorded, this means no future owner of the property may dock a vessel of greater size than that mentioned in the restriction.

Vice Chair Witten commented that the issue appears to be one of enforcement. Mr. Cuba replied that the City has typically avoided conditional Resolutions that include restrictions on vessel size, although there have been some restrictions of this nature over the years. He suggested that if Mr. McLaughlin provided him with the addresses at