



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.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	Cumulative Attendance May 2017 - April 2018	
		<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. Morley, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the Marine Advisory Board supports the design and build of the proposed structure at the Cordova Boat Club. The structure will help alleviate the shortage of mid-sized slips in Broward County and will be a landmark building for Fort Lauderdale. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

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.

VII. 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

dredging has been completed. The Applicant proposes triple pile clusters, two finger piers, and a marginal dock. Maximum distance to the pile clusters is 133.5 ft., resulting in a waiver request of 108.5 ft.

Extraordinary circumstances include the width of the New River at this location and the need to safely moor vessels and prevent damage during storm events. Letters of support from neighbors of the property were provided.

Mr. Welch asked to know the size of the boats likely to be moored at this property. Mr. Chappell replied that due to the submerged land lease, boats may not extend beyond the lease line. The anticipated vessel size would be no more than 120 ft.

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 Vice Chair Henderson, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

IX. Waiver of Limitations – Paul and Caroline M. McGee / 801 Middle River Drive

Mr. Chappell, representing the Applicant, showed a PowerPoint presentation, stating that the subject property is a single-family residence with an existing vessel and boat lift. The Applicant plans to purchase a larger boat, which will mean the existing vessel will be realigned to provide access to the dock and boat lift. A new seawall cap is also being constructed per City Code. The waiver request for the finger pier is 13 ft., with mooring piles at 52 and 50 ft. Letters of support from neighbors and a nearby condominium board were provided.

Mr. Welch asked if the single mooring pile would be equipped with a reflector. Mr. Chappell confirmed that a reflector would be placed on the pile. Chair Guardabassi recalled that the Board had recommended the addition of lights to some applications earlier in the year. Mr. Cuba pointed out that the lights were recommended due to specific concerns regarding entrance to an inlet.

Mr. Strobel commented that there is significant boat traffic in the area, and that it could be possible to overlook the mooring pile, particularly after dark. Mr. Batchelor added that he did not feel a reflector would be sufficient, and suggested that the Applicant be required to provide lighting as well.

There being no other questions from the Board at this time, Chair Guardabassi opened the public hearing.