



**DRAFT
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
528 NW 2ND STREET, STATION #2
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33311
3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance
January-December 2024**

Steve Witten, Chair	P	6	0
James Harrison, Vice Chair	A	3	3
Tyler Brunelle	A	5	1
Robyn Chiarelli	A	3	3
Jason Dunbar	P	3	0
Barry Flanigan	P	6	0
Robert Franks	A	4	2
Elisabeth George	P	6	0
Brewster Knott	A	3	3
John Lynch	P	5	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	6	0
Noelle Norvell	A	3	3
Ed Rebholz	A	4	2
Bill Walker	P	4	2
Robert Washington	P	5	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

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Witten called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Statement of Quorum

not wish to invest further time in discussion of a moratorium. [REDACTED] requested feedback from the Board on where they should go from here.

It was noted that a bathymetric survey of the New River will continue in order to determine the waterway's center, which will assist the Board in future discussion of waivers.

John Kelly, member of the public, commented that it was clear misinformation had been disseminated about the proposed moratorium, and that politics may have played a role in the misinformation. He expressed concern that not enough residents fully appreciate the role of the marine economy in Fort Lauderdale, emphasizing the significance of marine services based on the New River.

Mr. Flanigan observed that if it becomes more difficult for boats to access businesses on the New River, their owners are likely to seek those services in other municipalities. He advised that boats are willing to be towed up the New River due to the quality of the work available there.

V. Dock Waiver – 1947 NE 21st Street / Christopher Place

Lisa McConnell, representing the Applicant, showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Application, which requests extension of a pier and boat lift past the 25 ft. limitation on the Middle River. The waiver is for approximately 14 ft. past the 25 ft. limitation, based on the Applicant's property line. She showed photographs of the property and surrounding area, pointing out that the waterway at the subject location is in excess of 200 ft. wide.

Ms. McConnell continued that the vessel the Applicant plans to place on the boat lift is 28 ft. The structural plans for the extension have been approved by the appropriate environmental agencies before submittal to the City for building review. The boat lift is requested for protection from severe weather events.

The Applicant has reached out to his neighbors to ensure they are aware of his waiver request. Ms. McConnell added that she has submitted several voluntary letters of consent by these neighbors along with the Application.

Chair Witten asked if there were any letters of objection to the requested waiver. Mr. Cuba replied that all properties within 300 ft. of the subject property were notified, and none responded in objection.

Motion made by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (8-0).

[REDACTED] 201 Cordova Road / JFB Assets Mgmt. Ltd. Partnership,
Jean Francois Boisvert

This Item was pulled from the Agenda.