

**MINUTES OF THE MARINE ADVISORY BOARD
 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
 1st FLOOR COMMISSION CHAMBERS
 FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.**

<u>Board Members</u>	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance May 2013 - April 2014	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barry Flanigan, Chair	P	7	1
James Harrison, Vice Chair	P	7	1
F. St. George Guardabassi	P	7	1
Norbert McLaughlin	P	8	0
Jim Welch	P	7	1
Robert Dean	P	6	2
John Holmes	A	5	3
Bob Ross	P	8	0
Joe Cain	P	5	3
Tom Tapp	P	4	4
Herb Rassing (arr. 6:05 p.m.)	P	8	0
Frank Herhold (arr. 6:04 p.m.)	P	7	1
Zane Brisson	P	4	3
Erik Johnson	P	6	2
Jack Newton	P	3	0

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
 Matt Domke, Downtown Facilities Dockmaster
 Levend Ekendiz, Intracoastal Facilities Dockmaster
 Sergeant Todd Mills, Marine Police Staff
 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 6:00 p.m. and roll was called.

II. Approval of Minutes – December 6, 2013

Motion made by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

III. Statement of Quorum

It was noted a quorum was present at the meeting.

IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Sgt. Todd Mills of the Marine Unit reported that during the month of December, six minor vessel accidents occurred and seven miscellaneous incidents were noted. Nine marine citations and 39 warning citations were issued and 46 safety checks were made. Two vessel burglaries occurred, one of which resulted in no loss.

Mr. Herhold arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Sgt. Mills also advised that the Winterfest Boat Parade was a success, with only two minor incidents taking place.

Mr. Rassing arrived at 6:05 p.m.

The Board briefly discussed the lack of “crossover” reporting of waterway crime, which may be affected by whether a land Police unit or the Marine Unit is sent to respond to a call. Sgt. Mills stated that he would look into this further before the next Board meeting.

V. Application – Sec. 8-175 – Waiver for Beach Boating Restricted Area – Doctor Jet Ski of Fort Lauderdale, Inc. – Ocean Sky Hotel – 4060 Galt Ocean Drive

Mr. Cuba explained that this request was for the establishment of a new concessionaire, who will replace the previous concessionaire in an established restricted corridor.

Henry Levy, representing Doctor Jet Ski of Fort Lauderdale, Inc., noted a correction on the Application: the concession will feature eight jet skis rather than six, one of which is a chase vehicle. There are no existing enforcement issues related to the concession, and customers will receive safety instructions before they are allowed onto the vehicles.

Mr. Tapp expressed concern with allowing the use of jet skis in the same area where diving may occur. It was clarified that diving Code requires vehicles to remain 300 ft. from dive flags.

There being no further questions from the Board at this time, Chair Flanigan opened the public hearing. As there were no members of the public wishing to speak on this Item, Chair Flanigan closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, to approve as stated. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

VI. Application – Sec. 8-146.1 – Water Taxi License Transfer – Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC – 413 SW 3rd Avenue

Mr. Cuba advised that the current Water Taxi operator is changing from a Delaware corporation to a Fort Lauderdale corporation.

Mr. Johnson recused himself from hearing this Item due to a conflict of interest.

William Walker, Applicant, explained that the corporation is being restructured so it is a Florida-based company for tax and insurance purposes.

There being no questions from the Board at this time, Chair Flanigan opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak on this Item, Chair Flanigan closed the public hearing and brought the discussion back to the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Herhold, seconded by Mr. Ross, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed 13-0. (Mr. Johnson abstained. A memorandum of voting conflict is attached to these minutes.)

Mr. Johnson returned to the meeting following the vote on Item VI.

VII. Reports

• **Commission Agenda Reports**

Mr. Cuba reported that the dock waiver for SE 7th Street was approved by the City Commission on December 17, 2013.

VIII. Old / New Business

Mr. Herhold advised that Phil Purcell will be the new Director of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF).

Mr. Guardabassi noted that the Raft Race will be held on April 5, 2014.

Mr. McLaughlin requested an update on dredging. Mr. Cuba stated that the City Commission plans to discuss this topic at their January 22, 2014 meeting, where they will hear a report on dredging from the City's Engineering Department. Mr. McLaughlin

also expressed concern with the condition of the bridge to be used by the All Aboard Florida project.

The Board briefly discussed the All Aboard Florida project as well as the use of the bridge, including whether or not the City Commission has adopted a position regarding either issue. Mr. Cuba recalled that the Board had submitted a letter to the City Commission some months ago with respect to All Aboard Florida. Mr. Herhold observed that the City Manager was aware of the marine industry's concerns in relation to this project, particularly regarding an increase in both commuter and commercial traffic.

Mr. Luscomb advised that the process of having grant funding approved by the City Commission has grown more complicated. He noted that while the CRA has pledged matching funds toward the permitting process related to dredging, these funds have not yet been approved, nor the grant accepted. This is expected to be discussed at the upcoming City Commission Conference Agenda meeting.

John Dotto, private citizen, addressed the issue of All Aboard Florida with respect to its potential impact on recreational boating, which he stated was not included in a recent Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) report. He cited the proposed number of freight train crossings during daylight hours, which would mean the bridge will be down for a significantly longer period of time each day and could impede boating traffic.

Chair Flanigan recommended that Mr. Dotto raise this issue at a public meeting scheduled for 2 p.m. on March 24, 2014, at the Broward County Main Library. Mr. Dotto added that a City Commission meeting on the project is scheduled for February 4 in City Commission Chambers.

The Board briefly discussed an article in *Dock Walk* magazine, which states the number of show boats scheduled for construction in 2014 represent a 6% increase over the previous year. The majority of these vessels are between 100 ft. and 200 ft.

Chair Flanigan also requested an update on the barge loading/offloading issue. Mr. Cuba explained that the City does not own enough waterfront property to allow for this use, and it has been recommended that barge companies consider the private sector for this purpose. No ideal location has been proposed thus far by the barge companies. Mr. Cuba recommended that any Board members with suggested locations submit them to his office for further research.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.