

MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Fort Lauderdale
Eighth Floor Conference Room
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Cumulative Attendance</u> <u>From 5/3/07</u>	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
John Terrill, Chair	P	6	0
Barry Flanigan, Vice Chair	P	6	0
Rick Schulze	P	6	1
Eugene Zorovich	P	5	1
Michael Widoff	P	5	1
Ryan Campbell	P	4	2
Alec Anderson	A	3	3
Bobby Dubose	A	4	2
Norbert McLaughlin	P	5	1
Stephen Tilbrook	P	4	2
John Custer	P	5	1
Randolph Adams	P	6	0
John Baker	P	4	2
Bob Ross	P	5	1

Staff Present

Jamie Hart, Supervisor of Marine Facilities
Andrew Cuba, Marina Manager, City of Fort Lauderdale
Cate McCaffrey, Director of Business Enterprises
Marlene Kimble, Dockmaster/Downtown Facilities, City of Fort Lauderdale
Levend Ekendiz, Intracoastal/Dockmaster, City of Fort Lauderdale
Alexandra Grant, Recording Clerk, Prototype, Inc.

Guests

John Mann, Resident
Vivien Godfrey, Resident
Frank Herhold, Executive Director, Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF)

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Terrill called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – October 4, 2007

Motion made Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Custer, to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2007 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Sgt. Pallen reported the following incidents in October:

- ® One burglary of a vessel occurred on East Lake Drive where a navigation display was taken from a top deck of a cruiser.
- ® Two vessel accidents occurred but no injuries were reported.

Sgt. Pallen reported that the Boat Show was very successful with no incidents. Staff is in final preparations for this year's Winterfest Boat Parade. Sgt. Pallen advised that the New River will be closing at approximately 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 15 and the remainder of the Intracoastal Waterway will close at 5 p.m.

Mr. Custer congratulated Sgt. Pallen on the low incidence of waterway crime in October.

Mr. McLaughlin asked about the body found in the waterway. In response, Sgt. Pallen advised this is still under investigation and believed to be a suicide of a local resident who fell from the Davie Boulevard Bridge into the New River.

Chair Terrill congratulated Sgt. Pallen and his staff on the success of the Boat Show and of the low incidence of waterway crime in October.

IV. Application – Dock Permit/Use of Dock on Public Property – 805 Cordova Road

- **John P. Mann III & Vivien P. Godfrey**

Mr. Hart advised the applicants are requesting to replace an existing dock and repair the seawall that suffered damages from Hurricane Wilma. The extent of repairs is considerable. The applicants also intend to landscape the property and have met with representatives from Parks and Recreation. Improvements are valued at around \$40,000. Mr. Hart stated this will benefit the City as the applicants will make repairs to the sea wall. Mr. Hart stated that the Code allows

a minimum of 5 years for this permit which can only be revoked by the City Commission.

Mr. Flanigan commented that the floating dock size is 6' x 25'; however, Mr. Hart had stated it is 6' x 20'. Mr. Hart clarified that the dock itself is 20' but there is a 5' extension for the ramp.

The applicant, John Mann, explained that he and Ms. Godfrey are the owners. He explained that the floating dock will be 6' x 20' but there will be a 5' extension on the floating portion of the dock. Mr. Mann stated he intends to repair the portion of the sea wall that has deteriorated and add landscaping.

Mr. Custer referred to specifications written by Dynamic Engineering Solutions, under Woodpile Notes, and suggested that Mr. Mann use 0.4 versus 2.5 retention.

Motion made by Mr. Schulze, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the application and send this forward to the City Commission. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

V. Old/New Business

- **2007 Winterfest Boat Parade**

Chair Terrill stated it is important to get the word out that the New River closing times for the Winterfest Boat Parade.

Mr. Campbell stated the Winterfest Boat Parade Committee appreciates Sgt. Pallen and staff for their efforts in focusing on safety concerns for the new route. Mr. Campbell also commended Mr. Hart, Ms. Kimble, and staff for scoping out places to put boaters that night.

- **Maritime Museum**

Chair Terrill stated he wished to address questions raised at the previous meeting with regard to the proposed maritime museum. A handout entitled *A First Look at the New Fort Lauderdale Maritime Museum* was distributed. Chair Terrill advised there is an active organization working on the Maritime Museum. The organization is open to any expertise or help. The first event the museum will hold is on December 6, 2007 from 6-9 p.m. Chair Terrill stated this will be a social gathering at the historical section of the New River at Riverwalk. Chair

Terrill advised the group is very active and just getting started to reach out to the community.

Chair Terrill stated that one topic of concern to the museum is operation of the floating dock. He advised he had a copy of the lease between the City and New River Trading Post, LLC, dated December 24, 2003.

Chair Terrill explained that the City's vision at that time - as stated in the lease document - was "to serve as a fully equipped mooring facility approximately 100 linear feet in length to exhibit historic or educational vessels of the Maritime Museum as well as potentially accommodate other day dockage needs of the area." Chair Terrill added that the City will control the use of this dock.

Mr. Flanigan asked if it will be possible to convene the next Board meeting at the Maritime Museum's event on December 6 as the Board is scheduled to meet on that night. Chair Terrill stated meetings have been held off site in the past. Mr. Hart stated he can check on this.

Mr. Herhold, MIA SF, commented that in spite of some rain, this year was a record breaker in terms of attendance. He commented that he had received many compliments with regard to the Boat Show's success.

Mr. Ross agreed with Mr. Herhold on the show's success and anticipated sales.

Mr. Herhold commented on a visit by Governor Charlie Crist and of VIP tours that were given to elected officials and other guests. Mr. Herhold reported there were also four groups including the head of the Chinese Marine Industry Association.

Mr. Herhold spoke of the MIA SF's partnership with the Super Yacht Society to offer seminars and introductions to the marine industry, along with a mini job fair to introduce younger people to yachting careers.

Mr. Flanigan requested scheduling a discussion on the future of the Las Olas Marina on the next meeting's agenda.

Chair Terrill commented that it may be appropriate for the Board to discuss this on the next month's agenda.

VI. Status Reports

- **Cooley's Landing Boat Ramp Replacement**

Mr. Hart reported that the City is pursuing grant monies from the County for design of new ramp facilities at Cooley's Landing. The City hopes to replace all 3 boat ramps. Mr. Hart advised this will be about a \$437,000 project based on costs of similar recent projects. The City hopes to have grant monies and necessary permits by March in order to start the project in spring.

- **Las Olas Anchorage Mooring Buoys**

Mr. Hart reported that the City replaced all buoys prior to the Boat Show. Mr. Hart introduced Levent Ekerdiz, Las Olas Marina Dockmaster, to the Board.

Mr. Ekerdiz advised that all moorings were working well.

- **Broward County Marine Advisory Committee**

Mr. Adams reported that the George English Park issue was discussed once again. Mr. Adams explained that the dock is a hazard and not in compliance; also, the dock is not ADA accessible. He added that Parks and Recreation will come back with a proposal on what will be done to address this.

Mr. Adams reported that Mr. Hart had given a presentation on the Cooley's Landing project at the meeting.

VII. City Commission Items – November 6, 2007 Meeting

- **Application Deferral – Dockage Waiver – Dixie Southland Corp./808 & 810 N.E. 20th Avenue**

Mr. Hart reported that this item was deferred previously and would be heard on November 6.

- **Funding Transfer – Floating Dock Project – Phase II Design and Permitting**

Mr. Hart reported that this item is scheduled to be heard on November 6 and concerned the balance of funds needed to go ahead with the consultant on design. This item is the formal resolution required by the county.

- **BBIP Grant Application – Cooley's Landing Boat Ramp Replacement**

This item was already addressed in Mr. Hart's status reports.

- **FIND Interlocal Grant Agreement – New River Dredging Feasibility Study**

Mr. Hart reported that this item was deferred until November 20 for internal review by the Attorney and Office of Management and Budget. This item concerns the City's commitment to pay 25 (%) percent of the cost of design and feasibility studies for dredging of the New River, from the City limits at the Intracoastal out to 441, to a depth of 14 feet. Mr. Hart explained that FIND will pay \$450,000 and the City will pay the other \$450,000.

- **Water Taxi License Application – River Taxi, LLC**

Mr. Hart reported that this item was scheduled to be heard on November 6.

Mr. Herhold referred Board members to the new *Broward Safe Boating Guide* handouts that were distributed.

Mr. Herhold also distributed copies of the Executive Summary of the Mega Yacht Study which was introduced at the Boat Show press conference.

Mr. Herhold briefly summarized the following key points outlined in the Study:

- 1,400 out 1,500 mega yachts that visit yearly spend time in area boat yards and spend about \$170,000 in area boat yards.
- The economic impact of each visit is about half a million dollars.
- One out of every two mega yachts listed for sale worldwide is handled by a firm with a Fort Lauderdale office.
- 45 percent of vessels chartered worldwide have an office in Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Herhold commented on the economic impacts mega yachts bring to the City including purchases of fuel, food, wine, flowers, cleaning supplies, dockage fees. He stressed the need for more dockage in the City as this is an ongoing issue for mega yacht captains.

Mr. Mann agreed and commented this is the number one challenge facing captains.

Mr. Herhold announced that Lauderdale Marine Center has become the 150th Clean Marina and Boatyard.

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Mr. Herhold announced there will be a Marine Summit on November 9, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.