

**MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
 FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
 THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.**

<u>Board Members</u>	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance May 2011 - April 2012	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barry Flanigan, Chair	P	5	2
James Harrison, Vice Chair	P	5	2
F. St. George Guardabassi	P	7	0
Chad Moss	A	2	3
Norbert McLaughlin	P	7	0
Jim Welch	P	5	2
Robert Dean	P	7	0
Mel DiPietro	P	6	1
Bob Ross	P	6	1
Joe Cain	A	4	3
Tom Tapp	P	5	2
Herb Rassing	P	6	1
Frank Herhold	P	6	1
Lisa Scott-Founds	P	5	2
Zane Brisson	P	6	1

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

It was noted that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Staff

Andrew Cuba, Manager of Marine Facilities
 Jonathan Luscomb, Supervisor of Marine Facilities
 Levend Ekendiz, Intracoastal Facilities Dockmaster
 Matt Domke, Downtown Facilities Dockmaster
 Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Flanigan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and roll was called.

The following Items were taken out of order on the Agenda.

III. Statement of Quorum

It was noted that 13 of the 15 Board members were present, which constituted a quorum.

IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Chair Flanigan reported that in December a car struck the 15th Street Boat Ramp and went into the canal, resulting in the accidental death of the driver.

Marine electronic thefts have slowed but not stopped during the past month. There have also been numerous incidents in which the perpetrators have broken into vessels and slept there. Because many of these break-ins occurred near Pier 66, night security has been increased in that area.

V. Presentation – Full Sails in Fort Lauderdale

Mr. Cuba introduced Heather Bettner, representing the Full Sails in Fort Lauderdale public art exhibit, which will be held in the City from 2012-13. She showed a PowerPoint presentation including photos of full scale models, explaining that the boats are bolted into fiberglass bases for display. A scale model was unveiled at the Winterfest Grand Marshal's Reception. The project will support both the local boating community and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Ms. Bettner provided the Board members with copies of the exhibit's sponsorship package. The project requires the participation of 100 artists, and requests for participants have been made through local art organizations and affiliations. The boats are 7 ft. high, 53 in. long, and 30 in. wide. Sponsorships were officially opened on January 3, 2012, and the development period for the models will be from April to September 2012. The boats will be on display in time for the International Boat Show.

She briefly described the sponsorship levels, which range from \$50,000 to \$6500. A special level is also available for nonprofit sponsors. Ms. Bettner emphasized the importance of support from the maritime community, and asked that the Board members make their friends and colleagues aware of the project.

Vice Chair Harrison asked who would benefit from the project. Ms. Bettner explained that most of the sponsorship funds raised would go toward the manufacture of the boats. Other expenses include transportation, permitting, insurance, and marketing costs, as well as payment to the artists. Full Sails also makes a small profit. Some sponsorship funds will go directly to Parks and

Recreation, and when the boats are auctioned, 100% of these funds will go to this Department.

Mr. Herhold asked where the finished boats would be placed. Ms. Bettner said some of the recommended locations include Pier 66, Las Olas Boulevard, Riverwalk, Bahia Mar, and A1A, among other high-traffic locations.

Mr. Tapp suggested that the Board could consider additional locations for the Full Sails exhibits before the February meeting and recommend them to the City Commission. Mr. Cuba asked that the members send him their recommendations as soon as possible, as the list of potential sites is already being compiled.

Chair Flanigan asked how funds are donated to Parks and Recreation. Mr. Tapp advised that funds go to a nonprofit community foundation and are then funneled to Parks and Recreation based upon that Department's needs. The funds would not be used by other City operations. Because the foundation is a 501(C)3, donations would be tax-deductible.

II. Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2011

Motion made by Mr. Rassing, seconded by Mr. Ross, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VI. Discussion – Floating Docks Project Enhancements

Mr. Luscomb reported that Marine Facilities Staff had met with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Riverwalk to discuss the placement of artwork on the Downtown floating docks. A design has been proposed for the railings to support the artwork, and prices and renderings have been supplied by the recommended artist. He noted that while the DDA and Riverwalk representatives are in favor of the artwork, they do not have funds for its purchase at present.

Chair Flanigan observed that the cost of the artwork was estimated at \$7200-\$15,000 per dock, depending upon size. It is estimated that three sponsors are needed to fund these purchases; naming rights could be included in the cost of sponsorship. Prospective prices included the cost of wrapping pilings, but did not include the potential cost of underwater lighting. He commented that the result of this project would be unlike anything else in the country.

VII. Reports

- **Las Olas Non-Motorized Floating Dock**

Mr. Luscomb advised that Staff is seeking bids for the addition of dockage space for paddleboarders. Because these spaces would need to be compliant with the

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the price is higher than originally estimated.

Chair Flanigan asserted that the City should not give up on the idea of providing paddleboard space, and noted that the Mayor is supportive of the proposition, as paddleboarding has become a very popular water activity. Mr. Luscomb suggested that space might be provided at the City's existing floating docks.

- **ICW Dredging**

Mr. Luscomb noted that there had been no changes since the Board's last discussion of this issue at the December 2011 meeting. Staff is currently working to identify potential mitigation sites for seagrass. From a regulatory perspective, the mitigation will no longer include the nine acres inside the Bahia Mar space, as there will be no dredging at that site. This reduces the estimated cost of mitigation from \$5.4 million to just over \$2 million.

In addition, Mr. Luscomb stated that the City is attempting to reduce the types of cost increases that can accompany change orders. The contract's language now places more risk from overages on the contractor. Because the original firm contracted to do the work would not negotiate, the City is seeking another contractor. The goal is to have a permit in place by September 2013.

With regard to the proposed Las Olas Marina expansion, Mr. Luscomb reported that Sasaki has been awarded the CCNA for this project. The contract is now being drafted and fees are being negotiated. Once the City Commission has approved the contract, Sasaki will request input from some of the stakeholders for this project, including the Board.

He continued that he had provided Ms. Bettner of Full Sails in Fort Lauderdale with a list of 42 prospective locations for artwork. He urged the Board members to send in their suggested locations right away, as Ms. Bettner needs to be aware of potential sites as soon as possible.

Some of the funds raised by the exhibit will go toward the City's junior sailing program. As there is not an appropriate waterfront within the City for this program, Mr. Cuba has recommended using Delevoe Park for this purpose, and Staff is working with the County to arrange an agreement for this use. The program will use Optimus Pram vessels, which are 8 ft. long and extremely stable.

- **Commission Agenda Reports**

Mr. Cuba stated that at the December 6, 2011 meeting, the City Commission oversaw the presentation of a \$645,000 FIND grant presentation, as well as a

Winterfest dockage agreement for the Boat Parade and seagrass mitigation issues. They also approved a dock waiver application for 1200 Seminole Drive. There were no items presented at the December 21 meeting.

VIII. Old / New Business

Mr. McLaughlin commented that there appears to be a glitch in the approval process for boat lifts. He explained that the required distance of 100 ft. between lifts makes it very difficult for community-owned properties, such as condominiums, to install multiple lifts. Mr. Cuba said he would bring the Board more information on this issue.

Ms. Scott-Founds thanked everyone who had assisted in Winterfest, and reported that the Boat Parade had been very successful, with few issues.

Mr. Herhold reported that there is an upcoming FIND meeting, at which the City will make a presentation for a small-scale derelict vessel grant.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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