

**MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
 FORT LAUDERDALE
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	Cumulative Attendance 5/2008 through 4/2009	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
John Terrill, Chair	P	4	0
Barry Flanigan, Vice Chair	P	3	1
Rick Schulze	A	2	2
Mark Swenson	P	4	0
Randolph Adams	P	2	2
Norbert McLaughlin	P	2	0
Alec Anderson	P	4	0
John Baker	A	2	2
John Custer	P	3	1
Bob Ross	P	4	0
Lisa Scott-Founds	A	3	1
Stephen Tilbrook	P	3	1
Michael Widoff	P	4	0
Eugene Zorovich	P	4	0
Herb Rassing [8:16 pm departed]	P	2	0

Staff Present

Jamie Hart, Supervisor of Marine Facilities
 Andrew Cuba, Marina Manager
 Matthew Domke, Downtown Facilities Dockmaster
 Sgt. Andy Pallen, Marine Police
 John Herbst, City Auditor
 Jonda K. Joseph, City Clerk
 Terry Rynard, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation Department
 Gina Rivera, Parks & Recreation
 Frank Snedaker, City Architect
 Jorg Hruschka
 Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Clerk, Prototype, Inc.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Terrill called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Chair Terrill acknowledged that Andrew Cuba was a new father with the recent birth of his daughter, Alexis Josephine. Everyone offered Mr. Cuba their congratulations.

In addition, Chair Terrill acknowledged the presence of Richard Duncan and Roger McKee, former Marine Advisory Board members.

II. Approval of Minutes – September 4, 2008

Motion made by Mr. Widoff, seconded by Mr. Rassing, to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting of the Marine Advisory Board. In a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

III. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Sgt. Andy Pallen, from the Fort Lauderdale Police Marine Unit, reported that there were no reports of accidents or injuries on the waterways in Fort Lauderdale during the month of September.

Sgt. Pallen advised that the Marine Unit received 81 calls in September, three of which were burglaries to vessels which were unrelated to each other. There was one report of a sunken boat this month which had gotten hung up under a dock during an extreme tide.

Sgt. Pallen stated that in September, 33 warnings were issued to boaters, and only four citations were issued.

IV. Charter Amendments – November 4, 2008 Ballot

Chair Terrill introduced John Herbst, City Auditor, and Jonda Joseph, City Clerk, to present this item to the Board.

Ms. Joseph stated that she wanted to bring to everyone's attention that there is going to be a City item on the November ballot concerning the City Charter. Ms. Joseph explained that presently the Charter is not entirely clear as to whether the Auditor and the Clerk have the authority to appoint and supervise their employees. This Amendment would clarify this in the City Charter. Ms. Joseph said that this could be found on the ballot as Item #17 (or the last question) on the ballot.

Ms. Joseph encouraged everyone to vote and when reaching the end of the ballot to remember vote for the City of Fort Lauderdale amendment. Ms. Joseph invited questions.

Mr. Herbst explained that they are currently functioning well, but believe that it is important to remain independent of the Office of the City Manager.

Ms. Joseph passed out flyers and thanked the Board for allowing this presentation.

V. Presentation – Coontie Hatchee Park Floating Dock

• **Gina Rivera**

Gina Roberts of the Parks and Recreation Department stated that this matter was before the Marine Advisory Board this evening to request support of the submission of their BBIP grant application, as it is being presented on the October 7, 2008 City Commission Agenda. Thereupon, Ms. Roberts displayed a PowerPoint Presentation.

Ms. Roberts explained that the application was for the construction of a floating dock at Coontie Hatchee Park, located at 1116 SW 15th Avenue. Coontie Hatchee Park is a 2.68 acre site located on the south fork of the New River. The applicant is proposing the construction of a 10-ft x 6-ft floating dock, parallel to the shoreline, over the existing concrete seawall. This dock will provide access to small motorized boats. Ms. Roberts showed various views of the site.

Ms. Roberts stated that this site was approved for a land use amendment from the Planning & Zoning Board from “residential” to “park” on September 17, 2008. A design survey was conducted wherein a floating dock was one of the top five amenities requested by the residents. Ms. Roberts stated that the dock was a consistent use, coinciding with the uses along the river.

Regarding funding of the grant application, the City is requesting that the BBIP grant fund 75% of the costs of construction and that the Parks and Recreation Department would pick up the 25% match. The total project cost is \$82,850.00. Ms. Roberts then displayed a full-color conceptual rendering of the site.

Ms. Roberts summed up that she was requesting from the Marine Advisory Board a recommendation of support for the submission of the grant application. She introduced Frank Snedaker, City Architect, and Terry Rynard, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, and welcomed any questions of the Board.

Mr. Custer asked if the \$82,000 cost was a bid price or a budget number. Mr. Snedaker responded that it was a budget number based on bids recently received on another dock that was somewhat larger.

Mr. Tilbrook commented that he felt this was a great idea and that he is pleased to see the City Parks and Recreation Department is choosing to use floating docks as amenities to parks. He advised that he would support the application. Mr. Tilbrook asked if other parks could be considered for construction of floating docks, and whether this Board could identify other locations where floating docks might be appropriate.

Ms. Rynard advised that there was a floating dock at George English Park which was done through a BBIP grant, and which is receiving great feedback. She said that a lot of new properties which were obtained through the County Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond Program were located along the water. Certainly, when a 75/25 match can be obtained, Ms. Rynard indicated that the Department is in favor of a floating dock amenity to those parks. The floating docks, she said, give the residents another way to access the parks. Ms. Rynard gave assurance that any suggestions by the Marine Advisory Board would be welcomed.

Ms. Rynard stated that all construction at Coontie Hatchee Park is due to be completed by the end of June, 2009.

Mr. Tilbrook asked if the funding cycle for the BBIP was annual. Ms. Rivera said that the application was submitted in September and they will not know about funding for another year.

Mr. Tilbrook said, if appropriate, he would ask if other opportunities for these types of boating facilities in existing city parks be placed on a future Agenda. Chair Terrill stated that it is certainly worth talking about under "New Business."

Mr. Rassing reminded the Board that he works for a company that locally manufactures floating docks. He echoed that he believed this to be a great asset to the New River.

Mr. Adams said that he also sits on the Marine Advisory Committee for the County and that they had looked at the City's initial presentation submitted to the County. He said that the BBIP program only provides funding for docks for motorized vessels, and suggested that the kayaks be removed from the drawing. Mr. Adams also agreed the Coontie Hatchee floating dock is a good project.

Mr. Flanigan asked for confirmation that this property will be maintained by the City of Fort Lauderdale, and Ms. Rivera stated that this was correct. Mr. Hart said that the dock was for day dockage only, and that overnight boats were not permitted.

Motion made by Mr. Tilbrook, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to recommend to the City Commission to submit application for the grant for the Coontie Hatchee Park floating dock. In a voice vote, the motion was **granted** unanimously 12 – 0.

VI. Discussion – Waterway Speed Limit Signage
• **Marine Advisory Board**

Chair Terrill advised that he had suggested this matter be placed on the Agenda in order to determine what signs may still need to be replaced from hurricanes or other damage. This discussion would include City signs, County signs, and/or State signs that are noticed along the City's waterways. Chair Terrill advised that Mr. Hart has agreed to speak with those in the City responsible for replacing City signs, and would also send a letter to the County or other entities responsible for signs in the waterways.

Mr. Zorovich asked who maintains the signs along the Intracoastal Waterway, such as the speed limit signs and the manatee signs. Mr. Hart responded that the County maintains the speed limit signs. Sgt. Pallan said that the Florida Wildlife Commission was taking care of the manatee signs and is in the process of completing Broward County. Sgt. Pallan said there is a project slated for next year within the State whereby the Florida Wildlife Commission is going to identify the different zones to provide consistency of manatee signs within those zones.

Mr. Adams said that if the City wants to move a sign, they will have to petition the State to do so. Sgt. Pallan confirmed that everything must be done with permission from the State.

Chair Terrill commented that Mr. Hart has agreed to work with Sgt. Pallan to identify any signs they notice, regardless of who is responsible for them, in order to at least come up with a list to let the appropriate entity know the signs are not there. Mr. Hart said that there are 88 miles of waterways within the City. In fact, he stated, the City has just replaced signs costing \$200,000 due to Hurricane Wilma. Mr. Hart advised that the City had sufficient funding and did have a contractor until November who was handling the replacement of these signs.

Chair Terrill asked Mr. Hart if the Board agreed to do so whether this matter could be placed on next month's Agenda. Mr. Hart agreed to place it on next month's Agenda.

Mr. Flanigan suggested that this matter be revisited once a year and Chair Terrill concurred.

Mr. Flanigan referenced the "Monitor Channel 9 sign," and Mr. Hart responded that this can be done under the City's contract and that he was going to put in a request for this to be done.

VII. Application – Dock Permit/Use of Dock on Public Property – 2630 Barcelona Drive

- **Richard E. and Mary T. Kazares**

Mr. Hart recalled that at last month's Marine Advisory Board meeting this Application was deferred in hopes that the attorneys for the two property owners who were seeking a dock permit could reach a resolution. Mr. Hart said that he believed there was an understanding reached between the two attorneys. He introduced Don Hall, former City Attorney, and Dean Trantalis, former Vice Mayor and City Commissioner.

Don Hall indicated that he was representing Richard and Mary Kazares, and that Mr. Trantalis was representing James M. Domesek, M.D. and April L. Hollis, neighbors to Mr. and Mrs. Kazares. Mr. Hall stated that they had agreed to language with the assistance of Mr. Hart, Mr. Dunckel, Mr. Trantalis and their clients. He confirmed that it was agreed that the permit will be granted to Mr. and Mrs. Kazares, and that the permit will also recognize the rights of Ms. Hollis and Dr. Domesek to dock and launch watercraft from the existing dock. He said that Mr. Dunckel has written some helpful language that deals with the issues of additions to the dock. If Ms. Hollis and Mr. Domesek wish to install floating dock(s), they will have the ability to do so, subject to normal City permitting. If such a floating dock is installed, Ms. Hollis and Dr. Domesek will be responsible to maintain, repair, replace and for liability of such floating dock.

Mr. Hall said that this was otherwise a standard dock permit, but that it does satisfy the Board's concerns from last month's meeting.

Mr. Trantalis, on behalf of April Hollis and Dr. Domesek, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Kazares and Don Hall for working in a cooperative way with regard to the competing claims for a dock permit. He stated that language was simply added to the dock permit stating that Mr. and Mrs. Kazares have the dock permit, subject to the ability his clients to share it, so long as they do not deny Mr. and Mrs. Kazares to use it. As a result, Mr. Trantalis

advised that Ms. Hollis and Dr. Domesek were withdrawing their application, subject to the approval of this agreement by this Board and the City Commission. As such, it would be removed from tonight's Agenda.

Mr. Ross asserted that he applauded both parties in reaching an agreement. He questioned whether any addition to the existing dock would be brought before the Marine Advisory Board, and Mr. Hall affirmed this.

Mr. Anderson asked if both parties were happy with this agreement, and both attorneys acknowledged this was correct.

Mr. McLaughlin asked whether it was correct that the dock was open to anyone from the public, not just the two neighbors. Mr. Hall clarified that the dock was for the use of the permit holder. If there was an upland area, which is the case here, it is the uplands to which the public has a right for ingress and egress to the water.

Sgt. Pallan stated that in the unlikely event that there is ever an issue between the two stakeholders here, his department will be the one that is called. He questioned whether the provisions were clear-cut and whether there was an actual sharing agreement or something he could rely on in such a situation. Mr. Hall said that he need only refer to the conditions of the permit.

Mr. Tilbrook asked whether the document that grants this right is a permit. Mr. Hall stated that the Code calls it a permit, but it is more in the legal nature of a license. Mr. Trantalis clarified that a permit grants use, not possession.

Motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Rensing, to approve the Application for a dock permit/use of dock on public property by Richard E. and Mary T. Kazares. By roll call vote the motion was **granted** unanimously 12 - 0.

Chair Terrill, acknowledged that he had gone directly to a motion before this matter had been opened to the public. As such, he inquired as to whether anyone from the public desired to speak on this item. Finding no members of the public wishing to speak, this matter was closed to the public.

Chair Terrill then returned the matter to the Board for further discussion. Finding no members of the Board wishing to speak, this matter went to a roll call vote.

VIII. Application – Dock Permit/Use of Dock on Public Property – 2626 Barcelona Drive

- **James M. Domesek, M.D. and April L. Hollis**

An agreement having been reached among the parties, Dr. Domesek and Ms. Hollis, withdrew this application, subject to the approval of the agreement by the City Commission. As such, it was removed from tonight's Agenda.

IX. Discussion – Marine Facilities Rules & Regulations/Prohibiting Floating Homes at Municipal Docks

Mr. Hart explained that in an effort to improve the quality of the City's facilities and for safety, and in particular to improve the New River facilities, this matter comes before the Board relating to regulation of floating homes at municipal docks. Mr. Hart stated that this had been discussed with the City Attorneys and that it is uncertain whether any changes must be done with an actual Code amendment or whether they could be done by simple policy and permit regulations. Mr. Hart said that the Code does allow for the supervisor of marine facilities, in Section 8, to promulgate rules. Mr. Hart advised that he is asking that a rule be promulgated to prohibit floating homes at municipal docks.

Mr. Hart referred the Board members to a memo that had been provided to them. He clarified that he was seeking the Board's comments, and that this matter would have to be brought to the attention of the City Commission. Mr. Hart said that the Board has a copy of the standard rules which boaters are provided that come to the City's facilities. It is felt the City's rules and regulations should be strengthened, particularly from a safety and navigational standpoint. It is felt, Mr. Hart explained, that the City staff is not qualified to monitor or regulate this type of structure, in terms of electrical, plumbing and hurricane. Currently, said Mr. Hart, it is felt there are not adequate provisions in the City's policies to prohibit this type of craft.

Mr. Rassing asked if anyone has applied for such a floating home to be docked. Mr. Hart said that they have had people apply, although there have been very few in the past 25 years of his employment with the City.

Mr. Hart explained that he and Mr. Cuba had searched the internet and were unable to find any Coast Guard regulations that regulate this type of craft. There are regulations, however, in municipalities throughout the country such as are being proposed tonight. The City feels that their facilities are not designed for this type of craft.

Mr. McLaughlin expressed that one problem in defining a floating home, is that once someone puts a 3-horsepower outboard motor on a craft, it becomes a vessel, which can have numbers on it. Mr. Hart said this is why he wants the comments of the Board tonight.

Mr. McLaughlin compared a floating home to a houseboat. He said that quite a few people in the Miami Marina bought houseboats and they basically live aboard them. If you look at the outdrives on these houseboats, he said, it is apparent they could not move that boat. However, they are still a licensed boat and still a craft that has Florida numbers on it. As far as the Coast Guard is concerned, it is a registered houseboat. A floating home can become a houseboat easily by adding a motor to it. If any policing is to be done, Mr. McLaughlin suggested that it would be necessary to make sure the engines run. There appears to be a grey area as to what defines a floating home.

Mr. Adams asked if there is a problem now, or whether this was in anticipation of a problem. Mr. Hart responded that it was anticipated that there is not enough teeth in the City's current policies to prohibit a request by a floating home. Mr. Adams stated that he was philosophically opposed to arbitrary restrictions. Mr. Hart responded that they were not working on arbitrary restrictions, but were trying to have a restriction that made sense for the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Mr. Flanigan asked Mr. Hart to confirm that the photograph in the Board's packets was not a vessel that was currently at the City's docks. Mr. Hart confirmed this was correct. Mr. Flanigan said that, to his knowledge, there is only one vessel that is borderline and it is a houseboat. In the event of a hurricane, such a vessel cannot be moved. He expressed that there were certain existing Commissioners that would be very partial to the fact that the vessel was still here and would take action.

Mr. Flanigan suggested that any prohibition be based upon the inability to remove such a craft in an emergency. Mr. Hart said that Mr. Cuba had done a very intense investigation on the internet of other municipalities. Some of these municipalities simply restrict them – whether powered or not. The City of Miami, for instance, has a very lengthy code process.

Mr. Adams asked what type of agreement does exist now with any boat owner. Mr. Hart said that the City Attorney felt there would have to be more teeth in the agreement in order to prohibit this type of craft.

Mr. Tilbrook advised that he represents a few marinas and typically this would be included within the rules and regulations if it is not permitted. Mr. Tilbrook asked Mr. Hart how often he reviews and updates the rules and regulations. Mr. Hart said this was done probably every year. Mr. Tilbrook asked whether Mr. Hart had to go back to the Commission each time changes are made to the rules and regulations. Mr. Hart explained that the Code allows the supervisor of marine facilities to promulgate the rules and regulations, unless it affects a Code change.

Mr. Tilbrook suggested that the easiest way would be to update the rules and regulations that accompany the lease agreement. He said that he could give examples of other marinas that have restrictions, which are real good restrictions about the ability to relocate someone's vessel, if necessary, the need to have propulsion hurricane evacuation requirements and insurance requirements.

Mr. Tilbrook went on to say that he felt the City would benefit from preserving the docks for other users. He indicated that he was aware the City allowed live-aboards, but that there was a difference between a live-aboard and a vessel that is primarily designed and used as a home or dwelling. Mr. Tilbrook expressed that the City's docks should be used by active boaters and, therefore, he would prefer a stronger regulation that does not allow homes or dwellings to be placed in our marinas.

Mr. Ross asked if a vessel could be defined as a vessel that was built as a registered boat, as opposed to a houseboat where a 3-horsepower motor is added, since it was not built as a vessel.

Mr. Cuba said that often a barge is used as a base for these floating homes. Mr. McLaughlin said that up north, quite a few of the barges are self-propelled.

Mr. Widoff expressed that he did not believe it is this Board's job to draw up this regulation, but believes Mr. Hart should do so.

Mr. McLaughlin believes that houseboats do not make their way to Fort Lauderdale because they are not really accepted here as they are in other places. He suggests defining a "vessel" as being self-propelled. A houseboat has a helm, motors and is capable of being moved, but a floating home is not capable of propelling itself and must have assistance to be moved.

Motion by Mr. Rassing, seconded by Mr. Adams, that Staff prepare a proposal of the rules and how they may want to amend them. Upon roll call vote the motion was **granted** unanimously 12 – 0.

Responding to Mr. Ross' question, Mr. Hart stated that they will define a "floating home" through the City Attorney's office. Mr. Hart explained that he was looking for this Board's support to move forward to establishing a policy. He also said that he would bring the stipulations back to this Board.

X. Old/New Business

Mr. Rassing said that he has a sailboat and spends a great deal of time at the Las Olas Bridge. He claimed that if going from Las Olas to the 17th Street Bridge and one has a 65-foot mast, which he does, one will not make it through the bridge opening. Mr. Rassing admitted that he agreed with the concept of having a scheduled bridge on Las Olas because of the traffic, but disagrees that only 15 minutes are allowed between Las Olas and 17th Street bridges. If the tide is going against the sailboat, it will never make it. The same applies if going from the 17th Street Bridge to the Las Olas Bridge. Mr. Rassing said that there can be a 25 minute wait for the bridge to open.

Mr. Rassing proposed that Mike from the Coast Guard be invited to the November meeting of the Marine Advisory Board to have an open discussion about reopening the Las Olas bridge schedule. Mr. Rassing would like to propose resetting that bridge opening to every half hour, rather than 15 minutes after/before each hour. Mr. Rassing had been advised by Mike that it was a process to do so, and the first step would be for this Board to request a revisitation of that bridge opening.

Mr. Zorovich stated that if the schedule were changed, then powerboats may have to wait longer for bridge openings. Mr. Rassing suggested that if the schedule were changed, that everyone would be able to make the bridge openings because they would not have to wait for the 17th Street Bridge to open, as it has a 55-ft. clearance. Mr. Rassing clarified that his issue is the time that is allotted for boats to pass under the Las Olas Bridge to get to the 17th Street Bridge.

Mr. Tilbrook stated that he supported scheduling this discussion for another meeting.

Mr. Adams asked Mr. Rassing if he was speaking for many or just for himself. Mr. Rassing said that he was speaking for sailboats.

Chair Terrill asked for this matter to be scheduled for the next meeting of the Marine Advisory Board and that a representative of the Coast Guard should be invited to attend to participate in a discussion.

Chair Terrill asked Mr. Tilbrook if he wanted to bring up an issue concerning floating docks. Mr. Tilbrook stated that he wanted to ask if a discussion could be scheduled, where staff could bring suggestions for other parks where floating docks may be appropriate to be targeted for subsequent years for grant funding. Chair Terrill suggested that an item be added to next month's Marine Advisory Board meeting to discuss other parks that Board members may believe to be appropriate locations for floating docks for small boaters. Mr. Hart and Mr. Tilbrook felt it would be helpful to have someone from the Parks and Recreation Department attend such a discussion as well.

Mr. Herhold reported that the 10th Annual Marine Summit was held on the same day as the City's Clean Marina celebration. Mr. Herhold congratulated the City for this designation and advised that no other city in the State of Florida has three facilities that are designated as "clean marinas."

Mr. Herhold stated that the Marine Summit was held in Palm Beach County and was attended by 250 people, which is a record number of attendees. Mr. Herhold recalled that Mr. Cuba and Mr. Domke attended this Summit. The event was kicked off with Senate President, Senator Jeff Atwater; closing remarks made by CFO Alex Sink; and Adam Hasner, the House Majority Leader was the closing speaker. There were sessions on economic development, work force, regulatory and environmental issues as well as on Amendment 6.

In addition, Mr. Herhold stated, Mike Bradley from North Carolina's Marine Industry Economic Development spoke about how both North Carolina's marine industry's manufacturing and employment has increased 291% in three years. By comparison, he said, Florida's has gone down 5%.

Mr. Herhold also reminded the Board of the upcoming Boat Show which was in its 30-day count-down.

XI. Reports

• **Broward County Marine Advisory Committee**

Chair Terrill asked Mr. Adams to share what was done today at the Broward County Marine Advisory Committee meeting relating to Amendment 6.

Ms. Adams reported that at today's Broward County Marine Advisory Committee meeting, the members agreed to utilize email exchange of agendas and supporting documentation in an attempt to become paperless. Any special application will still be mailed to the members, but otherwise everything will be available through the internet.

Mr. Adams advised there were three applications for BBIP funding, two of which came from Fort Lauderdale. The two submitted by Fort Lauderdale were the 15th Street Fisheries and the other was the floating dock at Coontie Hatchee Park discussed this evening.

The last item discussed was the working waterfront which is Amendment 6. The Committee voted unanimously that the Marine Advisory Committee would send a letter to the Commission recommending that they speak to their representatives in

Tallahassee about getting this passed. Mr. Adams proposed that this Board should likewise ask the City Commission to send such a letter to Tallahassee addressing the importance of the passage of such an Amendment.

[Mr. Rassing departed the meeting at 8:19 p.m.]

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Tilbrook, that the Marine Advisory Board recommend to the City Commission that they support the working waterfront Amendment 6. Upon roll call vote, the motion was **granted** unanimously 11 – 0 [Mr. Rassing was not in attendance]

Mr. Herhold of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida was invited to join in this discussion. Mr. Herhold recalled that Amendment 6 was touched on at the last Marine Advisory Board meeting and advised that this effort has since gathered steam. He expressed that this Amendment is very important to the industry and specifically deals with waterfront property such as marinas, boat yards, boat ramps, marine manufacturing facilities, and fish houses to be taxed at current use rather than at potential use.

Mr. Herhold contended that the Broward County Tax Appraiser, Lori Parrish, was doing a great job taxing marinas, boat yards and facilities at current use. This is not the case in Palm Beach County where property taxes at some marine facilities have increased 400%.

Mr. Herhold expressed that this Amendment seeks to level the playing field in all 67 Florida counties. Mr. Herhold referred the Board to the packet of information provided on this subject, including the proposed change to the Amendment.

Mr. Herhold recounted that this proposed Amendment was a major topic of discussion at the Marine Summit.

Mr. Widoff asked why this was at the amendment stage, rather than legislation. Mr. Herhold responded that legislation was attempted, but that it did not pass last year. Thereafter, the Taxation and Budget Commission, which only meets every 20 years, took it upon themselves and added this to the ballot as a Constitutional Amendment.

Mr. Tilbrook stated that it is contained within the Constitution how property is valued for taxes. Therefore, the Constitution must be amended to identify valuation for these specific types of properties.

Finally, Chair Terrill asked the Board members to call Mr. Hart in the event they were not going to attend a Board meeting. Mr. Hart agreed to provide his cell phone number to the members.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

**ITEM V. Presentation – Coontie Hatchee
 Park Floating Dock**

PURPOSE:

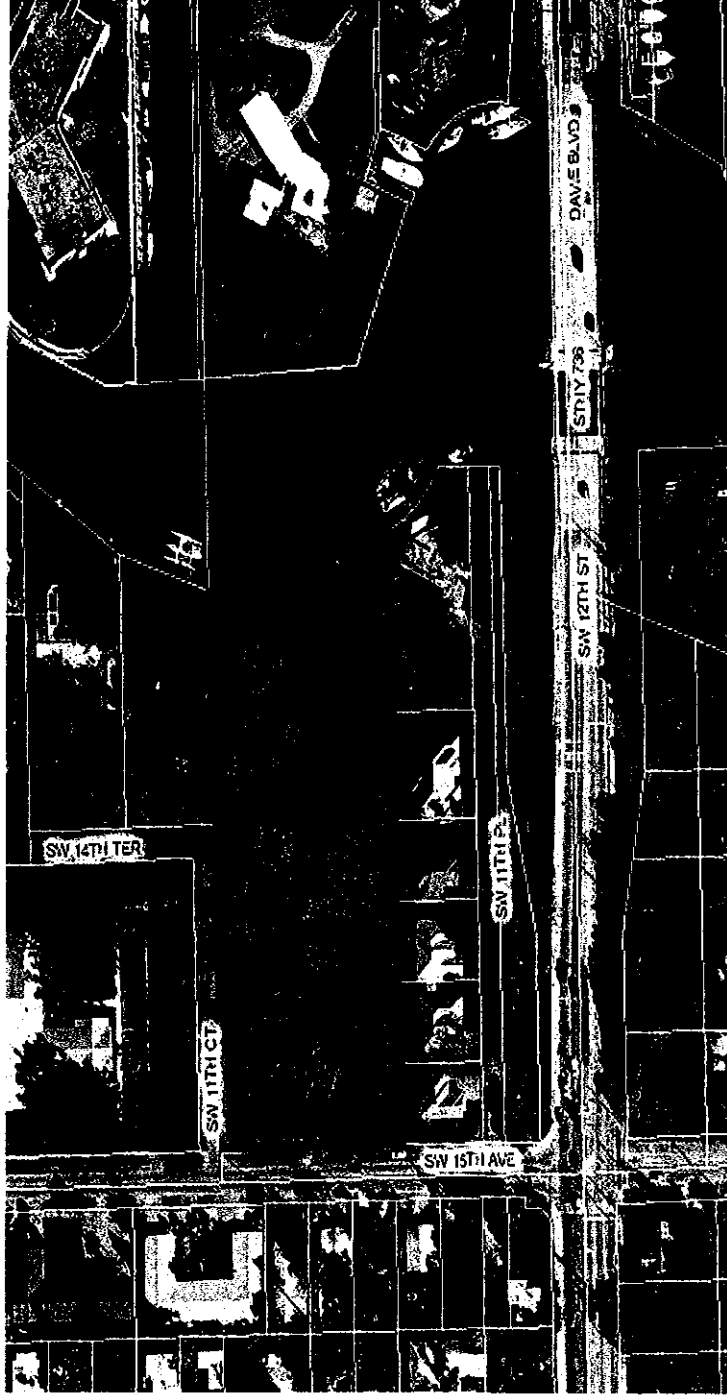


Support for the City of Fort Lauderdale
Parks & Recreation Department's
BBIP grant application as being
presented on the 10/7/08 City
Commission Agenda.

Project Review

- Coontie Hatchee Park – 1116 SW 15 Ave
- 2.68-acre site on south fork of New River
- 10' W X 60' L (600 sq. ft) concrete floating dock parallel to shoreline over existing concrete seawall
- Small-motorized boat access

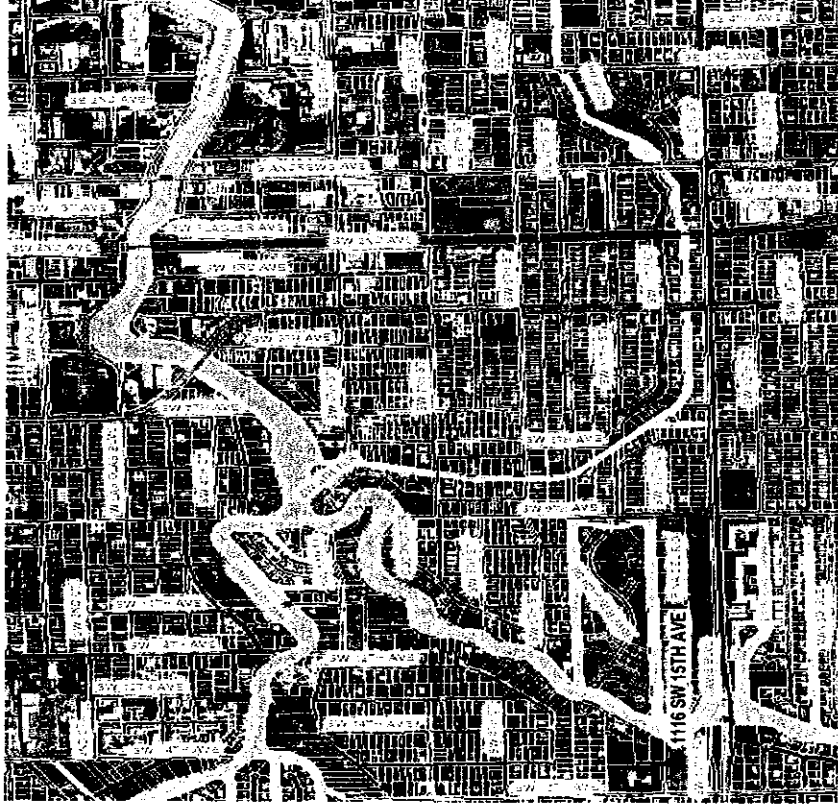
Project Site Location Map



North of Davie Blvd, East of SW 15 Ave

Map of Site

- GIS Location Map
- Legal Description
Lot 43 of Valentine's
Subdivision, as
recorded in Plat Book
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- Folio No. —————→
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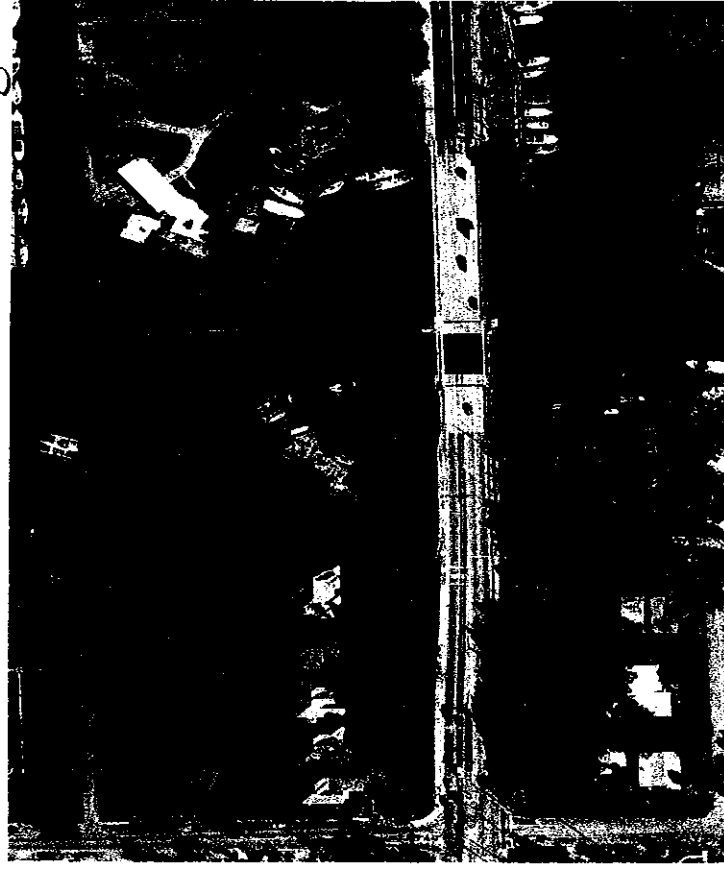


Photographs of Site

View from SW 15 Ave



Aerial View from Davie Bridge



Aerial View of Site



Coontie Hatchee Park

- Park approved for Rezone from RS-8 to Park by Planning & Zoning Board 9/17/08.
- Neighborhood survey of River Oaks, Riverside Park, Shady Banks, Tarpon River residents within ½ mile of park site conducted March, 2005.
- Floating Boat Dock among the top 5 requested amenities for this site the public design survey. 378 responses received.
- Received support from residents at a Riverside Park Association meeting on 10/1/08.

Consistent Use:

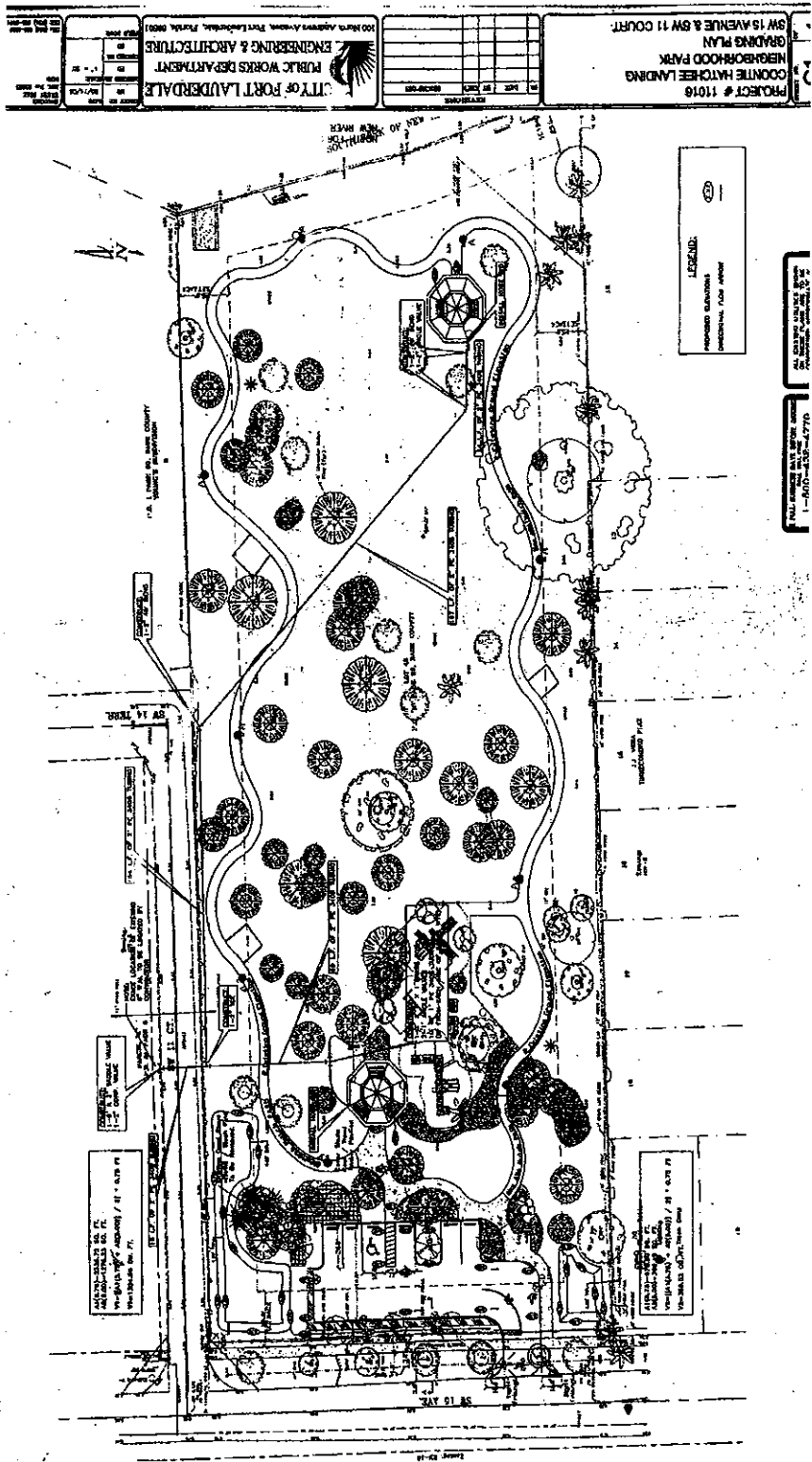


- Construction of one 10'W X 60' L floating dock to coincide with the use by adjacent residences.

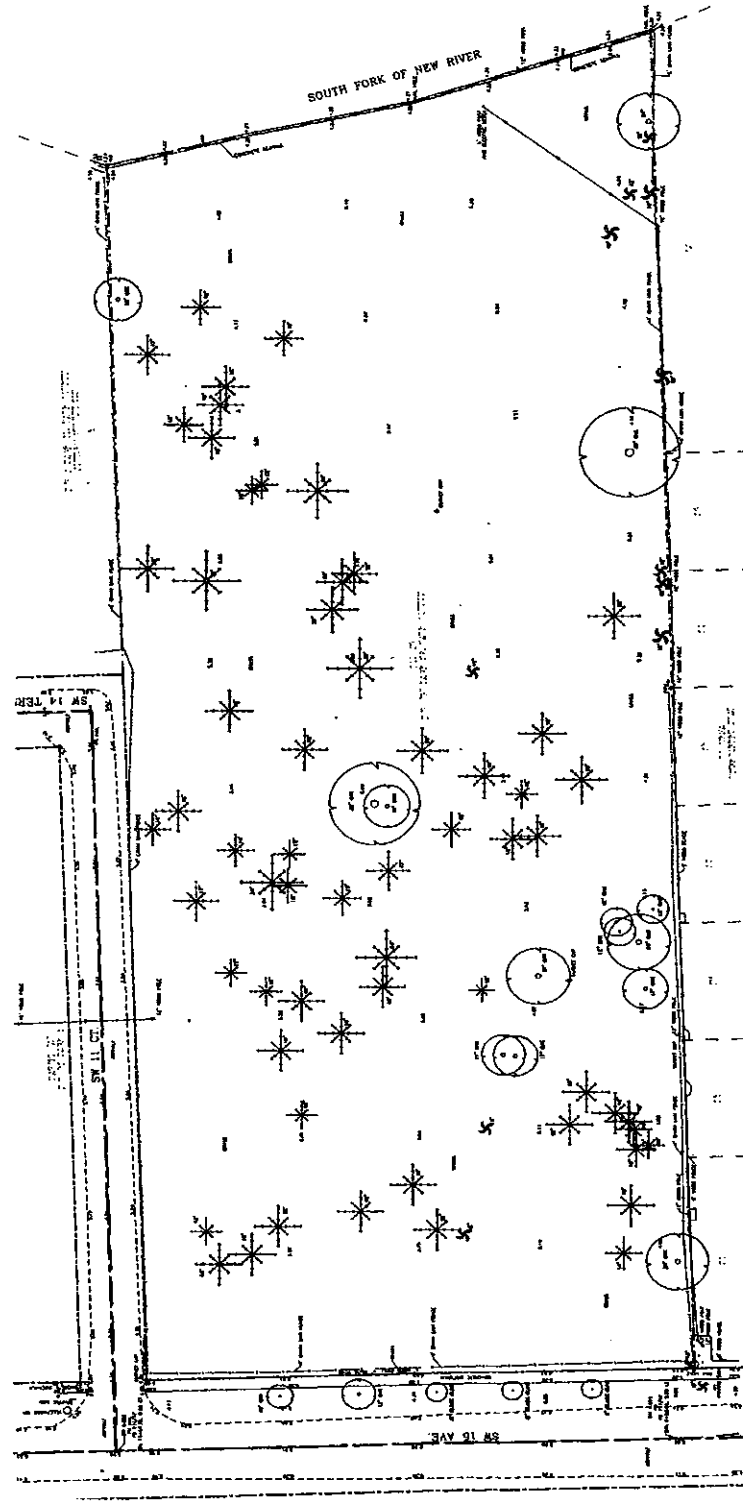
Funding Information

- BBIP funding request 75%
Broward Boating Improvement Program
\$62,137 (estimated reimbursable cost of
construction)
- Project Match 25%
\$20,713 (general fund operating dollars)
- \$82,850 Total Estimated Project Cost

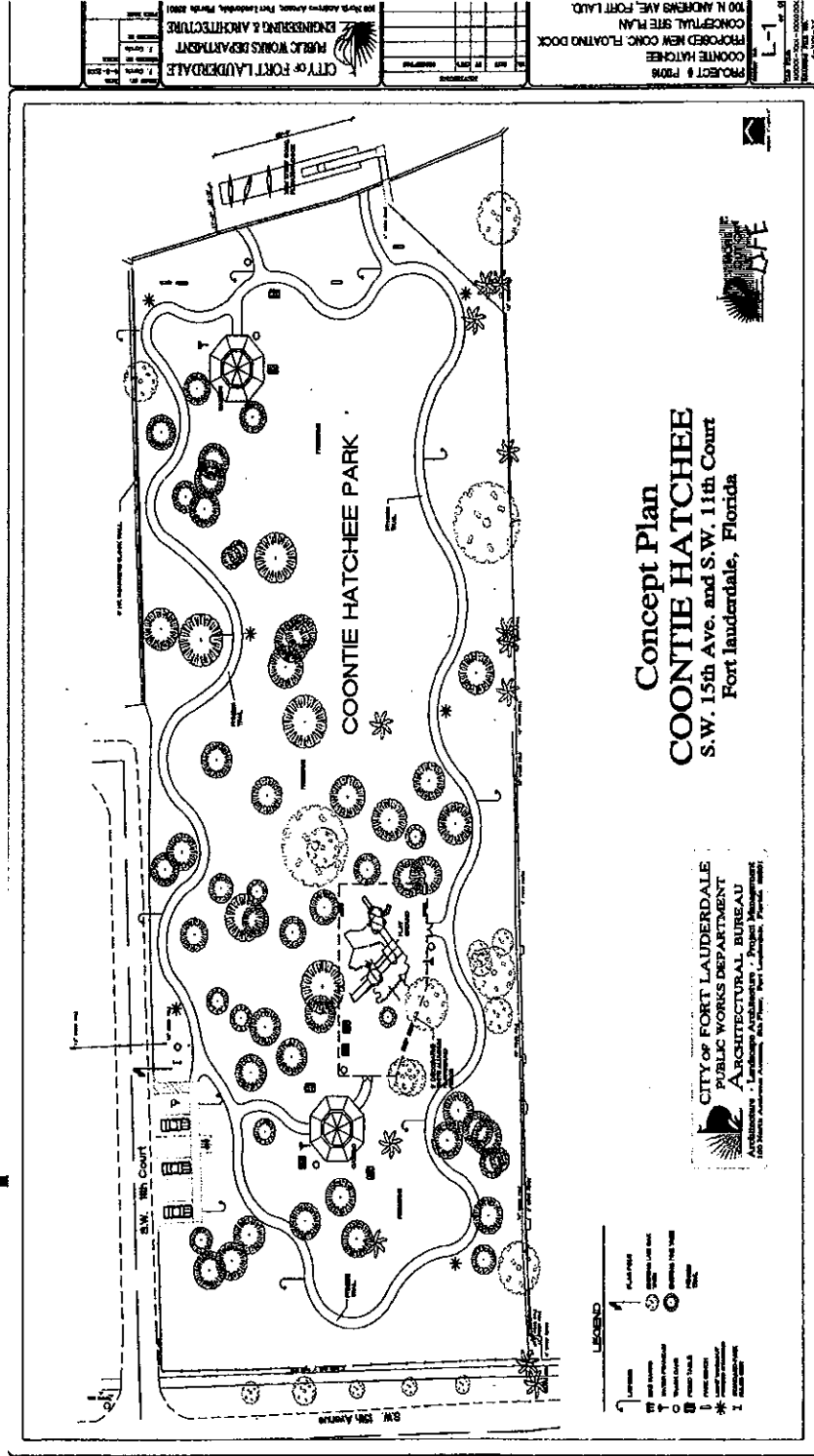
Grading Plan



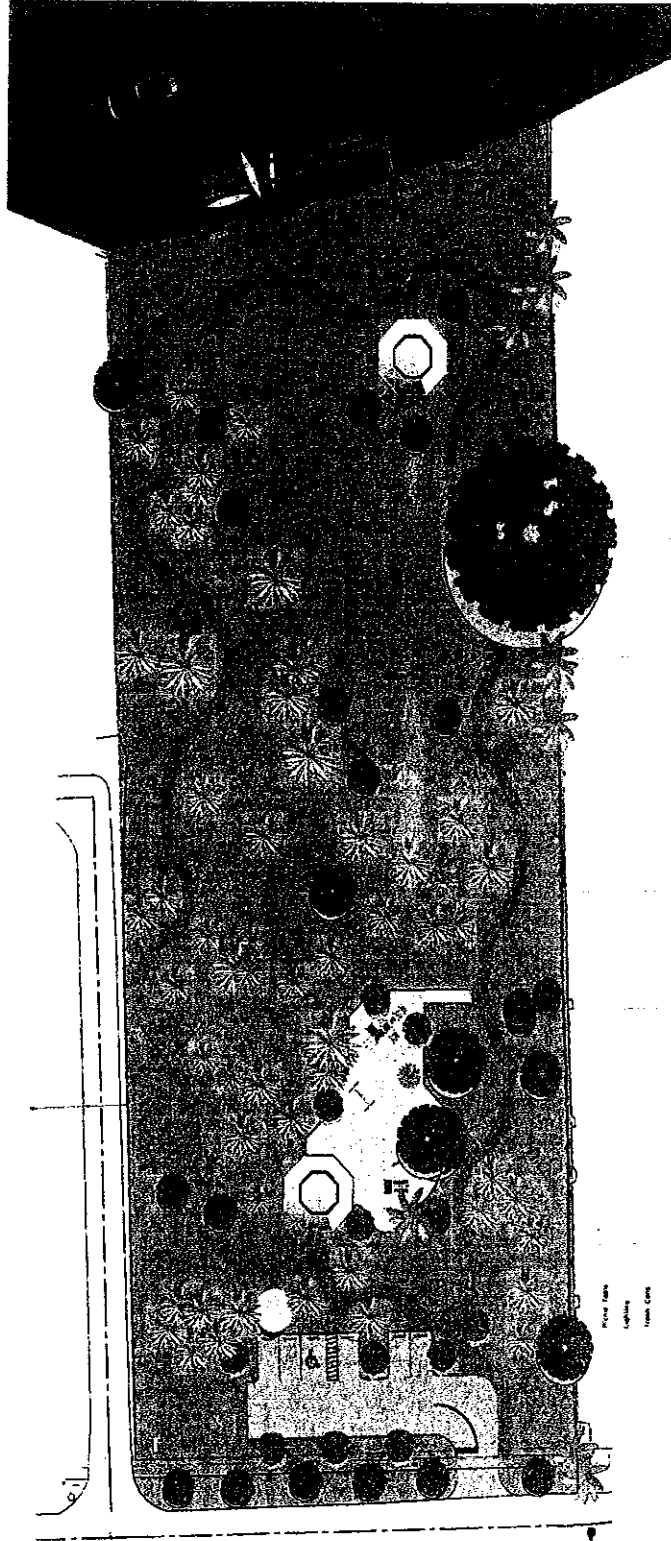
Boundary Survey



Concept Plan



Concept Plan (Full Color)



**Conceptual Site Plan
COONTIE HATCHEE PARK
1116 S.W. 16th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
ARCHITECTURAL BUREAU**
Architects • Landscape Architects • Project Management
2000 North University Avenue, Suite 200 • Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305



Conclusion:

A vote of support for the submission of the Parks & Recreation Department's BBIP grant application for the development of the Coontie Hatchee Park floating dock is appreciated.