



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021– 6:00 P.M.**

|                        |   | <b>Cumulative Attendance<br/>May 2021 – April 2022</b> |   |
|------------------------|---|--|---|
| Grant Henderson, Chair | P | 2  | 0 |
| Ed Strobel, Vice Chair | P | 2  | 0 |
| Cliff Berry II         | P | 2  | 0 |
| Deirdre Boling-Lewis   | A | 1  | 1 |
| Robyn Chiarelli        | A | 1  | 1 |
| Barry Flanigan         | P | 1  | 1 |
| Richard Graves         | P | 1  | 1 |
| James Harrison         | P | 2  | 0 |
| Rose Ann Lovell        | P | 2  | 0 |
| Kitty McGowan          | P | 2  | 0 |
| Norbert McLaughlin     | P | 2  | 0 |
| Ted Morley             | P | 2  | 0 |
| Christopher Rotella    | P | 2  | 0 |
| Bill Walker            | P | 2  | 0 |
| Steve Witten           | P | 2  | 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 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 – May 6, 2021**

**Motion** made by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the minutes from the May 6 meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

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

The Board reviewed a slide showing an aerial view of the property, with Mr. Harrison noting that the boat may extend further into the waterway than the proposed dolphin pile. Mr. McLaughlin recalled that the individuals who expressed concern with the plans at the May meeting had not seen any issues with a 35 ft. vessel. He also observed that the Board has no way to regulate the size of a boat an owner plans to dock on his or her property.

**Motion** made by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Witten, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 13-0.

Ms. Lovell commented that a member of the Board should be present when this Application goes before the City Commission to inform the Commission that the request was denied with the earlier configuration. This could demonstrate to the Commission that the Board does not "rubber-stamp" the applications that come before them.

#### **VI. Dock Waiver – 1207 Seminole Drive / William H. & Vicki L. Schaefer**

Jena Robbins and Mr. Chappell, representing the Applicant, showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Application, which also came before the Board in May. At that time, the proposal was for finger piers that extended 33 ft. from the property line and a mooring pile that extended 53.5 ft. from the property line. After hearing comments from the property's neighbors and the Board, the request was revised so the finger pier and mooring piles would be relocated to the north side of the property to accommodate only one vessel rather than two. The width of the finger pier was increased by 1 ft. The current Application requests that the finger pier extend 28.8 ft. and the mooring pile 48.8 ft. from the property line. This is an overall reduction of 4.7 ft. for the requested waiver.

Ms. Robbins showed multiple views of the property and the configuration of its existing structures. Zoning at the property requires a 10 ft. setback for vessels, which limits the amount of dock space available. She reiterated that the relocated finger pier and mooring pile can accommodate one vessel of approximately 60 ft. in length. The overall waiver request for the subject property is for 3.8 ft.

Extraordinary circumstances include:

- The structures and piles will not impede navigation on the lake
- Safe mooring of the property owner's vessel
- The angle of the property line does not permit parallel mooring

The property's neighbor to the north, who would be the most affected by the project, has provided a letter of support in favor of the Application. No other waivers have been recorded on Lake Seminole.

plans to purchase a center console vessel. He has no plans at this time to install utilities on the floating dock.

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 Vice Chair Strobel, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

#### **VII. Dock Waiver – 141 Isle of Venice / Madison Abele, Casa Murano LLC**

Mr. Chappell, representing the Applicant, showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Application, which was first presented at the May 2021 meeting. The plans have been revised to incorporate the neighbors' and the Board's feedback. They now meet the 35 ft. standard within the canal, with mooring piles moved back to a distance of 35 ft.

Mr. Chappell continued that the request is now consistent with other waivers issued in the subject area. He showed a number of views of the site, pointing out that the design is similar to the one presented at the May meeting with different spacing and larger finger piers. The waterway is 164 ft. wide at the subject location.

Extraordinary circumstances include:

- All piles and structures extend less than 30% into the waterway
- 164 ft. width of the waterway
- Structures will not impede navigation
- Perpendicular mooring will be required
- Request is consistent with other waivers in the area

Mr. Chappell provided letters of support from neighbors of the property, noting that a neighborhood association which had opposed the request at the May meeting is now supportive of the revised design. Permits are in place to begin construction.

Vice Chair Strobel requested additional information on the property's upland/side yard setback. Mr. Chappell advised that there is no side yard setback requirement for boats in this area.

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

Babs Byers, private citizen, expressed concern for navigation in the subject area if the waiver is granted. She pointed out that the pilings at their proposed distance would create a navigation issue for boats at the last two docks on Isle of Venice. This would affect boats preparing to dock at their slips or turning around in the area.