



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – EIGHTH FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

Cumulative Attendance
May 2017 - April 2018

Board Members

	Attendance	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
F. St. George Guardabassi, Chair	P	4	0
Grant Henderson, Vice Chair	P	4	0
Jimi Batchelor	P	3	1
Cliff Berry II	A	3	1
Zane Brisson	A	3	1
George Cable	A	3	1
Joe Cain	P	3	1
Susan Engle	P	1	0
Richard Graves	P	3	1
John Holmes (arr. 6:03)	P	2	2
Ted Morley	P	3	0
Roy Sea	A	1	3
Ed Strobel (arr. 6:16)	P	4	0
Bill Walker	A	2	2
Jim Welch (arr. 6:16)	P	4	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
Division Chief Stewart Ahearn, Fort Lauderdale Fire Department
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

Motion made by Mr. [REDACTED] seconded by Mr. Cain, that the Marine Advisory Board supports the design and scale of the proposed structure at the Cordova Boat Club. The structure will help alleviate the shortfall of mid-sized [REDACTED] in Broward County and will be a landmark building for Fort Lauderdale. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- 5 medical emergencies
- 3 motor vehicle accidents in which the vehicles went into the water
- 3 HAZMAT responses
- 2 boat fires
- 1 dive/rescue call

Chief Ahearn continued that the Department received its new fire boat on August 14, 2017. He thanked the Board for their support in securing this vessel. The Department underwent one week of orientation with the vendor and began training the second week. Training has been ongoing, with the exception of the recent hurricane, during which time training was shut down. It is expected to continue for another two months before the vessel is placed into full-time service. At present, the fire boat is in service from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be in service for the duration of the Boat Show.

The Department also received its backup fire vessel with a newly replaced fire pump and identifying wrap. It is performing much better now that repairs are complete. Chief Ahearn advised that in addition to the two boats at Marine Station 49, the Department is considering a new ground suppression unit at this location.

Chief Ahearn concluded that a tentative date of December 1, 2017 has been set for the christening of the new fire boat. The event will take place at 3 p.m. at Esplanade Park. Invitations will be sent out once the date has been confirmed.

Mr. Cain recalled that the Board previously raised the possibility of using the new fire boat for presentation purposes, for a fee, when it is not in service. Chief Ahearn replied that the Fire Department is interested in moving in this direction. The boat would be made available at a predetermined rate, with the caveat that if an emergency occurred, the boat must break away from the event. He estimated that an application form would be available by the end of 2017.

It was noted that a quorum was now present.

II. Approval of Minutes – July 6, 2017

Motion made by Vice Chair Henderson, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VI. Dock Permit – Ann Fox / 827 SE 2nd Street

Ann Marie Fox Mancuso, Applicant, advised that Accuduct is the manufacturer of the proposed dock, which would be constructed using PVC material, foam-filled flotation material, and marine-grade aluminum.

Mr. Strobel and Mr. Welch arrived at 6:16 p.m.

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

Motion made by Mr. Cain, seconded by Vice Chair Henderson, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VI. Waiver of Limitations – Hal E. Griffith, Manager, HG Middle River Investments, LLC / 800 NE 20th Ave.

Tyler Chappell, representing the Applicant, showed a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, stating that the subject property is located south of Sunrise Boulevard on the Middle River. Permits have been issued for the dock and dredging, and dredging has been completed to a depth of (-10). The Applicant proposes two finger piers, one marginal dock, and a series of triple pile clusters for two vessel slips. The furthest distance into the waterway is 100 ft. from the property line, or a waiver of 75 ft.

Extraordinary circumstances include the location of both structures, which do not exceed 30% of the waterway. The closest structure across the waterway is at a distance of 494 ft. Mooring piles are necessary for the safe mooring of the vessels in perpendicular alignment, particularly during high wind or severe weather events. Mr. Chappell provided letters of support from adjacent property owners and other individuals on 20th Avenue.

Mr. Welch asked if the No Wake zone is located north of the bridge. Mr. Chappell confirmed this, adding that an approved waterski area is south of the bridge.

Ms. Engle asked if it is unusual in the surrounding area to place two finger piers at the property line. Mr. Chappell replied that the property owner owns another nearby property and will bring the two docks together as one. In addition, although City Code prohibits location of a vessel in the side yard setback, it allows for structures that provide access to vessels.

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

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

VIII. Waiver of Limitations – Hal E. Griffith, Manager, HG Middle River Investments, LLC / 744 NE 20th Ave.

Mr. Chappell, representing the Applicant, explained that this property is located just north of the property discussed in Item VII. Permits have been issued for the site and