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MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
v MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
528 NW 2ND STREET, STATION #2
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33311
3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2023

Steve Witten, Chair	P	8	0
James Harrison, Vice Chair	P	6	2
Michael Boyer	P	5	2
Tyler Brunelle	P	6	0
Robyn Chiarelli (arr. 6:26)	P	5	3
Barry Flanigan (arr. 6:03)	P	8	0
Robert Franks	P	3	0
Elisabeth George	P	7	0
Brewster Knott	A	5	2
John Lynch	P	2	0
Norbert McLaughlin	P	8	0
Noelle Norvell	A	4	2
Ed Rebholz	P	4	0
Bill Walker	P	2	0
Robert Washington	A	4	1

As of this date, there are 15 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, Marine Unit Supervisor
 Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and roll was taken.

proposes construction of a concrete marginal dock and finger pier as well as the relocated boat lift. A waiver is requested for the finger pier and relocated boat lift.

Ms. Meurer noted that the waterway width at the northern portion of the property is 285 ft., while at the southern portion the width is 300 ft.

The finger pier will be 63 ft. from the property line, requiring a waiver of 38 ft. The boat lift will be relocated to a distance of 47 ft., requiring a waiver of 23 ft. No structures on the property will exceed 25% of the width of the waterway, and will not impede navigation on the Middle River.

The proposed structures are necessary for the safe mooring of vessels, especially during high wind events and severe weather. They are also necessary to protect vessels from high wave energy and excessive wakes. The finger pier and boat lift are consistent with existing structures located along the Middle River.

The Applicant has received letters of support from neighbors to both the north and south. Previous waivers in the area range from 40 ft. to 125 ft. The furthest structure at the subject property will be 63 ft.

Ms. George noted that while waivers are cited for properties at 801 and 797 properties on the Middle River, they are not usually reflected on renderings or photos. It was clarified that these are most likely mooring piles.

Mr. Cuba advised that all neighbors within 300 ft. of the subject property were sent notice of the Application. He has received no objections to the request.

Mr. Rebholz requested clarification of whether or not a 5 ft. setback from the property line is required. Mr. Cuba explained that this does not apply in an ROA zoning district.

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 Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Ms. George, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (11-0) (Ms. Chiarelli not present for vote).

VIII. Dock Waiver – 2765 NE 14th Street / Anita Blommestyn, Trustee of Anita Blommestyn Revocable Trust

Ms. Meurer showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Application, stating that the property is located on a canal off the Intracoastal Waterway. The property includes a multi-family residence with a cobblestone dock configuration, two existing boat lifts, and 50 mooring piles.

The dock configuration, 14 mooring piles, and existing boat lift in slip #10 will remain. The other 16,000 lb. four-post boat lift will be replaced, along with a mooring pile. This boat lift will remain in slip #4 and will be located 31 ft. from the property line, requiring a waiver for 6 ft. The width of the canal at the subject location is 126 ft.

No structures will exceed 25% of the width of the waterway. Due to the width of the canal, they will not impede navigation. The structures are necessary for the safe mooring of vessels during high wind events and severe weather, and to protect against high wave energy from excessive boat wakes within the canal.

The new boat lift will be constructed 7.3 ft. further waterward than the existing lift in the same slip. It is consistent with other existing lifts and structures along the canal.

The Applicant has received multiple letters of support from other residents within the condominium, and has received authorization to proceed from the condominium association, pending approval by the City and any necessary environmental permits. Existing waivers granted in the surrounding area range from 40 ft. to 487 ft.

There being no 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. Brunelle, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (12-0).

IX. Dock Permit – 1727 SE 8th Street / Andre & Robyn Dreyfus

Chair Witten noted that the Applicant has requested to raise his seawall. The Application complies with all current regulations, including a 10 ft. setback.

Andre Dreyfus, Applicant, explained that both neighbors to the property have raised their seawalls, and he hoped to avoid any water intrusion. He will raise his seawall by 18 in. to match the neighboring property. He thanked Mr. Cuba for assisting with the Application.

Motion made by Ms. George, seconded by Ms. Chiarelli, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (12-0).

X. Old / New Business – Marine Summit Summit

Chair Witten stated that the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show will run from October 25-29, 2023. There are seven sites for the event, which will be broadcast on FOX Sports Network. The Boat Show's estimated economic impact to the area will be \$1.8 billion. Over 100,000 global visitors will attend the event. The 2022 Boat Show resulted in \$1.2 billion in direct sales.