

**MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
 FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.**

<u>Board Members</u>	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 5/2010 through 4/20/11	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
John Terrill, Chair	P	4	0
Barry Flanigan, Vice Chair	A	2	2
F. St. George Guardabassi	P	4	0
Bruce Johnson	P	3	1
Randolph Adams	P	4	0
Norbert McLaughlin	P	4	0
Jim Welch	P	2	2
Robert Dean	P	2	2
Mel DiPietro	A	2	2
Bob Ross	P	4	0
Lisa Scott-Founds	P	2	2
Stephen Tilbrook	A	2	2
Tom Tapp	A	3	1
Herb Rissing (7:13)	P	4	0
James Harrison	P	4	0

As of this date, there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Jamie Hart, Supervisor of Marine Facilities
 Andrew Cuba, Manager of Marine Facilities
 Cate McCaffrey, Director of Business Enterprises
 Levend Ekendiz, Intracoastal Facilities Dockmaster
 Matt Domke, Downtown Facilities Dockmaster
 Officer Patrick Hart, Marine Police Staff
 Officer Brian Meo, Marine Police Staff
 Officer Jack Lakenski, President, Fraternal Order of Police
 Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None at this time.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Terrill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll was called.

II. Approval of Minutes – July 1, 2010

Motion made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Ross, to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2010 meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

III. Statement of Quorum

The eight members necessary to constitute a quorum were present.

IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Officer Hart reported that in July, there was one stolen vessel, which was later recovered, and one burglary of a vessel. There were also two vessel accidents, both involving wake damage. Other miscellaneous incidents included a sunken sailboat and a fuel spill from a docked vessel. The Coast Guard was notified of the spill, and an estimated four gallons of fuel were cleaned up. There were four citations and 95 warnings issued in July.

In August, there was one stolen vessel, later recovered, and seven vessel burglaries. Officer Hart advised the Marine Police have recognized a pattern to these burglaries, and the Marine Unit and Burglary Unit are working together on these investigations. There was one vessel accident involving two jet skis. A Code violation occurred, which was later turned over to Code Enforcement and the Broward County Department of Environmental Protection. Several derelict vessels were removed in August. Seven citations and 73 warnings were issued.

Mr. Ross stated three of the vessel burglaries had occurred on his street, and explained that his neighborhood hoped the Marine Police could vary its increased service hours to include “off-peak” hours. Officer Hart said he would look into this possibility. It was noted that the majority of the burglaries occurred at night, and primarily involved unsecured items, although Officer Meo noted two outboard motors had been stolen.

Mr. Adams noted the Marine Police seemed to be increasing activity regarding derelict boats. Officer Meo explained they are not targeting this offense, but are responding to more complaints from residents. If the owner is located, he or she is responsible for salvage costs, although the State assumes some of the cost if the owner cannot be found.

V. Application – Waiver of Limitations / ULDR 47.19.3 – 3124 NE 42nd Court – Donald and Rhonda Ross

Mr. Rassing joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Charles Bell, Jr., representing the Applicants, explained they are new homeowners seeking permission after the fact for a boat lift on their property. The lift would be inside 21 ft. 9 in. on the property, which is 35 ft. from the navigational channel.

There being no questions from the Board at this time, Chair Terrill opened the public hearing. As no members of the public wished to speak on this item, Chair Terrill closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

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

VI. Reports

- **Broward County Marine Advisory Committee**

Mr. Adams reported that the Committee met earlier in the day to discuss two major items: Hallandale Beach, which was tabled until October, and the 15th Street Marina, which was approved.

Mr. Rassing asked who comprises this Committee. Mr. Adams advised he could bring a list of its 14 members to the next meeting. He noted that all members have a marine background.

- **New River Floating Dock Project**

Mr. Cuba said permits have been issued by the City and test pilings have been driven to determine the total number of pilings needed per lineal foot to meet projected hurricane strength. A meeting with the contractor is planned to discuss the final analysis of the test pilings.

Mr. Rassing asked if there is a revised completion date for these docks. Mr. Cuba replied there is currently no specific date. He offered to email the members when more information is available, and noted the City would like the docks to be in place before the Winterfest Boat Parade if possible.

- **S.E. 15th Street Boat Ramp Improvement Project**

Mr. Cuba stated design work is completed and the project is scheduled to be bid out in November 2010. Construction is planned to begin by January 2011, and it is estimated that the project will take six months to complete.

Mr. Adams said the Marine Police Unit deserves recognition for working with the City on changing parking and other requirements at this site.

- **Ordinance Amendment – Boat Hoists & Similar Mooring Devices / ULDR Section 47.19.3**

Mr. Cuba reported that this issue will appear on the next Conference Agenda meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8. The Ordinance Amendment will be presented by the Planning and Zoning Department.

He explained the Amendment must go before the Planning and Zoning Board “per the direction of the Commission” before returning to the City Commission. Two public readings are required of the Amendment as well. Mr. Cuba added that the Ordinance Amendment itself will be posted on the City’s website the following day.

- **Riverland Woods Boat Ramp Replacement**

Mr. Cuba advised the contract has been awarded for this project; no pre-construction meeting has been scheduled at this time. It will be a two-phase project to replace the “upland element” and the turnabout as well as the ramp itself.

He explained the original construction was of “a strange design” and had not been successful. The new construction will be more standard.

Mr. Rassing expressed concern regarding the accountability of the contractors who installed the previous ramp. Mr. Cuba referred him to the County Parks and Recreation Department for further information.

- **Commission Agenda Reports**

Mr. Cuba noted that all boat lifts that have been approved by the Board have also been approved by the City Commission.

Chair Terrill recalled there had been recommendation at a previous meeting of sending Board representatives to assist in consideration of a new Pollution Solution vessel. The City Attorney’s Office has advised that the best procedure under the Sunshine Law is to request approval for a subcommittee from the City Commission. This will appear on an upcoming City Commission agenda.

Mr. Cuba clarified that any members who wish to observe the process do not require approval. Only participants must be approved.

Chair Terrill noted that suggestions from “a knowledgeable Board member” at a subcommittee meeting would be considered by City Staff; however, this member may not be “a voting participant” of the subcommittee.

VII. Old / New Business

Ms. Scott-Founds advised that vintage boats are being sought for the Winterfest Boat Parade, as this will be the “kickoff” event for the City’s Centennial celebration. She added that a Centennial showboat will lead the parade, and Willard Scott of “The Today Show” will “highlight the Boat Parade and the Centennial” on a broadcast.

Chair Terrill said he is working with the Riverwalk Trust and *Go Riverwalk* magazine to locate an antique chart or map that would be featured in the magazine. Mr. Dean advised he was aware of a source with a large collection of vintage maps. Ms. Scott-Founds said she would be in touch to follow up.

VIII. Updated Communications to City Commission

None at this time.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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