



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, JANUARY 4, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

<u>Board Members</u>	<i>Attendance</i>	Cumulative Attendance May 2017 - April 2018	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
F. St. George Guardabassi, Chair	P	6	0
Grant Henderson, Vice Chair	P	6	0
Jimi Batchelor	A	4	2
Cliff Berry II	P	5	1
Zane Brisson	A	4	2
George Cable	P	5	1
Joe Cain	A	4	2
Susan Engle	P	3	0
Richard Graves	P	4	2
John Holmes	A	3	3
Ted Morley	P	4	1
Roy Sea (arr. 6:10)	P	3	3
Ed Strobel	P	6	0
Bill Walker (arr. 6:06)	P	4	2
Jim Welch	P	6	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
Officer Michael Gelberg, Marine Police Staff
Division Chief Stewart Ahearn, Fort Lauderdale Fire Department
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

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

II. Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2017

Mr. Berry recalled a previous discussion of flooding in the subject area. Mr. Cuba stated that there is a new minimum height requirement for seawalls, which is expected to address this issue. Mr. Chappell noted that the City has sent notices to waterfront property owners with failing seawalls, advising them that they need to replace these structures.

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

VII. Waiver of Limitations – Darlene & David Marcinkevich / 77 S. Birch Road, Unit C-6

David Nutter, representing the Applicants, stated that the request is for a boat lift on a T-shaped dock at a multi-dock residence. The dock was built in approximately 2005 and was approved by the waiver process. The proposed boat lift would be on the outside of the last T-head and inside the existing mooring piles. Due to the position of the dock, this places the lift significantly beyond the 25 ft. or 25% limitation, requiring a waiver of roughly 105 ft. The lift would be well clear of the navigational channel. No new mooring slips would be created.

Mr. Welch commented that the subject location is close to the City's marina, which will be renovated at some point, and asked if adding a structure would affect these plans. Mr. Nutter explained that when the slips were created, mooring piles were also installed on the outside of the last T-head. Mr. Cuba added that the plans fall within the residential development's riparian rights.

Mr. Nutter continued that the Applicants' condominium association has voted in favor of allowing the boat lift. A letter of approval from the association is included in the backup materials. Mr. Cuba clarified that the condominium itself is considered the Applicant in this case, although the unit owner's name is on the Application. The Application will be revised to correct this error.

Mr. Nutter stated that the boat lift has already been installed due to a misunderstanding by his firm's construction department. The City has confirmed that a variance is necessary.

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Chair Guardabassi asked if a recommendation against approval of the boat lift could require the Applicant to remove it. Mr. Cuba confirmed this, but pointed out that the Board has previously received after-the-fact waiver applications.

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

VIII. Reports

None

IX. Old / New Business

Mr. Cuba reported that the City Commission has reviewed and discussed the communication sent to them by the Board at their December 7, 2017 meeting with regard to technical and economic aspects of the use of the southwest portion of the 17th Street Bridge. The Commission supports the concept of dockage in the port. Mr. Cuba advised that it was his interpretation that a subcommittee may be formed if the Board wishes.

Mr. Welch requested further clarification of what a subcommittee's responsibilities would entail. Mr. Cuba replied that the subcommittee was likely to be asked to look into the issue, including studies and reports and make a recommendation to the City Commission.

It was noted that Vice Chair Henderson and Board member Joe Cain had expressed interest in participating in a subcommittee. Mr. Cuba stated that the Board may form the subcommittee at tonight's meeting, with the recommendation that Mr. Cain be included. He explained that the subcommittee must provide public notice of its meetings and must take minutes if more than one Board member participated. He concluded that he would send an email on this topic to Mr. Cain in advance of the next meeting and would add the subcommittee as an Agenda Item.

Mr. Cuba advised that City and County liaisons plan to meet on January 5, 2018 to discuss a 2018 summit meeting between the Board and the Broward County Marine Advisory Committee (MAC). He will report on this item at the next Board meeting. He estimated that the summit would be held near mid-year 2018.

The Board members discussed downed trees in canals, which has been an issue since the recent hurricanes. Mr. Cuba encouraged the members to report these incidents to him and he would bring them to the attention of the appropriate entities. Chair Guardabassi suggested that the members be proactive in addressing Code Enforcement issues in addition to waivers and other permitting concerns.