



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

		Cumulative Attendance May 2021 – April 2022	
Grant Henderson, Chair	A	6	1
Ed Strobel, Vice Chair	P	7	0
Deirdre Boling-Lewis	A	4	2
Bob Denison	A	4	2
Robyn Chiarelli	P	3	4
Barry Flanigan	P	6	1
Richard Graves	P	4	3
James Harrison	P	7	0
Rose Ann Lovell	P	6	1
Kitty McGowan	A	5	2
Norbert McLaughlin	P	7	0
Ted Morley	P	6	1
Noelle Norvell	P	3	1
Christopher Rotella	P	7	0
Steve Witten	P	7	0

As of this date, there are 14 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager
Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor
Sergeant Tom Capano, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Tedra Allen, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Vice Chair Strobel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2021

Motion made by Mr. Witten, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, 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 Tom Capano of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Marine Unit reported the following activity from October 2021:

- 3 accidents
- 34 citations
- 25 warnings

Sgt. Capano added that most warnings were issued in the speed zone south of Oakland Park

V. Dock Permit – 721 Cordova Road / Edward & Elizabeth Bohne

Edward Bohne, Applicant, advised that his requested dock would be located along a seawall that was recently replaced. He hopes to install an L-shaped dock with a boat lift and a floating dock, with a gangplank extending to the floating dock. The request is for a variance to extend 5 ft. into the waterway beyond the 25 ft. limitation.

The variance is requested due to shallow water along the seawall at the subject location. The subject property is over 500 ft. from any adjacent properties or existing structures. The proposed boat lift would have a low profile.

It was noted that the dock permit and the waiver be discussed and voted upon separately.

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

Mr. Bohne clarified that the boat in question will be an Intrepid, and will be docked in the Mediterranean style. The boat will extend approximately 10 ft. into the waterway.

Motion made by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

It was noted that the above **motion** applied only to the request for a dock permit.

VI. Dock Waiver – 721 Cordova Road / Edward and Elizabeth Bohne

Vice Chair Strobel clarified that this Item addressed the waiver request, which would allow for a 5 ft. extension into the waterway. He asked for the distance between the bow of the docked boat to the far side of the waterway. Mr. Bohne replied that this distance is more than 500 ft.

It was pointed out that while the Board has approved a number of waivers in the subject area, this was the only case in which the boat will be docked perpendicularly rather than parallel to the seawall. Mr. Bohne stated that there have been several boats docked in this fashion along Cordova Road in the past, and added that it is the best solution within the triangle in which his property lies.

Mr. Cuba advised that while no public notice to nearby residents is required for a dock permit, notice was sent to properties within 300 ft. of the subject property in relation to the waiver request. Staff received no correspondence including concerns or negative comments.

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

Motion made by Ms. Lovell, seconded by Mr. Morley, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (10-0).

VII. Old / New Business

Vice Chair Strobel requested an update on motorized surfboards or surf/ski boards. Sgt. Capano confirmed that per State Statute, these are not considered to be vessels.

Vice Chair Strobel expressed concern for the speeds at which these boards can be operated, asking if there are any limitations in place on these speeds. Sgt. Capano replied that because the devices do not create wakes, there is little the Marine Unit can do to address speed. He was not certain if a requirement that the devices be fully settled in the water would apply, as they are not considered vessels.

It was noted that additional regulation of these boards could be seen as detrimental to the tourism and marine industries in Fort Lauderdale. Vice Chair Strobel reiterated his concern with the motorized boards, stating that he would like to hear input on them from the yachting and towing industries, as individuals on these items can lose control of them. It was also noted that there is no way to determine whether these items will be widely used in the future and may require regulation at that time. The members determined that they would table this issue at present.

Mr. Rotella asked if it would be possible to create a subcommittee to address water quality and the technologies used to keep the City's waterways clean. Mr. Cuba explained that subcommittees can be problematic due to the requirements of the Sunshine Law. If a Board member wishes to form a group with industry professionals and/or other non-Board members, that person may do so if they wish.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]