

**MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD  
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS – FIRST FLOOR  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.**

<u>Board Members</u>	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance May 2015 - April 2016	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
James Harrison, Chair	P	4	2
Frank Herhold, Vice Chair	P	6	0
F. St. George Guardabassi	P	5	1
Jim Welch	P	5	1
Robert Dean	P	6	0
John Holmes (arr. 6:06)	P	3	3
Joseph Maus	A	4	2
Joe Cain	P	5	1
George Cable	P	1	0
Erik Johnson	P	5	1
Jack Newton	P	4	2
Jimi Batchelor	A	4	2
Cliff Berry II	P	5	0
Grant Henderson	P	5	0
Bill Walker	P	3	0

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

**Staff**

Andrew Cuba, Manager of Marine Facilities  
Jonathan Luscomb, Supervisor of Marine Facilities  
Sergeant Todd Mills, Marine Police Staff  
Officer Quinton Waters, Marine Police Staff  
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to City Commission**

None.

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call**

Chair Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and roll was called.

**II. Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2015**

Mr. Cosby concluded that he would be willing to relocate the pilings or place lights on them if necessary. He provided photographs of a portion of the New River where the navigational channel has been reduced to approximately 60 ft.

The Board discussed the Application further, clarifying that the Applicants are having a 100 ft. vessel constructed to replace another vessel of the same size. Mr. Cosby explained that the Applicants prefer pilings to fenders due to speeding in the area. It was noted that Code does not require lights to be built into pilings although Mr. Cosby confirmed that they can be added.

Mr. Buckingham stated that some of the comments made by Mr. Cosby were not true. He did not want these comments to leave an incorrect impression of the neighborhood.

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

Vice Chair Herhold asked what would be the maximum allowed length of both the vessel and the dolphin piles if boats at the subject property used med style mooring. Mr. Cuba replied that vessels may extend from the property line 30% into the waterway, which is identified in the Application as 90 ft., based upon the width of the river. The piles may extend 25 ft. or 30% of the waterway, whichever is less.

Mr. Holmes asked if the members of the Marine Unit felt there were navigational concerns with the Application. Sgt. Mills advised that a boat docked at the location could partially obstruct a view, but noted that this was not part of the discussion. Mr. Dean commented that a boat on this property would be located well within any sight line from the dock to the east, as the setback is significant.

Mr. Welch observed that one issue is ingress/egress from the canal, which he felt could be a hazard in the dark if there is no boat docked on the property. He suggested that visibility could be improved if the pilings included reflective lighting.

**Motion** made by Mr. Guardabassi, seconded by Mr. Berry, to approve the Application as it has been submitted.

Mr. Dean advised that he would like the **motion** to include a requirement for more markings on the pilings than are required by Code, for nighttime visibility. Mr. Guardabassi and Mr. Berry agreed to this **amendment**.

In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 12-1 (Mr. Holmes dissenting).

**VII. Waiver of Limitations – Acque Celesti, LLC c/o Rose Ann Lovell / 900-910 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Tyler Chappell, representing the Applicant, showed a PowerPoint presentation, including aerial views and video of the property. The Applicant plans to dredge in order to accommodate two boat slips, and there are existing dolphin piles adjacent to and extending out from a finger pier. The site can accommodate vessels up to 80 ft. in length. The waiver would allow triple piles at a maximum distance of 80 ft.; in addition, one finger pier would be replaced with a floating dock parallel to the seawall.

The first triple pile cluster would be placed at 41.8 ft., which would require a distance waiver of 19.4 ft., and additional sets of piles at 42.7 ft. and 80.3 ft., which would require distance waivers of 17.7 ft. and 55.3 ft. respectively. Extraordinary circumstances at the location include the 275 ft. width of the waterway, which would mean the cluster piles are within 30% of the width, and the lack of impediment to navigation. The additional piles are necessary for perpendicular mooring, which will be used with the new floating dock system, during wind and storm events.

Mr. Chappell noted that there are existing waivers in the vicinity, ranging from between 48 ft. to 125 ft. He provided a list of letters of support for the project.

The Board discussed the Application, with Mr. Chappell noting that the two slips will be 22.2 ft. and 22.9 ft. wide. The Application is limited by a submerged land lease, which encompasses the slips, dredge, and dock. The slips will be dredged to a depth of -10.

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

**Motion** made by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Berry, to accept the Application as presented. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 13-0.

**VIII. Discussion – Joint City and County Marine Advisory Boards & Committees Meeting – January 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m. – Ann Kolb Nature Center at West Lake Park / 751 Sheridan Street, Hollywood**

Mr. Cuba explained that John Fiore, Chairman of the Broward County Marine Advisory Committee, has scheduled a joint meeting between that Committee and other Broward County Marine Advisory Boards. He advised that he would send an additional email on this meeting to the members. All boards in attendance are asked to provide two topics of concern for discussion. Chair Harrison asked that suggestions be submitted to Mr. Cuba's office in advance of the next Marine Advisory Board meeting, when they will be reviewed.

**IX. Reports**

Mr. Cuba stated that the City Commission will see a presentation on dredging at the November 17, 2015 Commission Agenda meeting. He estimated that the presentation