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MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
COMMISSION CHAMBERS – FIRST FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

		Cumulative Attendance May 2015 - April 2016	
<u>Board Members</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
	Attendance		
James Harrison, Chair	P	5	3
F. St. George Guardabassi, Vice Chair	P	7	1
Jim Welch	P	7	1
Robert Dean	A	6	3
John Holmes (arr. 6:06)	P	5	3
Joe Cain	A	6	2
George Cable	A	2	1
Jack Newton	A	4	4
Jimi Batchelor	P	6	2
Cliff Berry II (arr. 6:01)	P	6	1
Grant Henderson	P	6	1
Bill Walker	P	5	0
Zane Brisson	P	1	1
Richard Graves	P	1	0

As of this date, there are 14 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Manager of Marine Facilities
 Levend Ekendiz, Dockmaster
 Sergeant Todd Mills, Marine Police Staff
 Chief Tim Heiser, Fort Lauderdale Fire Department
 Division Chief Stewart Ahearn, Fort Lauderdale Fire Department
 Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

Motion made by Mr. Batchelor, seconded by Mr. Newton, that as the yachting capital of the world and a marine industry hub, with such a high number and density of boats and large yachts in the City, the ability to fight fires on boats is critical; and as a new fire boat has already been approved and funded, the Board requests that the City Commission expedite the RFP and the bidding process for this boat, as it is important and necessary. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Mr. Welch asked which entity oversees assessment and cleanup when a vessel sinks. Sgt. Mills replied that when the Marine Unit is advised of a sinking, they notify the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which respond and assess the situation.

Sgt. Mills also recalled an incident in which several individuals attempted to emigrate from Cuba on a homemade vessel in rough seas. The Marine Unit and the Broward Sheriff's Office assisted the United States Coast Guard in rescuing the individuals, who were returned to Cuba.

VII. Waiver of Limitations – Atlantic Beach Clubs-Two, Inc. / 3049 Alhambra Street

Mr. Cuba explained that Atlantic Beach Clubs is the City's concessionaire for motorized watercraft on the beach. They were selected once more through the RFP process and will be awarded the contract. They are before the Board to seek approval to use the Beach Boating Restricted Zone launch corridor for watercraft.

Chair Harrison confirmed that there are no changes planned for operations. Adam Vaughn, representing the Applicant, stated that customers may operate watercraft within an area of approximately two miles within marked buoys.

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

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

VIII. Dock Permit – William & Ethyl McIntyre / 1516 Ponce de Leon Drive

IX. Dock Permit – William & Ethyl McIntyre / 621 Cordova Road

Mr. Cuba explained that these two dock permit requests are from the same Applicant and are from two waterfront properties on Cordova Road and Ponce de Leon Drive. The request is for private usage of public property.

Mr. Newton asked if the Applicant planned to place a boat lift at one of the docks. Brett Bass, representing the Applicant, stated that the Applicant was not likely to install a boat lift at the existing dock. The previous property owner had had a permit for both the dock and a boat lift. Mr. Cuba clarified that no changes to the docks are planned at this time.

Mr. Berry asked if the permit would come with a time limit. Mr. Cuba replied that the permit is tied to ownership, although Code contains language referring to a five-year