



**DRAFT  
MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD**

**FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT – STATION #2  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE 528 NW 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33311  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance  
January-December 2023**

Steve Witten, Chair	P	5	0
James Harrison, Vice Chair	P	4	1
Michael Boyer	P	4	1
Tyler Brunelle	P	3	0
Robyn Chiarelli (6:14-8:12)	P	3	2
Barry Flanigan	P	5	0
Elisabeth George	P	5	0
Brewster Knott	P	4	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	5	0
Noelle Norvell	P	3	2
Ed Rebholz (arr. 7:00)	P	2	0
Robert Washington	P	2	0

As of this date, there are 12 appointed members to the Board, which means 7 would constitute a quorum.

**Staff**

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager  
Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor  
Sergeant Travis O’Neil, Fort Lauderdale Police Department  
Bob Dunckel, Assistant City Attorney  
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to City Commission**

**Motion** made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Mr. Rebholz, to send this communication up to the City Commissioners, representing our thoughts, along with the idea that we would like to be involved:

The Marine Advisory Board is formally recommending a one-year moratorium on the City issuing any and all waivers for docks, structures, pilings, and/or boat lifts extending into the waterway beyond Code on the New River.

In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (11-0).

to their boat lifts, as there have been incidents in which individuals were injured when they fell between the docks and the boats. The floating docks are consistent with other previously authorized structures.

Multiple residents from within the same building as the Applicants have provided letters of support, as has a neighbor to the south.

Ms. George commented that she did not object to the Application, but noted that the building has only existed on the site since 2020. She requested additional information regarding the 2014 approval of mooring piles at 75 ft. into the waterway. Mr. Tilbrook advised that the project took several years to implement due to litigation from neighboring properties. The permits were granted after the litigation was resolved.

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

Tim Goligoski, vice president of the Florida Apartments, Inc., a seven unit cooperative located north of the subject property, noted that the Applicants have agreed to remove the existing finger pier as part of the Application. This is the result of discussions between the cooperative board and the Applicants' representatives.

Mr. Goligoski distributed photos of the area, pointing out that north of the subject property, there is a large bend in the waterway. He identified the finger pier the Applicants have agreed to remove concluding that residents of his cooperative do not oppose the Application as long as that structure is removed.

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

Mr. Cuba advised that he would need a new plan from the Applicants which shows the removal of the finger pier prior to submission of the Application to the City Commission.

**Motion** made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Ms. George, to approve with the condition that the finger pier be removed. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (12-0).

**Viii. Dock Waiver – 435 Bayshore Drive / William Prescott**

This Item was removed from the Agenda.

**IX. Dock Waiver – 900 / 910 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Michael Binder; F&B Waterfront, LLC**

Chair Witten noted that the Applicant of this Item is requesting the installation of a wooden dock extension and four mooring piles.

Katherine Meurer, representing the Applicant, showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Application, including multiple views of the site. The northern portion of the property includes a seawall, dock configuration, and mooring piles. The slips are perpendicular to the 61 ft. seawall, which is common in the subject area. The proposed additions would extend the finger pier by 33.6 ft. and add four mooring piles.

The waterway at the subject site is 275 ft. wide from wet face to wet face. The extension would place the end of the pier 68.7 ft. from the property line, with the requested mooring piles ranging as far as 42.9 ft. None of the proposed structures would exceed 25% of the width of the waterway, and no impediments to navigation would occur.

The structures are considered necessary for the safe mooring of vessels, particularly during high wind and severe weather events. They would also protect the vessels from high wave energy caused by excessive boat wakes along the Middle River.

The Applicant has provided letters of support from adjacent neighbors to the north and south, as well as additional letters from surrounding properties. Several existing waivers have been approved in the surrounding area, ranging from 40 ft. to 125 ft. The requested extension would reach, at a maximum, 68.7 ft.

Mr. Flanigan requested clarification of the speed permitted on the waterway near this location. It was clarified that idle speed is permitted.

There being no further questions from the Board at this time, Chair Witten 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. Rebholz, seconded by Mr. Knott, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (12-0).

Vice Chair Harrison commented that the Middle River is an appropriate waterway for the proposed use, pointing out that boats may be moored in the Mediterranean style on this waterway and there is little commercial activity above the subject site.

**X Dock Waiver – 515 Seabreeze Blvd. / Bryan Redmond, Officer of Hall of Fame SMI Westrac, LLC**

Chair Witten commented that the Applicant in this case was requesting the enhancement of an existing marina, including the installation of 651 ft. of concrete marginal dock.

Tyler Chappell, representing the Applicant, stated that there are two docks, north and south, on the subject property, which extend adjacent to the peninsula on which the Swimming Hall of Fame is located. He recalled that the Applicant has come before the