



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**DRAFT
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

**Cumulative Attendance
May 2020 – April 2021**

Grant Henderson, Chair	P	3	0
Ed Strobel, Vice Chair	P	3	0
Cliff Berry II	P	2	1
Deirdre Boling-Lewis	P	3	0
Robyn Chiarelli	A	2	1
Barry Flanigan	P	3	0
Richard Graves (arr. 6:15)	P	3	0
James Harrison	P	3	0
Rose Ann Lovell	P	3	0
Kitty McGowan (arr. 6:25)	P	2	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	2	1
Ted Morley	A	2	1
Bill Walker	P	2	1
Steve Witten	P	3	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

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

II. Approval of Minutes – September 3, 2020

Motion made by Vice Chair Strobel, seconded by Ms. Boling-Lewis, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

III. Statement of Quorum

It was noted a quorum was present at the meeting.

IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Sergeant Todd Mills of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Marine Unit reported the following activity during the month of September 2020:

- 7 citations
- 101 warnings
- 33 vessel inspections
- 8 incidents, including 2 burglaries
- Collaboration with U.S. Coast Guard to look for illegal chartered vessels
- 2 sunken vessels, including 1 barge
- 1 small vessel accident

Sgt. Mills noted that preparations for the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show are currently underway in condensed format.

Mr. Witten asked if the Marine Unit still needs to limit its Officers' hours due to budget constraints. Sgt. Mills replied that while there had been budget concerns related to maintenance, this was due to a lack of communication, and funds are sufficient.

Chair Henderson asked if the public is becoming more aware of illegal charter activity. Sgt. Mills advised that the Coast Guard has taken this issue very seriously over the past year, and this activity may be lessening.

V. Waiver of Limitations – Mark Tkach / 1776 SE 10th Street

Mr. Graves arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Tyler Chappell, representing the Applicant, recalled that this Item also came before the Board at their September 3, 2020 meeting. The Applicant has decided to relocate his boat lift to the east side of the subject property rather than the south side. This will allow better access to and from the canal as well as providing the Applicant with greater privacy.

The requested waiver is for 6.2 ft., as the boat lift would be 31.2 ft. from the property line. The lift and marginal dock width remain the same as in the previous presentation. Extraordinary circumstances include the width of the waterway, which is 1395 ft. The lift will be used to safely moor the boat against wakes from the Intracoastal Waterway and alleviate any shading of benthic resources below the water. Two additional individuals provided letters of support since the previous presentation.

Mr. Harrison asked if the Application will require dredging. Mr. Chappell confirmed that dredging is proposed on the south and east sides of the property.

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

Motion made by Mr. Berry, seconded by Ms. Lovell, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 10-1 (Ms. Boling-Lewis dissenting).

VI. Waiver of Limitations for Beach Boating Restricted Area – Atlantic Beach Clubs Two, Inc. / Adjacent to 3049 Alhambra Street

Chair Henderson advised that the Applicant has been selected through the City's request for proposal (RFP) process for motorized beach rental concession. This Item addresses the business's ingress/egress within the beach boating restricted zone, which lies between a high water mark to the west and 100 yards east of the mean high water mark of the Atlantic Ocean.

Mr. Cuba noted that the Applicant's representative was not present at the meeting. The Board is asked to make a recommendation for or against the proposed waiver that would allow them to launch on the beach.

Mr. Harrison asked if there were any changes from a previously submitted plan. Mr. Cuba replied that the concessionaire has been the same party for the past five years. Sgt. Mills confirmed that there have been no reported issues at this location, and the vendor regularly uses buoy markers. Mr. Luscomb added that the concessionaire has met all requirements listed in the City's RFP.

Vice Chair Strobel recommended that the Item be tabled until a representative of the Applicant was present to respond to questions about the concession's operations. Mr. McLaughlin explained that his questions were intended to determine what kind of licensing was necessary and the types and capacity of boats used for operation.

Ms. McGowan arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Ms. Boling-Lewis also recommended that the Item be tabled until the next meeting when the Applicant and/or representative may be present to respond to questions. Mr. Cuba stated that the Item in question is a Procurement Item, on which the Board is asked to make a recommendation regarding the launch corridor.

David Heemskerk, representing the concessionaire, advised that should the operation's chase vessel become disabled, that watercraft would be pulled from the rental fleet and replaced. Banana boats may accommodate a maximum of six individuals. No additional vessel is needed to pull the banana boat: a boat from the existing fleet is used for this