



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2023**

Ted Morley, Chair	P	4	0
Steve Witten, Vice Chair	P	4	0
Michael Boyer	P	3	1
Tyler Brunelle	P	2	0
Robyn Chiarelli	A	2	2
Barry Flanigan	P	4	0
Robert Franks	P	4	0
Elisabeth George	P	4	0
James Harrison	P	3	1
Brewster Knott	P	3	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	4	0
Noelle Norvell	A	2	2
Ed Rebholz	P	1	0
Robert Washington	P	1	0

As of this date, there are 14 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager
Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor
Sergeant Travis O'Neil, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Mayor Dean Trantalis, City of Fort Lauderdale
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

Motion made by Mr. Flanigan, seconded by Mr. Franks, to make the following communication to the Commission [with attachments]:

In light of several past, current, and potential river requests for mooring piles extending beyond Code distance to allow for perpendicular docking of vessels into the New River, which have the potential to impede navigation and safety of larger vessels transiting the New River, the Marine Advisory Board requests that

Mayor Trantalis requested clarification of the general nature of citations. Sgt. O'Neil explained that these are often wave violations. A citation may be a written ticket or a warning. The Marine Unit seeks to educate boaters before they issue citations.

Mayor Trantalis advised that he receives a number of complaints from residents on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway with regard to the effect of waves and speed on their vessels and floating docks. Sgt. O'Neil confirmed that the Idle Speed Zone from the Middle River north to the Coral Ridge Yacht Club is one of the City's more regularly patrolled areas.

- **United States Coast Guard Staff Introduction**

Due to a scheduling conflict, this Item was delayed to a future meeting.

VI. Dock Waiver – 1180 North Federal Highway (Unit 1502 / Slip 7) / Renee Biron

Akbar Mondel, representing the Applicant, stated that the waiver request is for the installation of a low-profile boat lift which would be perpendicular to the dock. The boat lift is 34 ft. long by 30 ft. wide and includes wood pilings. The boat lift platform would not extend beyond the length of the boat and provides additional stability and safety for the vessel. He showed renderings of the proposed configuration, noting that his company has installed other boat lifts on other slips within the same condominium which also extend beyond the 25 ft. setback limit.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if a boat is currently docked in the subject slip. Mr. Mondel confirmed that the boat the Applicant plans to place on the lift is already docked there.

Mr. Harrison observed that the waiver request is for 41.6 ft. while the boat lift would only extend 34 ft. into the waterway. Mr. Cuba pointed out that there is a marginal dock extending from the property line, which is included in the 41.6 ft. measurement. It was clarified that the requested new mooring pilings would be installed at 41.6 ft. into the waterway, which would be a variance of 16.6 ft. past the setback limit.

Mr. Franks asked what type of lighting or reflection device would be used to ensure the boat is visible from the waterway at night. Mr. Mondel replied that the boat would be within the mooring pilings. Reflectors could also be placed on these pilings.

Chair Morley added that in this case, the permitted structure would include the entire length of the vessel and the access to it, which requires a greater distance into the waterway. The request does not appear to encroach past the property's submerged land.

Mayor Trantalis requested clarification of the property located across the canal from the subject site. It was noted that this is George English Park, which is one of the City's

designated waterskiing areas. The waterway in this area is 381 ft. across at its widest point.

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.

It was noted that the subject vessel was no larger than other boats docked at the same site.

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

Vice Chair Witten requested clarification of the point at which the Board would have been unlikely to approve the request. Chair Morley stated that when reviewing waivers, the Board typically considers the intent of the property owner and the problem they are trying to solve, as well as how this problem has been solved by other nearby property owners in the past. If the request is consistent with the size of the boat that will be docked in a particular space, this is usually approved.

Chair Morley added that the Board cannot implement a blanket standard for an area. He pointed out that the request remains within the submerged land owned by the condominium; had the request been for a 65 ft. boat lift or a double boat lift, it would have extended beyond the property's submerged land rights and could interfere with navigation on the waterway.

VI. Dock Waiver – 831 Solar Isle Drive / Philip G. Mayon Jr. & Oma Jean Mayon

This Item was deferred to a later date.

VIII. Dock Waiver – 777 SW 6th Street / Andrew J. Schein, esq. as agent for Edward Kirwin

Chair Morley noted that this is the third time a request for the subject property has come before the Marine Advisory Board (MAB). He provided some background information for the new Board members, explaining that the waivers for 777 and 801 SW 6th Street are adjacent properties owned by members of the same family. Both previous requests for waivers for these properties were denied by the Board.

Chair Morley continued that the Applicant and his representative have worked with the Board, the City, and neighbors of the subject properties to determine what can be done to address their issues without interfering with their neighbors' properties or the safety