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MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
COMMISSION CHAMBERS – FIRST FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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	7	0
James Harrison, Vice Chair	P	6	1
F. St. George Guardabassi	P	7	0
Norbert McLaughlin	P	7	0
Jim Welch	P	7	0
Robert Dean	P	5	2
John Holmes	P	6	1
Bob Ross	P	6	1
Joe Cain	P	4	3
Herb Ressing	P	7	0
Frank Herhold	P	7	0
Zane Brisson	A	6	1
Erik Johnson	P	6	1
Jack Newton	P	6	1
Jimi Batchelor	P	4	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
Sergeant Andy Mills, Marine Police Staff
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communication to the City Commission

Motion made by Chair Flanigan, seconded by Mr. Herhold, to submit the following comments, provided by Chair Flanigan, as a communication to the City Commission:

To the Mayor and the Commissioners:

We wish to reaffirm what has been and continues to be the unanimous support of the Marine Advisory Board (MAB) to see the obsolete Las Olas Marina rebuilt to service the marine industry's future needs, and have Fort Lauderdale retain its recognition as the Yachting Capital of the World.

It is imperative that any rebuilding be with the support and input of Show Management, operators of the Boat Show, which has not rendered support to any presented options.

It must be recognized that the existing design does not permit the long-sought expansion of the world's largest in-water boat show.

It should also be recognized that a considerable upland area and convention site space are readily available for the expansion of the next Palm Beach Boat Show. The long-standing challenge to expand its in-water displays are being addressed enthusiastically by authorities reviewing the permitting and environmental concerns for dredging in Palm Beach County.

Numerous City-paid consultants, pro formas, and reports all support the MAB's long-standing position that this project is within the City's capability, given our long-standing history of building and operating marinas successfully. Rather, all that is voiced by senior staff is "We can't afford to build the marina, or if we build it, will they come?"

It is our belief and all of the industry's professionals who have written or come before the Commission and the MAB that the City cannot afford NOT to rebuild the marina.

Wherein lies the opposition to this?

It certainly is not within the public as voiced through numerous public meetings to us all.

Respectfully submitted and approved by the Marine Advisory Board.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.