



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><b>Board Members</b></u>	<i>Attendance</i>	<b>Cumulative Attendance</b> <b>May 2017 - April 2018</b>	
		<u><b>Present</b></u>	<u><b>Absent</b></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**

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

#### **Statement of Quorum**

It was noted a quorum was present at the meeting.

#### **IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report / Fire Department Report**

Division Chief Stewart Ahearn of the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department reported the following activity since the last Board meeting:

- 28 calls, 20 of which were distress calls
- 3 vessel accidents
- 2 boat fires

Training for the new fire boat has been completed and the boat is in service 24 hours a day. Continuous training will go on for another year to bring backup Fire Department members up to speed on its use. The vessel was featured in the recent Winterfest Boat Parade.

Beginning January 1, 2018, the Fire Department moved a suppression unit to Station 49, which is staffed with eight personnel and can operate two fire boats. This is an adaptive response that increases the fire boats' ability to respond to marine emergencies.

Officer Michael Gelberg of the Marine Unit reported the following activity from the month of December 2017:

- 5 citations
- 25 warnings
- 12 safety inspections
- 3 accidents
- 5 reported incidents

The incidents included a vessel burglary, a boat collision, and an oil spill. The Marine Unit also participated in the Winterfest Boat Parade and New Year's Eve events, at which there were no issues or injuries.

Mr. Walker arrived at 6:05 p.m.

#### **V. Waiver of Limitations – Mitch Milesi / 1325 East Lake Drive**

Tyler Chappell, representing the Applicant, showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Item, including multiple views of the subject property. The proposal is for a floating dock and ramp, which will provide access to the stern of the proposed vessel and allow

marginal dock access for paddleboards and kayaks. Extraordinary circumstances include the width of the waterway and the proximity of closest structures. Multiple structures in Lake Sylvia extend beyond 25 ft. into the waterway but do not have waivers. Letters of support from adjacent property owners were provided.

Mr. Chappell confirmed that mooring occurs in the lake, pointing out the location of the proposed dock in proximity to mooring piles. The floating dock is 25 ft. by 8.1 ft.

Mr. Sea arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Strobel asked if the proposed extension includes the 25 ft. floating dock. Mr. Chappell replied that it includes the floating and marginal docks. Mr. Cuba advised that any structure beyond 25 ft. is considered a mooring structure. It was clarified that the fixed marginal dock, for which there is no square footage limitation, is 20 ft. in length.

Chair Guardabassi expressed concern that the request could affect the ski zone. Mr. Chappell explained that most skiing activity turns away from the subject property. He pointed out that other vessels and mooring piles in the area extend more than 20 ft. into the waterway.

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.

Ms. Engle asked how structures that exceed the limit but do not have waivers are dealt with. Mr. Cuba explained that some structures may have been issued permits prior to the waiver process, while others may have been constructed without the proper permits.

**Motion** made by Mr. Strobel, seconded by Vice Chair Henderson, to accept as is. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 10-1 (Chair Guardabassi dissenting).

#### **~~VI~~ Dock Permit – Todd & Karin Correll / 1735 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mr. Chappell, representing the Applicants, showed a PowerPoint presentation on the subject property, explaining that the property has transferred ownership with no record of previous authorization for right-of-way use. A wooden marginal dock currently exists on the property. The request would install a platform with a floating dock. Riprap will be placed under the platform. The width of the dock will increase from 8 ft. to 10 ft. Letters of support were provided from adjacent property owners.

Mr. Henderson asked if the proposed structure would extend further into the waterway. Mr. Chappell confirmed this, stating that the plans include a new seawall, making the extension a total of 20 ft. from the property line. Mr. Cuba clarified that the City allows structures to extend 25 ft. or 25% into the waterway, whichever is less.