



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.

		Cumulative Attendance	
		May 2021 – April 2022	
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.

Chair Henderson requested that Items VI and VII be switched in position on the Agenda at the applicants' request.

Motion made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Morley, to switch #6 with #7. 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 from May 2021:

- 44 citations
- 101 warnings
- 3 minor boating accidents
- 3 other minor accidents

Sgt. Mills continued that there are only five boats currently moored in Lake Sylvia, as two vessels have sunk and several others have left the area. The owner of one of the sunken vessels has been arrested for failure to appear at his hearing.

Sgt. Mills continued that the operator of a jet ski rental facility at George English Park was also arrested for failure to appear at his hearing. His business license for the facility is likely to be revoked.

The recent Air Show was a successful event, with rough weather on two days of the show, which attracted fewer oceanside viewers. Memorial Day Weekend was also very busy. Additional incidents of note included a migrant landing at Pompano Beach, which was interrupted by a Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) boat. All individuals but one were taken into custody.

Sgt. Mills concluded that the Marine Unit plans to use grant funds from the Florida Inland Navigational District (FIND) to help purchase motors for boats.

As Sgt. Mills was retiring after 32 years with the Fort Lauderdale Police, the Board recognized his service with a plaque.

V. Dock Permit – 1009 Cordova Road / Gex & Jamie Richardson

Gex Richardson, Applicant, stated that he plans to install a 40 ft. floating dock with concrete pilings and a ramp on land. He has not yet purchased a boat, although he

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

Tyler 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.