## Interoffice Memorandum





February 12, 2021

TO:

Mayor Jerry L. Demings

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**County Commissioners** 

FROM:

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Services Department

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SUBJECT:

March 23, 2021 — Consent Item

Environmental Protection Commission Recommendation for Request for After-the-Fact Variance for Daniel and Suzanne

Burquist Dock Construction Permit BD-18-06-070.

The applicants, Daniel and Suzanne Burquist, are requesting approval of an after-the-fact dock permit modification and variance to Orange County Code (Code), Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-342(e) (roof height). The project site is located at 6350 Sedona Leaf Court, Windermere, FL 34786. The Parcel ID number is 22-23-27-1527-00-200. The subject property is located on a canal off of Lake Speer in District 1.

On July 27, 2018, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) issued Dock Construction Permit BD-18-06-070 to construct a boat dock at the subject property. On January 13, 2020, EPD received the as-built survey of the dock. Upon review of the survey, EPD discovered that the roof height did not meet the 12-foot maximum height above the floor elevation. According to the as-built survey, the constructed roof height is 13.24 feet above the floor elevation. On October 15, 2020, EPD received an after-the-fact Application for Variance to Section 15-342(e) to attempt to authorize the dock to remain as constructed with the elevated roof height.

Notification of the after-the-fact variance request was sent to all shoreline property owners within a 300-foot radius of the property. No objections were received.

Pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(1), "the applicant shall also describe (1) how strict compliance with the provisions from which a variance is sought would impose a unique and unnecessary hardship on the applicant-the hardship cannot be self-imposed; and (2) the effect of the proposed variance on abutting shoreline owners."

To address Section 15-350(a)(1)(1), the applicants stated, "I hired Florida Dock and Boat Lifts to design the dock, handle permitting and build the structure. After completion of the as-built survey, it was brought to my attention that the height was taller than 12 ft and thus did not meet County code requirements. I immediately began trying to contact the builder to correct the issues but after numerous phone calls and emails over the last few months, they are completely non-responsive."

To address Section 15-350(a)(1)(2), the applicants stated, "I don't believe this to have any effect on near-by owners. My dock has been completed for almost two years and no one

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has ever complained. I actually receive continuous compliments for this dock being the best looking dock on the canal."

Staff evaluated the after-the-fact variance request for compliance with the criteria for approval. The recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer (EPO) was to approve the request for the after-the-fact variance to Section 15-342(e) (roof height) based on a finding that the applicants have demonstrated that there will be no adverse effects from the proposed variance on abutting shoreline owners pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(1)(2), as no objections were received, that the request is not contrary to the public interest, that granting of the variance would not be contrary to the intent and purpose of this article and that there is no environmental harm associated with the request.

EPD presented the variance request to the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) at their January 27, 2021 meeting. The EPC voted to accept the findings and recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer, and made a finding that the after-the-fact variance request is consistent with Section 15-350(a)(1), and recommended approval of the after-the-fact variance to Section 15-342(e) to increase the allowable roof height from 12 feet to 13.24 feet with the condition that the applicant pay an administrative penalty of \$799 to the Conservation Trust Fund within 60 days of the decision of the Board.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Acceptance of the findings and recommendation of the Environmental Protection Commission and approval of the request for an after-the-fact variance to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-342(e) to increase the allowable roof height from 12 feet to 13.24 feet with the condition that the applicant pay an administrative penalty of \$799 to the Conservation Trust Fund within 60 days of the decision of the Board of County Commissioners for the Daniel and Suzanne Burquist Dock Construction Permit BD-18-06-070. District 1

JVW/DDJ: mg Attachments

# Dock Construction Application for After-the-Fact Variance



Dock Construction Application for After-the-Fact Variance BD-18-06-070 District #1

Applicants: Daniel and Suzanne Burquist

Address: 6350 Sedona Leaf Court Parcel ID: 22-23-27-1527-00-200

Project Site Property Location



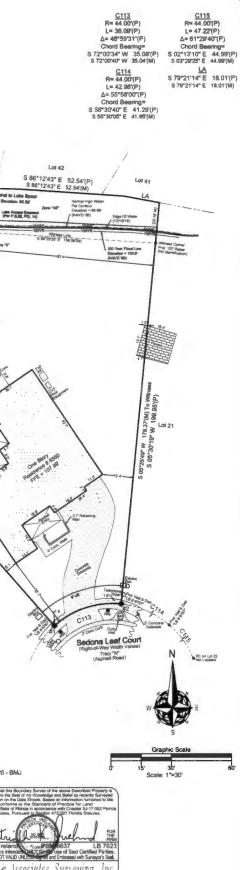
## **Boundary Survey** Legal Description: LOT 20, EDEN ISLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 52, PAGE 9 THROUGH 18, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA. Flood bactaimer: By performing a search with the local governing municipality or www.fema.gov, the properly appears to be located in zone X, AE. This Property was found in Orange County, community number 120179, dated 9/25/2009. CERTIFIED TO: DANIEL BURQUIST

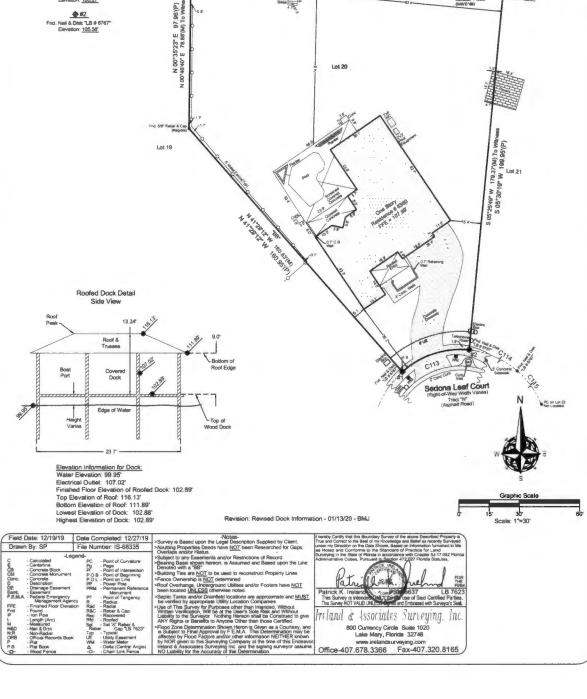
Florida Department of Transportation Datum (Elevations are based upon North American Vertical Detum 1986)

-Site Benchmark Information-

#1
Fnd. Neil & Disk "LB # 6767"
Elevation: 105.27

**#**2 Fnd. Neil & Dtek "LB # 6767" Elevation: 105.56"





\$ 88°31'40" E 88.03'(P) \$ 88°35'14" E 87.32'(M)



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### ORANGE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION January 27, 2021

PROJECT NAME: Daniel and Suzanne Burquist Boat Dock

PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER: BD-18-06-070

LOCATION/ADDRESS: 6350 Sedona Leaf Court, Windermere

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the findings and recommendation of the

Environmental Protection Officer, and make a finding that the after-the-fact variance request is consistent with Section 15-350(a)(1), and recommend approval of the after-the-fact variance to Section 15-342(e) to increase the allowable roof height from 12 feet to 13.24 feet with the condition that the applicant pay an administrative penalty of \$799 to the Conservation Trust Fund within 60 days of the decision of the Board of County Commissioners, for the Burquist Dock Construction Permit BD-18-06-070.

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District 1

EPC AGREES WITH THE ACTION REQUESTED, AS PRESENTED

EPC DISAGREES WITH THE ACTION REQUESTED, AS PRESENTED AND HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

Signature of EPC Chairman:

DATE EPC RECOMMENDATION RENDERED: 1-27-2021

Serving our community by conserving, protecting, and enhancing the environment for current and future generations.