

**MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
COMMISSION CHAMBERS – FIRST FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.**

<u>Board Members</u>	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance May 2014 - April 2015	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barry Flanigan, Chair	P	6	0
James Harrison, Vice Chair	P	5	1
F. St. George Guardabassi	P	6	0
Norbert McLaughlin	P	6	0
Jim Welch	P	6	0
Robert Dean	A	4	2
John Holmes (arr. 6:08)	P	5	1
Bob Ross	P	5	1
Joe Cain	A	3	3
Herb Rissing	P	6	0
Frank Herhold (arr. 6:08)	P	6	0
Zane Brisson	P	6	0
Erik Johnson	P	5	1
Jack Newton	P	5	1
Jimi Batchelor	A	3	3

As of this date, there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

It was noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Manager of Marine Facilities
Jonathan Luscomb, Supervisor of Marine Facilities
Captain Andy Mills, Marine Police Staff
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communication to the City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Flanigan called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and roll was called.

II. Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2014

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Motion made by Mr. Ross, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, to approve. The Board approved the December 4, 2014 minutes by consensus.

III. Statement of Quorum

It was noted that a quorum was present.

IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Captain Andy Mills of Marine Police Staff reported that the Marine Unit recorded 10 reports, 13 miscellaneous incidents, 10 vessel accidents, one marine citation, 57 safety checks, and 64 warnings. There were no boat burglaries, although one hardware theft occurred.

Mr. Herhold and Mr. Holmes arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Capt. Mills continued that the Marine Unit made a vessel stop that resulted in the recovery of a bag containing two kilos of cocaine. They also assisted U.S. Customs in the recovery of 19 kilos of cocaine found floating in the ocean. He concluded that another incident occurred in which a sailboat's mast brought down power lines over the New River. The river was closed for 12 hours in order for Florida Power & Light (FPL) to make repairs. The Board discussed the location of power lines over the waterway, as well as the possibility and cost of placing them underground as recommended by the Coast Guard.

The Board also discussed the railroad bridge, which had closed briefly during the Boat Parade due to the "Santa Train." Capt. Mills confirmed that a representative of the Coast Guard was present during the event. There was also a brief discussion of novice boaters at special events, such as the recent Jazz Festival.

V. Waiver of Limitations – 505 Idlewyld, LLC / Joseph Fallon – 505 Idlewyld Drive

Fred Blitzstein, representing the Applicant, explained that the Board had approved this Application in March 2014; however, the Applicant was asked during the permitting process to move his boat lift 9 ft. toward the water. The footprint of the project has not otherwise changed.

Motion made by Mr. Herhold, seconded by Mr. Ross, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VI. Waiver of Limitations – HG Middle River Investments, LLC c/o Mr. Hal E. Griffith – 824 NE 20th Avenue

Tyler Chappell, representing the Applicant, stated that the request is for an 81 x 2 x 5 ft. finger pier and nine triple pile clusters. He showed multiple views of the property, noting that the Application is consistent with the adjacent property owner's pilings. The total distance waterward is 106 ft., which brings the waiver request to 81.3 ft.

Extraordinary circumstances include the fact that all boats and structures will not exceed 30% of the width of the waterway and will not impede navigation on the Middle River. The additional piles are necessary for the safe mooring of vessels. Other waivers have been granted up to 125 ft. in total distance. A submerged land lease from the State will be required for the property. Letters of concurrence have been submitted by adjacent property owners.

There being no further questions from the Board at this time, Chair Flanigan opened the public hearing. As there were no members of the public wishing to speak on this Item, the Chair closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to approve as stated. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VII. Reports

Commission Agenda Items

Mr. Cuba reported that a waiver request from the November 6, 2014 meeting has been deferred by the City Commission to their next meeting on January 21, 2015. Mr. Herhold noted that discussion of an unsolicited proposal for the Las Olas Marina is also scheduled for that Commission meeting.

Chair Flanigan recalled that at the December 2014 meeting, the Board members were encouraged to reach out to their respective City Commissioners regarding the proposed Las Olas Marina redevelopment, and emphasized the importance of this outreach.

Vice Chair Harrison expressed concern that the information package regarding the Riverwalk dock at the Stranahan House was modified since the Board has seen it. Chair Flanigan noted that the Board members were provided with copies of this package from the Army Corps of Engineers, which has solicited comments on the project. The package acknowledges that the original application, which includes the use of transient or overnight boat slips, has been revised to reduce the width of the dock and remove the transient mooring locations; however, there is an agreement between the City and upland developers in the area which would grant these developers use of the transient slips, although the agreement has not yet been executed. Chair Flanigan stated he was also concerned with this potential discrepancy, as vessels docked at the proposed structure would present additional difficulty in an already tight turning area.