



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD

100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – EIGHTH FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

Cumulative Attendance May 2018 - April 2019

Board Members

	<i>Attendance</i>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Grant Henderson, Chair	P	4	0
Ed Strobel, Vice Chair	P	4	0
Jimi Batchelor	A	2	1
Cliff Berry II	P	4	0
George Cable	P	2	2
Richard Graves	P	3	1
Rose Ann Lovell (arr. 6:18)	P	3	0
Kitty McGowan	P	3	0
Norbert McLaughlin	P	3	0
Ted Morley	P	2	2
Curtis Parker	P	2	0
Roy Sea	P	4	0
Randy Sweers	P	3	0
Bill Walker	A	2	2

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

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Manager of Marine Facilities
Jonathan Luscomb, Supervisor of Marine Facilities
Sergeant Todd Mills, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Jamie Opperlee, 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 – August 2, 2018

Motion made by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to approve [as amended].

Mr. McLaughlin noted a on p.6: the bridge referred to in the final paragraph should be identified as the bridge over the New River.

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 / Fire Department Report

Sergeant Todd Mills of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department reported the following Marine Unit activity from August 2018:

- 22 citations
- 75 warnings
- 41 safety inspections
- 6 accidents

Other calls for service included unlawful repair/dismantling of a vessel, a vehicle in the water, a sailboat with a detached anchor, and a drowning.

Vice Chair Strobel requested information on the dumping of concrete near the river by construction sites. Sgt. Mills replied that the Police Department's Environmental Officer is taking the lead on this issue, with assistance from Code Enforcement.

Mr. Sweers asked for information regarding the algae bloom. Sgt. Mills clarified that sewage breaks in the City have not contributed this issue, as human sewage contains insufficient nitrogen. The bloom is the result of fertilizer.

V. Discussion – Mega Yacht Dockage / Port Everglades

Mr. Cuba recalled that he had emailed copies of the Board's most recent communication to the City Commission to the members before today's meeting, along with a letter sent from the Mayor to Broward County Commissioners. He noted that there are limitations associated with the subject property due to its dimensions and ownership.

Mr. Graves pointed out that it would be difficult to dock mega-yachts at the location due to its dimensions. The intent was to provide the City with an opportunity to compete with

Miami for mega-yacht dockage. The site would also require additional upkeep and security. Mr. McLaughlin commented that over the last 10-15 years, the river has become 6 to 10 ft. narrower than it has been before, which could make it difficult for 200 ft. vessels to navigate.

Chair Henderson stated that he would explore this issue on his own and bring information to the Board to determine if further action should be taken.

VI. Reports

Mr. Luscomb showed a PowerPoint presentation on some of the projects underway in Fort Lauderdale to which marine facilities grant funds have contributed. These include the following:

- Lagoon for non-motorized watercraft at Coontie Hatchee Park
- Stabilization of shoreline at Bill Keith Preserve
- Addition of a new floating dock at Riverwalk
- Construction of a dock at Sweeting Park
- Boat ramp and floating dock at George English Park
- Derelict vessel removal

These projects have received grant funding from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), the Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP), or both.

Mr. Luscomb also provided an update on the proposed redevelopment of the Fort Lauderdale Marina. Suntex was awarded the RFP for this project in 2016. Since that time, the 50-year lease has been negotiated, through which the City will receive approximately \$1.5 million/year in base rent following a three-year rent abatement during construction. Design for the site is currently under review by the Development Review Committee (DRC).

The next step is to go before the state, as the parking lot on the subject property was deeded to the City for public purpose use at no charge. This will change under new plans for the property, as the state will receive a percentage of the revenue for this parcel. No additional changes may be made to the property in the future without approval from the state. The project is expected to be handed over to Suntex by approximately June 2019.

Mr. McLaughlin recalled that the north side of the subject property previously served as a staging area for the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. Mr. Luscomb confirmed that plastic flooring will be provided so trucks can be driven onto this area prior to the Boat Show. The marina hopes to enter into an agreement with the Boat Show to continue to participate in this event.

Sgt. Mills requested additional information regarding Cox Landing. Mr. Luscomb reported that the ramp surface at this location will be re-grouted and given a new finish to address safety concerns.

VII. Old / New Business

Vice Chair Strobel recalled that there had been previous discussion of navigability of the Tarpon River due in part to vegetation. Mr. Cuba replied that he would seek more information on this issue, and recommended that the members may also wish to address this with their District Commissioners.

Mr. Sea asked if new information was available regarding the Bahia Mar lease extension. Mr. Luscomb advised that there are no negotiations currently underway.

Mr. Cable recalled that the previous month, he had been asked to look into information regarding the impact of the railroad on the marine economy. He stated that his customers have informed him that it is becoming more difficult to move up and down the river due to the raising and lowering of the bridge. He did not have any information at this time regarding violations or Coast Guard investigations related to this issue.

Mr. Cable recalled that the Board approved a dock modification in the Idlewyld community some months ago, and asked if the Board has re-addressed applications of this nature in the past due to negative feedback from the community. Mr. Cuba noted that the Board recommended approval of a dock permit at this location, which was then scheduled to go before the City Commission; however, the application was pulled from the City Commission's Agenda by the City Attorney for further review.

Mr. Cuba concluded that the application is likely to go before the Board of Adjustment in September 2018 to seek a setback waiver. There are setback concerns associated with both parcels involved in the application. If the waiver is granted, the application will then go before the City Commission for a dock permit. Applications do not come before the Board a second time unless it is at the City Commission's request.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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