



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**DRAFT
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – EIGHTH FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

		Cumulative Attendance May 2019 – April 2020	
Grant Henderson, Chair	A	4	1
Ed Strobel, Vice Chair	P	4	1
Cliff Berry II	P	4	1
Robyn Chiarelli	A	2	3
Richard Graves	P	4	1
James Harrison	A	1	1
Rose Ann Lovell	A	5	1
Kitty McGowan	P	3	2
Norbert McLaughlin	P	6	0
Curtis Parker	A	2	3
Rossana Petreccia	P	4	1
Roy Sea	P	5	0
Randy Sweers	A	1	3
Bill Walker	P	5	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
Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor
Sergeant Todd Mills, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Vice Chair Strobel called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – September 5, 2019

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

III. Statement of Quorum

It was noted that a quorum was present at the meeting.

IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Sergeant Todd Mills of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department reported the following Marine Unit activity from September 2019:

- 6 citations
- 90 warnings
- 26 safety inspections
- 2 boating accidents
- 9 incidents, 5 of which were burglaries

Sgt. Mills concluded that the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show will be held at the end of October. The event is under new management, which has addressed several previously existing issues.

V. Waiver of Limitations – Robert Bret and Nancy Lynn Anderson / 515 Idlewyld Drive

David Nutter, representing the Applicant, explained that a previous Application had been approved by the Board for a different configuration; however, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) did not approve that configuration, and the Applicant was asked to make changes. The configuration before the Board today is a U-shaped dock with a boat lift to the side, with a lesser extension into the waterway than what was previously approved. One boat will be raised on the lift. Access is also available on the outside of the dock.

The proposed configuration is typical for the Idlewyld Drive area, where most docks extend beyond the 25 ft. limit. The dock structure will extend an additional 8.2 ft. and the lift 7.5 ft. into the waterway.

Ms. McGowan requested clarification of why the U-shaped dock was preferred to the previously approved L-shaped dock. Mr. Nutter advised that a neighbor had raised concerns about the previous configuration. The existing mooring pilings on the site will be removed to make ingress/egress easier for neighboring vessels. The dock does not extend beyond the Applicant's own riparian lines.

There being no further questions from the Board at this time, Vice Chair Strobel opened the public hearing.

Brian Crew, private citizen, stated that while he is not opposed to the proposed dock, his issue is one of access. He had asked if the previously approved structure could be adjusted.

As there were no other individuals wishing to speak on this Item, the Vice Chair closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

Mr. McLaughlin asked for clarification of the dock's configuration. Mr. Nutter confirmed that the U structure faces north, with the boat lift on its south side. Removal of the pilings will open an area to provide improved access. The Applicant does not anticipate docking more than two vessels on the property.

Motion made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Parker, to approve the dock at 515 Idlewyld. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VI. Waiver of Limitations – 1476446 Ontario Limited, Gerhard Michael Sowa / 736 NE 20th Avenue

Mr. Nutter, representing the Applicant, stated that several homeowners along 20th Avenue have mooring pilings and finger piers which extend into the canal. He added that this is the one area in Fort Lauderdale in which it is permissible to rent boat slips. The proposed pilings would be located 75 ft. and 125 ft. from the seawall cap, and 78 and 128 ft. respectively from the wet face of the seawall. The Applicant plans to dock one 80 ft. and one 100 ft. vessels at the subject property, which is not unusual for the neighborhood. The property is zoned Residential (RS-8).

Mr. Walker asked if boat slips may be rented on the subject property. Mr. Nutter replied that the Applicant plans to rent out at least one slip. Mr. Cuba pointed out that slips may be rented at commercially zoned properties along 20th Avenue, but rentals are not permitted in the residentially zoned areas. It is permissible for individuals to rent upland properties and use existing docks on those properties.

Vice Chair Strobel added that zoning is outside the Board's purview: they may not grant permission related to the use of the property.

There being no further questions from the Board at this time, Vice Chair Strobel opened the public hearing.

Priscilla Juranich, private citizen, requested clarification that the pilings would not be farther out than 125 ft. from the seawall cap. This was confirmed. She added that the Applicant's LLC purchased the property for use of the dock with a support building. There is no oversight of environmental, fuel and maintenance, or other issues on the property, as would occur at a marina.

Ms. Juranich continued that both marine wildlife and recreational swimmers are in the water near the subject property, and may be exposed to environmental and health hazards from dumped sewage. She cautioned that a significant storm surge, particularly when combined with tides, could produce 4 to 6 ft. of inundation above ground level,