



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD  
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance  
January-December 2022**

Ted Morley, Chair	P	8	2
Steve Witten, Vice Chair	P	8	2
Michael Boyer	A	2	2
Robyn Chiarelli (arr. 6:05)	P	6	4
Barry Flanigan	A	8	2
Robert Franks	P	7	0
Elisabeth George	P	3	0
James Harrison	P	9	1
Brewster Knott	P	3	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	9	1
Noelle Norvell	P	8	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  
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to City Commission**

None.

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

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

**II. Approval of Minutes – November 3, 2022**

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

entities. Sgt. O'Neil replied that while he did not know the marinas' policies on this, the boats' owners are likely to have receipts or other documentation for pump-out services. He noted that it is more likely that boats docked in marinas are pumped out.

Chair Morley asked if there are waterway traffic calming plans for the New River. Sgt. O'Neil stated that while there is no such plan at present, plans can be developed for areas where problems exist. He noted that there would need to be complaints or another reason for the allocation of the full Marine Unit to a single area.

An update was requested on the status of the City's pump-out stations. Mr. Cuba replied that two of these three units are currently working, adding that the Marine Unit is informed when these stations are not operational.

**V. Dock Permit – 711 Cordova Road / Rick J. Burgess**

Rick Burgess, Applicant, stated that the request is for a permit to install an L-shaped dock. He has also purchased the property located south of 711 Cordova Road and divided it with a neighbor, resulting in an 83 ft. property. The proposed dock would traverse 50 ft. in front of his 83 ft., which means he is not close to the setback on either side, and will extend 17 ft. on a gangway. This is below the 25 ft. extension limit into the waterway.

Chair Morley requested clarification of the size of the Applicant's planned boat lift. Mr. Burgess replied that it is approximately a 13,000 lb. lift. He is seeking to purchase a 21 ft. to 29 ft. vessel.

There being no further 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. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Harrison, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**VI. Dock Waiver – 1645 East Lake Drive / 1645 EL, LLC – Ellen Latham**

Kyle Martinez of American Seawall Marine Construction, representing the Applicant, stated that the Applicant owns a boat with a beam of nearly 14 ft. and lives on Lake Sylvan, which is a high-traffic area. The Applicant proposes to install a boat lift to protect this vessel. Due to the size of the boat's beam, an additional 5 ft. is needed to accommodate the vessel and extend approximately 30 ft. into the waterway.

Mr. McLaughlin requested clarification of the waterway width in the subject area. Mr. Cuba replied that it is 128 ft. wide.

There being no further 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. Franks, seconded by Vice Chair Witten, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

#### **VII. Dock Permit – 1410 SE 11 Street / William Premock & Vivian Alvarez**

Vivian Premock, Applicant, stated that she owns a 50 ft. waterfront property and hopes to install a 40 ft. dock. There are 5 ft. setbacks to the north and south. She plans to keep a 39 ft. boat at the property.

Mr. Franks asked if the Applicant's neighbor to the south has any objection to the proposed dock. Ms. Premock replied that her neighbors are aware of the proposal and do not take issue with it.

There being no further 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 Ms. Chiarelli, seconded by Ms. George, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

#### **VIII. Discussion – New River Navigational Concerns**

Chair Morley explained that he had requested this discussion be placed on the Agenda because the New River has become very busy for those who work and/or live there. The size of vessels both traveling on and moored along this waterway is increasing, which shrinks the waterway space available and can create navigational issues. He stated that one of the Marine Advisory Board's (MAB's) responsibilities is to recommend actions for activities and operations on the City's waterways.

Chair Morley continued that he hoped the Board would develop a plan they can recommend to the City Commission to help address issues on the New River such as speeding, wake damage, and collisions. He noted that representatives of marine businesses who use this waterway are present at tonight's meeting, as well as representatives of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF).

Mr. McLaughlin showed slides of boat traffic on the New River, pointing out that many boats have significantly larger beam sizes than in the past. He advised that boats travel the New River when the current is outgoing, as traveling with the current could lead to collisions. If there is traffic on the river, there is an area in which vessels may lay over. He also noted locations for which applications were submitted to the Board in the past,