



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

Cumulative Attendance May 2020 – April 2021			
Grant Henderson, Chair	P	7	1
Ed Strobel, Vice Chair	P	8	0
Cliff Berry II	P	6	2
Deirdre Boling-Lewis	P	5	3
Robyn Chiarelli	A	4	4
Barry Flanigan	P	8	0
Richard Graves	P	5	3
James Harrison	A	7	1
Rose Ann Lovell	P	8	0
Kitty McGowan	A	6	2
Norbert McLaughlin	P	7	1
Ted Morley	P	6	2
Christopher Rotella	A	2	2
Bill Walker	P	6	2
Steve Witten	P	8	0

As of this date, there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager
Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor
Sergeant Laurie Arthur, 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 – March 4, 2021

Motion made by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to approve the minutes from the last meeting. 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 Laurie Arthur of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Marine Unit reported the following activity from the month of March 2021:

- 35 citations
- 101 warnings
- 7 safety inspections
- 4 accidents
- 2 burglaries
- 16 miscellaneous incidents

Sgt. Arthur advised that the upcoming Air Show is scheduled for May 8-9, 2021.

V. Dock Permit – 1029 Cordova Road / Lori Jean Marcellino & M. Austin Foreman

Steve Caswell, representing the Applicant, stated that the property owners plan to rebuild structures that existed prior to the demolition of a previous seawall. This will include a frame structure and piles. Nothing will be attached to the new seawall on either the water or the land side. A pre-cast staircase has been designed for the land side, including a stable platform that will allow the owners to cross the top of their seawall to their dock, which will extend roughly 4 ft. off the seawall.

Mr. Caswell added that he has worked closely with Mr. Cuba of Marine Facilities Staff to ensure that the request complies with current County and City requirements.

There being no 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.

Mr. Walker asked if this would be one of the first dock waiver requests since the rebuilding of the seawall in the subject area. Mr. Cuba confirmed that this was the second such request. The Application is compliant with all requirements. Chair Henderson noted that the Board will need to ensure that its review of requests in the area remains consistent, as more waivers will come forward in the following months.

Mr. Witten asked if it will be left to each homeowner's discretion regarding the construction of stairs, or if uniformity will be required. Mr. Cuba stated that no stairs may be attached to the seawall. Mr. Caswell reiterated that the stairs are a stand-alone

feature and are not attached to the structure. There is also no physical attachment between the dock and the seawall.

Motion made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Morley, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VI. Dock Permit – 915 Cordova Road / M. Austin Foreman Mgr. Gillis Investments 2 LTD

Mr. Caswell, representing the Applicant, stated that this Application also seeks to rebuild previous structures that existed before the reconstruction of the seawall. This dock will extend "approximately the same distance" into the waterway as the dock described in Item V.

There being no 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. Witten, seconded by Mr. Berry, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VII. Dock Permit – 1207 Seminole Drive / William H. & Vicki L. Schaefer

This Item was deferred.

VIII. Dock Waiver -- 141 Isle of Venice / Madison Abele, Casa Murano LLC

This Item was deferred.

IX. Old / New Business

Mr. Flanigan recalled that at their March 2021 meeting, the Board had voted in favor of a variance requested on 20th Avenue. At a subsequent City Commission meeting, however, the Commission unanimously rejected the variance. He also noted that the Commission had not been supportive of the Board's recommendation and had characterized the Board's approval process as "rubber-stamping" variances and other requests.

Mr. Flanigan continued that several facts had been omitted from the presentation of the variance to the Commission, including issues relating to service vehicles, fuel delivery, and detailing of boats on the property. He pointed out that this activity is permitted in the subject area, and that significant tax dollars are generated there. He emphasized the importance of the Marine Advisory Board building a better relationship with the City Commission.