

**MARINE ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2005 – 7:00 P.M.  
LAS OLAS MUNICIPAL MARINA - PIER 6/SLIP#FT-59  
240 LAS OLAS CIRCLE  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**ATTENDANCE  
Cumulative From 5/1/04**

John Baker	P-5	A-0
Ryan Campbell	P-7	A-1
Richard Duncan	P-6	A-2
Barry Flanigan, Chair	P-8	A-0
Joseph Hessmann	P-8	A-0
Roger McKee	P-7	A-1
Norbert McLaughlin, Vice-Chair	P-7	A-1
Robert Sadowski	P-6	A-2
Rick Schulze	P-6	A-2
John Terrill	P-8	A-0
Stephen Tilbrook	P-5	A-2
Dr. Geraldine Udell	P-7	A-1
Eugene Zorovich	P-6	A-2

**Board Members Absent**

Ryan Campbell  
Steve Tilbrook

**Staff Present**

Jamie Hart, Supervisor of Marine Facilities  
Bruce Larkin, Director of Business Services  
Sergeant Mike O'Connor, Fort Lauderdale Marine Police Unit

**Guests**

Frank Herhold, Executive Director of Marine Industries Association of South Florida

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Barry Flanigan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m., and roll call showed a quorum was present. Chair Flanigan announced that there were a few short items for

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the business portion of the meeting and at the conclusion of the meeting, Board members and guests were welcome to stay for a tour of the New River immediately following provided at the request of Chair Barry Flanigan so that Board members could view some of the areas that are discussed at the Marine Advisory Board Meetings.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 11, 2005**

The minutes of the meeting held January 11, 2005 were reviewed and the following correction was noted by Rick Schulze on Page 3 paragraph 3. Board requested a revised transcription from the tape of Steve Tilbrook's suggestion for clarity.

**Motion** to approve the January minutes except for the paragraph noted was made and seconded. Board unanimously approved.

The paragraph from the January 11, 2005 meeting revised transcription should read as follows:

**Chair recognized Steve Tilbrook. Mr. Tilbrook stated that a couple of months previously, the Board had asked for some clarification regarding the standards of review and procedures for reviewing the dock waiver applications that come before this Board for recommendation to the City Commission based on the ULDR and the City code to allow docks and boats to extend further into the right of way than the code allows. He had not had a chance to talk to the City Attorney regarding his report. Steve Tilbrook said he noted on the agenda there is an application for a dock waiver and recommended that we receive clarification on standards and procedures before the Board hears any more dock waiver applications. Mr. Tilbrook suggested the Board have proper legal advice to ascertain the Board was complying with the law when making recommendations. Mr. Tilbrook's suggestion was to move Item 6 to the next item in order to hear legal opinion on the Board member's responsibility so that the Board acts in accordance with the law.**

### **WATERWAY CRIME & BOATING SAFETY REPORT**

The month of January 2005 was a relatively quiet month as far as crime was concerned. There was one boating accident by Bertram Yachts and 2 boat burglaries. In both instances the individuals had left their rods and reels out overnight and when they returned the items were missing.

Sergeant O'Connor pointed out that the patrol has also been quite busy with the Organization of American States (OAS) who will be at the Convention Center planning a blockade within the port sometime in late May or June 2005. He further said the Coast Guard is responding to plans which are to let commercial vessels through and perhaps larger vessels pass through the port, but it is also possible that they would shut the port down depending on the state of the security. He said it depends on how the Coast Guard deems the security of the port to be in at the time when the Secretaries of State from the 35 participating countries arrive for the event. Sergeant O'Connor stated they are going to be staying at Pier 66 and the event will be at the Convention Center. This will likely take place starting on Friday, June 3, 2005 with a potential lockdown of the port area until Tuesday, June 7, 2005. The inlet may be available to go south

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and larger boats may be able to go through escorted. The marine police are well aware of it because their annual convention is generally held at Pier 66 beginning on or about June 7. He said there have been other events when the port was shut down, once when a new cruise ship sailed and once when Brittany Spears performed on an aircraft carrier at Burt and Jacks for about 2 hours which was approved on the same basis. He said they support whatever is necessary in terms of Homeland Security. Sergeant O'Connor thought the meetings the Marine Police Unit have been attending thus far indicate that nothing is finalized as of this time. He further said it has not been determined what will be done with S.E 17<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge as of yet which will have a direct affect on boating traffic. He said there are a lot of people involved from a variety of avenues and they do not know where the U.S. Government will come into play and what level they determine the closure will have an impact. He concluded by saying that Congressman Shaw's office will be advised of any closures.

### **GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL/FLOATING DOCK PROJECT – FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION**

Jamie Hart stated referred to the memorandum in the agenda package which was self-explanatory and stated that they were considering applying for a \$50,000 grant which represents 50% of the matching cost towards \$100,000 of the total construction costs for the floating dock pilot program that the Board had previously discussed. Mr. Hart said that if they receive the \$50,000 grant this would free up \$50,000 in Capital Improvement Project funding that could be utilized towards other projects or potential consulting fees. He said the deadline for this project is no later than 4:30 pm on April 1, 2005.

Jamie Hart stated that he would like to go forward in the way of a recommendation to the City Commission with the \$50,000 application for the grant.

**MOTION** was made by Rick Schulze and seconded by Roger McGee to recommend that the City Commission approve the \$50,000 to be matched by the \$50,000 grant for construction of the floating docks. Approval was unanimous and the motion carried.

### **PROPOSED BROWARD COUNTY BOAT FACILITY SITING PLAN – MARINE ADVISORY MEMBER AND STAFF SELECTION TO BROWARD COUNTY MANATEE CORE GROUP**

Jamie Hart stated that the City Commission had approved Resolution No. 05-14 that was discussed at the previous meeting and one of the items was to appoint 2 members from the Board to the Broward County Manatee Core Group which consists of a wide array of individuals made up of the Broward County Environmental Division, one representative from the Manatee Club, two representatives from Port Everglades and one from FAU. He said that Frank Herhold had asked himself to serve on the Committee as well as two City of Fort Lauderdale Marine Advisory Board members.

Jamie Hart said that he had spoken to Eric Meyers from Broward County who asked that the representatives from the Marine Advisory Board hold off on serving until the Broward County Commission addressed the resolution. He said the Core Group at this point had only met once on an informal basis and there were no other municipal advisory boards represented on the

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core group. Mr. Hart said he had talked it over with Frank Herhold and suggested that the Board select one representative to serve on a full time basis and one other member to serve as an alternate so there would not be any potential conflicts with the "Sunshine Laws" especially since the meetings were informal.

Bruce Larkin presented the Board members with a copy of Resolution No. 05-14 which he asked to be made a part of the minutes. He said Frank Herhold had appeared at the previous City Commission meeting and presented the Industry's concerns with the draft of the Broward County Boat Facility Siting Plan. He said with the help of Mr. Herhold they drafted the resolution that was presented by Mr. Herhold to the City Commission, which was very supportive of the plan and the need to strike a balance between manatee protection and the marine industry and the need to continue to expand and improve facilities. The Commission made suggestions for changes to the resolution and Mr. Herhold and Mr. Larkin worked with the City Attorney to incorporate those changes. He said that same evening, the City Commission adopted the resolution and asked that 2 representatives from the City's Marine Advisory Board be appointed to the core group.

Mr. Larkin noted that the Board had wished the minutes from the previous meeting be forwarded to the County and with the help of the City Clerk, Mr. Larkin would see that they were sent along with the adopted resolution.

Jamie Hart suggested that one member be appointed along with an alternate at this meeting. John Terrill volunteered to serve on the Core Group and stated that it was clear why Eric Meyers did not want to open up the Core Group and that the City of Fort Lauderdale needs to be represented.

Jamie Hart agreed and also thought someone needed to attend the Broward County meeting when it was scheduled probably within 2 – 3 weeks from when they receive the signed resolution.

Rick Schulze volunteered to serve as an alternate.

Chair Barry Flanigan indicated he would attend the meetings as well.

**Motion** was made by Roger McGee and seconded by Norbert McLaughlin to appoint Captain John Terrill as the Marine Advisor Board's representative to the Core Group and have to Captain Rick Schulze serve as the Board's alternate.

Norbert McLaughlin asked if it would be an advantage that these 2 be Manatee Observation qualified by the Department of Natural Resources in Tallahassee. Mr. McLaughlin said he had the tape of what was involved, you take the course, and send it in.

Chair Barry Flanigan stated that maybe they should include it in the motion and discussion on what it entailed ensued. The qualification requires viewing a 14-minute tape to become certified.

Norbert McLaughlin stated that because Mr. Terrill was a Commercial Captain, it was going to become a requirement for all commercial vessel operators be manatee observation qualified.

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Roll call showed unanimous approval.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Bruce Larkin stated he wanted to come to the meeting to share some observations that he has had with respect to Marine Facilities since October 1, 2004 when he was appointed to the department of Business Enterprises. He explained that the City had taken several of the different revenue producing lines of business that it had that had previously been put in different departments in different places and put them together in one department know as Business Enterprises. Mr. Larkin stated he had been asked to change jobs and was appointed Director. This department consists of the Executive Airport, the Aquatic complex, the Stadium complexes, the Marine Facilities, Cemetery Operations, etc. Since October 1, 2004, Mr. Larkin said he was getting acquainted with the various operations, how they are managed, what their assets are, what is working and what may work better. With respect to the Marine Facilities, one of the things that had surprised him was the fact that the City was running a \$2.3 million operation with essentially a part-time employee. Mr. Larkin did not understand the rationale to run a business of that magnitude without a full-time manager. Mr. Larkin's suggestion to the City Manager and asked him if he was receptive to creating a full-time Manager of Marine Facilities position that would not impact the overall City budget. The City Manager received favorable response from City Commission members and on March 1, 2005, there will be an amendment to the City's pay plan and one of the items would be to create this new job classification with the pay range topping out at \$77,500 and categorized as a Manager Category Level 3 which is a major division head and will be slotted appropriately.

Mr. Larkin stated he would be working with the Human Resources Department to complete a job description, and openly recruit. He encouraged staff members to apply and indicated he had no one in mind for the position. He wanted to create the position, fill the position, and retain a consulting firm to come in and work with the new manager and take a look at the facilities, operating practices, rates, etc and come up with a master business plan to be more efficient, increase revenues, etc. Bruce Larkin asked for the Boards support and asked them to get the word out so that people are aware of the position and apply. Joe Hessmann thanked Mr. Larkin for taking the Board under his wing and keeping them informed.

Chair Barry Flanigan stated that he had spoken to 3 of the Commissioners and the Mayor and found overwhelming support from them. The City Manager could not make the meeting and Scott Strawbridge sent a letter that Chair Flanigan read to the Board stating that the Riverwalk Trust was 100% behind the efforts of the City and looked forward to help make the marine ventures a success. Chair Flanigan indicated that there was a strong possibility that funds from the Riverwalk Trust would be forthcoming to assist the City with the floating dock program. Her concluded by saying that public awareness is high on the agenda of the Riverwalk Trust.

John Terrill stated that Riverwalk Trust committees had met a week prior and agreed that it was looking forward to working with the Marine Advisory Board.

Chair Barry Flanigan then identified the plans for the remainder of the evening to view areas suitable for 4 or 5 floating dock areas, two of which are already there. They would stop at the new park which would be illuminated for only the second or third time and then we will come back.

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**REPORTS**

- Broward County Marine Advisory Committee

Roger McGee reported that there were plans for a small day dock discussed at Secret Woods Park with the potential for future expansion. He said this would be for small-motorized boats with no pump out stations, no overnight parking and no 50-amp electric service.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, Board unanimously approved adjournment at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Giebtrock