#### Interoffice Memorandum





October 8, 2021

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings

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**County Commissioners** 

FROM: Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director

Planning, Environmental, and Development

Services Department

CONTACT PERSON: David D. Jones, P.E., CEP, Manager

**Environmental Protection Division** 

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SUBJECT: November 16, 2021 — Consent Item

Environmental Protection Commission Recommendation for Request for Waiver for Anne and Mark Allen Dock Construction

Permit BD-21-03-052

The applicants, Anne and Mark Allen, are requesting a dock construction permit with a waiver to Orange County Code (Code), Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-342(b) (terminal platform size) in order to replace an existing boat dock. The project site is located at 920 Main Street, Windermere, FL 34786. The Parcel ID is 17-23-28-9336-00-750 and the subject property is on Lake Butler in District 1.

On March 31, 2021, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) received an Application to Construct a Dock for the subject property. The application included an Application for Waiver to Section 15-342(b) (terminal platform size) requesting to increase the terminal platform size from the maximum allowed by Code of 775 square feet to 1,359 square feet.

On March 31, 2021, EPD also received an Application for Waiver to Section 15-343(b) (side setback) to seek authorization for the existing side setback of 10 feet from the southern projected property line to remain. A notarized Letter of No Objection was received from the affected neighbors (Molly Rose and Robert Fleming – 928 Main Street); therefore, pursuant to Section 15-343(b), the side setback waiver can be approved by the Environmental Protection Officer (EPO) and no action is required by the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) or the Board on this item.

#### Waiver Request - Terminal Platform Size

For the terminal platform size waiver, pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(2), "the applicant shall describe (1) how this waiver would not negatively impact the environment, and (2) the effect of the proposed waiver on abutting shoreline owners."

To address Section 15-350(a)(2)(1), the applicants' agent states, "Applicant is requesting to rebuild existing boat dock with modifications that will make the dock slightly larger than the original. Given the current location of the dock, there doesn't appear to be any additional, negative impact to the environment beyond what may or may not have occurred during the original build. The homeowner has agreed to pay any mitigation fee that may be imposed."

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To address Section 15-350(a)(2)(2), the applicants' agent states, "If approved, this waiver will grant the applicant a 10' setback from the abutting property line as shown. This is consistent with the location of the existing boat dock. A Letter of No Objection (LONO) from the effected shoreline owners has been provided."

The applicants have agreed to make a mitigation payment of \$875 to the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) to offset the additional shading impacts to Lake Butler associated with the larger terminal platform size should the waiver request be approved.

#### **Public Noticing**

On July 14, 2021, Notices of Application for Waiver were sent to all shoreline property owners within a 300-foot radius of the property. No objections were received.

#### **Enforcement Action**

During a site visit conducted during the review of the boat dock application, EPD staff observed the presence of two recreational platforms below the Normal High Water Elevation (NHWE) and a fence located within the shoreline wetland and extending below the NHWE. Accordingly, EPD initiated an enforcement case for the unauthorized structures and the fence (Case #21-589791) and a Notice of Violation was included as part of a Request for Additional Information that was sent to the applicants on April 26, 2021. In order to resolve the enforcement actions, the recreational structures and fence were removed. In addition, a penalty of \$1,500 was assessed which was paid by the applicants on August 10, 2021. The property is currently in compliance.

#### **EPD Staff Evaluation**

Staff evaluated the waiver request for compliance with the criteria for approval. The recommendation of the EPO was to approve the request for waiver to Section 15-342(b) (terminal platform size) based on a finding that the applicants have demonstrated there will be no negative effects on the abutting shoreline owners pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(2)(2), as no objections were received. Additionally, pursuant to Section 15-350(a)(2)(1), negative effects to the environment due to shading impacts from the excess terminal platform size will be offset through a mitigation payment of \$875 to the CTF.

#### **Environmental Protection Commission Public Hearing**

EPD presented the waiver request in a public hearing before the EPC at their September 29, 2021 meeting. Chairman Mark Ausley asked if the size of the existing structure was 775 square feet or if that is what they are allowed. EPD staff stated that 775 square feet is what is allowed by Code and that the current dock is around 700 square feet. Mr. Mark Allen (applicant) and his agent, Mr. Robin Lopez, stated that the new dock would not extend any further into the lake and not be any wider than the existing dock. EPC members Mr. Billy Butterfield and Mr. Oscar Anderson both commented that the proposed increase in terminal platform size was on the backside of the dock towards the house.

Based upon evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the EPC voted unanimously to accept the findings and recommendation of the EPO, and recommended approval of the request for waiver to Section 15-342(b) (terminal platform size) with a mitigation payment of \$875 to the CTF.

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#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Acceptance of the findings and recommendation of the Environmental Protection Commission, and approval of the request for waiver to Section 15-342(b) to increase the maximum allowable terminal platform size from 775 square feet to 1,359 square feet with a payment of \$875 to the Conservation Trust Fund within 60 days of the decision of the Board of County Commissioners for the Anne and Mark Allen Dock Construction Permit BD-21-03-052. District 1

JVW/DDJ: jk Attachments

### **Boat Dock Construction Application for Waiver**



Boat Dock Construction Application for Waiver Permit No. BD-21-03-052 District # 1

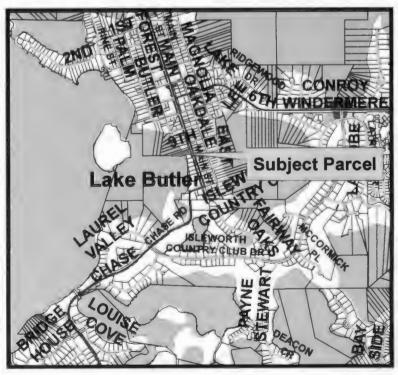
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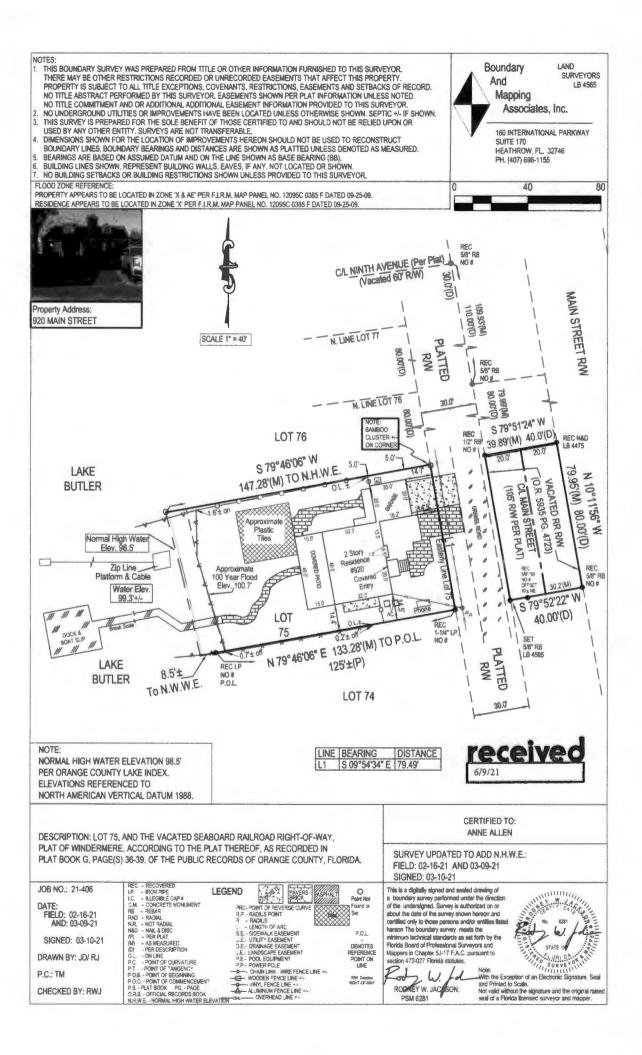
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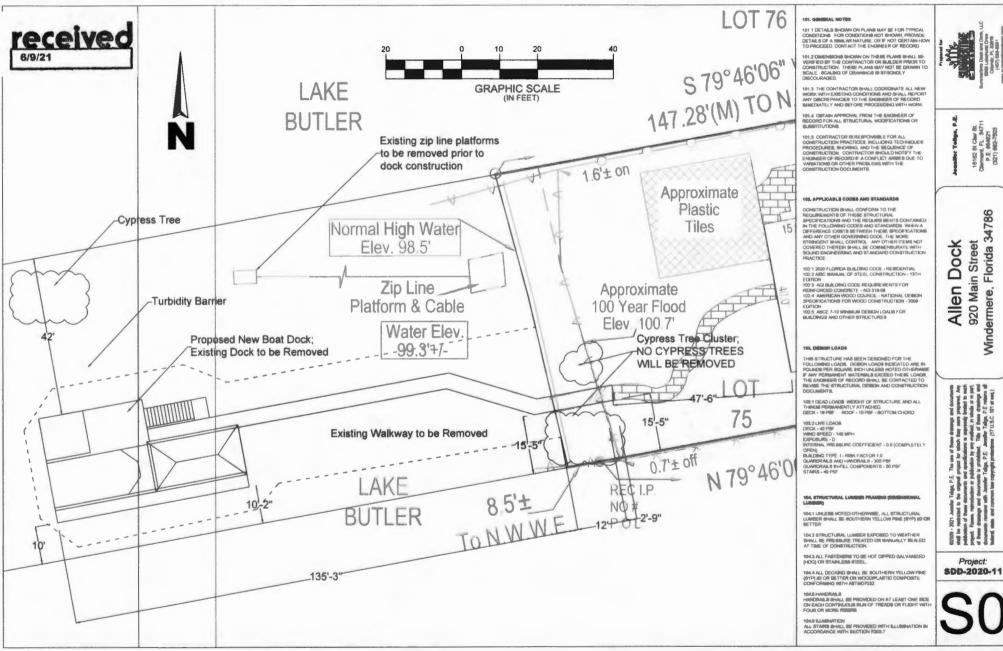
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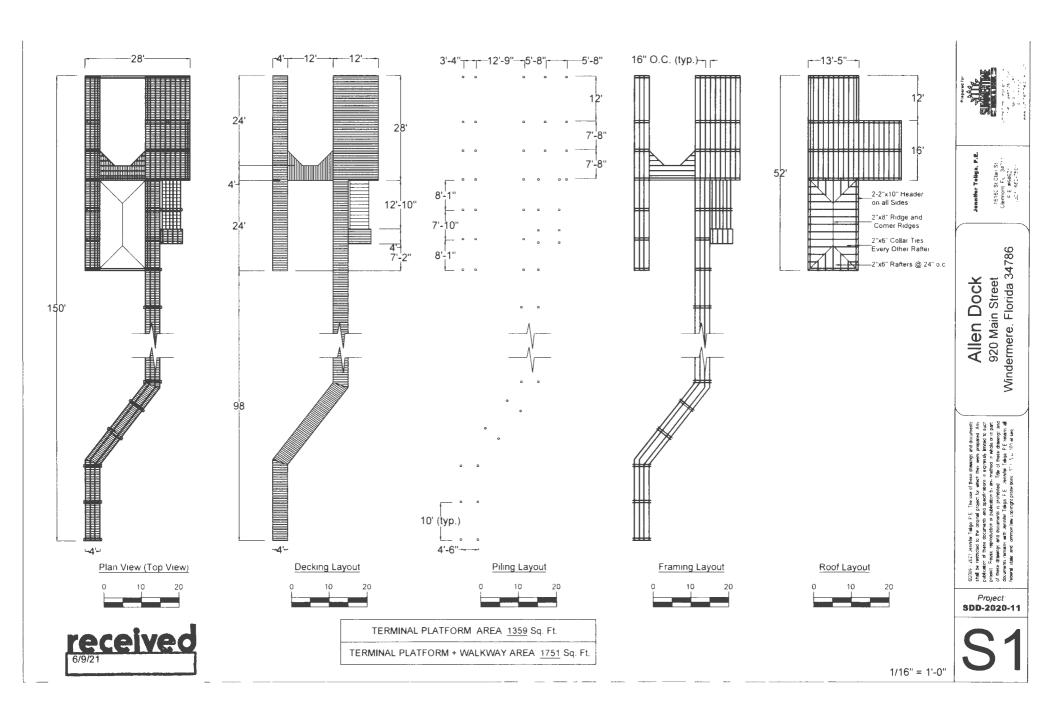
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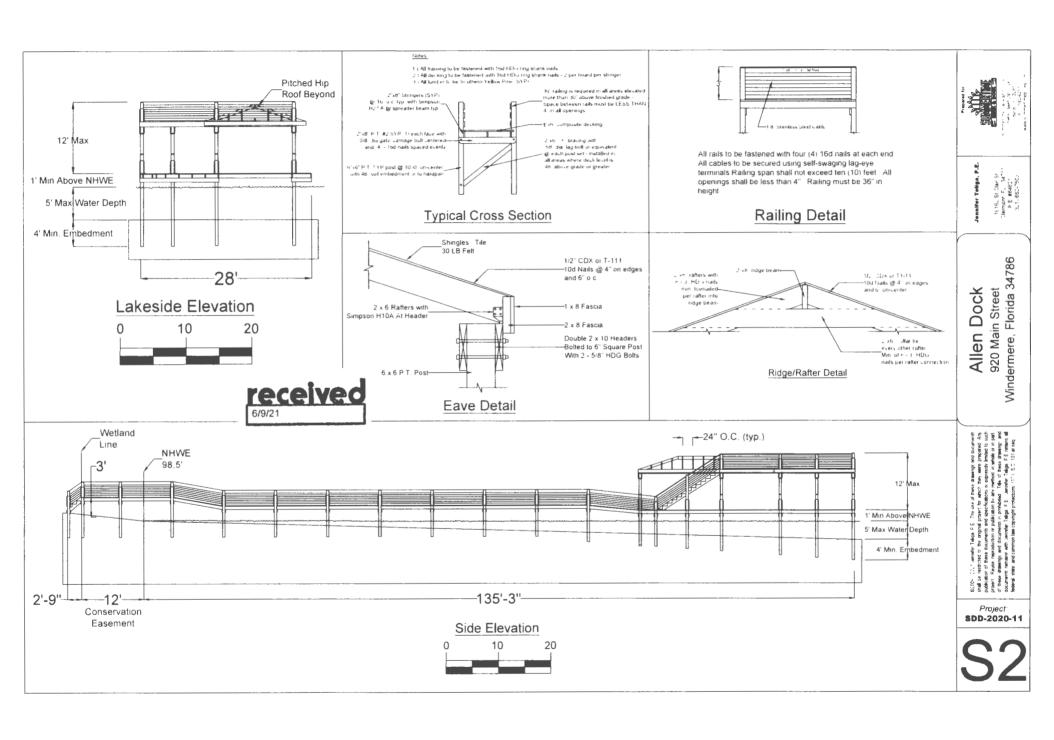


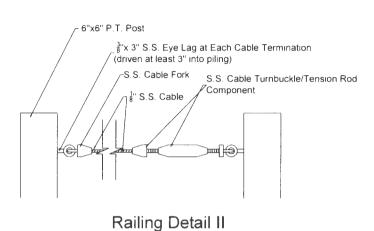


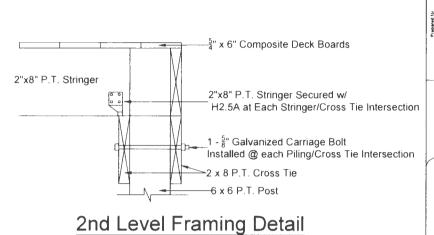


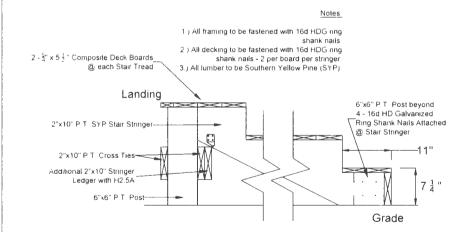




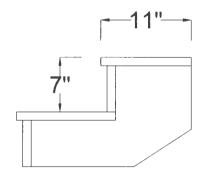








Typical Cross Section I and Framing Detail I \*



received Stair Section Detail \* Framing materials and fasteners to be consistent with

Stair Detail

Allen Dock 920 Main Street

Project **SDD-2020-11** 



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# ORANGE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION September 29, 2021

Project Name: Anne and Mark Allen

Permit Application Number: BD-21-03-052

Location/Address: 920 Main Street, Windermere, FL 34786

RECOMMENDATION: Acceptance of the finding and recommendation of the

Environmental Protection Officer, and make a finding that the waiver request is consistent with Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2) and recommend approval of the request for waiver to Section 15-342(b) to increase the maximum allowable terminal platform size from 775 to 1359 square feet with a payment of \$875 to the Conservation Trust Fund within 60 days of the decision of the Board of County Commissioners for the Anne and Mark Allen

Dock Construction Permit BD-21-03-052. District 1

/	EPC AGREES WITH THE ACTIONS REQUESTED. AS PRESENTED
	EPC DISAGREES WITH THE ACTION(S) REQUESTED, AS PRESENTED AND HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:
Signatur	e of EPC Chairman: Mark ausly
	PC RECOMMENDATION RENDERED: 9-74-21