# **Interoffice Memorandum**



September 11, 2017

AGENDA ITEM

TO:

Mayor Teresa Jacobs

-AND-

**Board of County Commissioners** 

FROM:

Jon V. Weiss, P.E., Director

Community, Environmental and Development

Services Department

**CONTACT PERSON:** 

David D. Jones, P.E., CEP, Manager Environmental Protection Division

(407) 836-1405

SUBJECT:

October 3, 2017 - Consent Item

Environmental Protection Commission recommendation for an afterthe-fact waiver request to terminal platform size for the Benjamin

Snively after-the-fact Dock Construction Permit BD-17-03-027

Mr. Benjamin Snively is requesting an after-the-fact waiver to Section 15-342(b) terminal platform size for the after-the-fact Dock Construction Permit BD-17-03-027. The project site is located at 4716 Faust Court, on Lake Pearl (East). The Parcel ID number is 01-22-30-9077-08-050. The subject property is located in District 5.

On March 15, 2017, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) received an after-the-fact Application to Construct a Dock from the applicant after EPD discovered an unauthorized addition to a previously permitted dock. The as-built survey submitted indicated that the existing terminal platform size was larger than allowed by Orange County Code. The terminal platform size of the dock is currently 1,238.66 square feet, which is 288.66 square feet greater than the 950 square feet allowed by Code. Mr. Snively has paid an administrative penalty of \$800 for the unauthorized addition.

Notifications of the request for waiver were sent to all shoreline property owners within 300 feet of the subject property. EPD did not receive any objections to the proposed waiver.

During the August 30, 2017 Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) public hearing, the EPC voted to uphold the recommendation of the Environmental Protection Officer and approve the after-the-fact request for waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-342(b) for a larger than allowed terminal platform size, with the condition that the applicant pay \$1,392 to the Orange County Conservation Trust Fund as mitigation.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** 

Acceptance of recommendation of the Environmental Protection Commission to approve the after-the-fact request for waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-342(b) (terminal platform size) with the condition that the applicant pay \$1,392 to the Orange County Conservation Trust Fund for the Benjamin Snively after-the-fact Dock Construction Permit BD-17-03-027. District 5

JVW/DJ: mg Attachments



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# ORANGE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION August 30, 2017

PROJECT NAME:

Snively Boat Dock

PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER:

BD-17-03-027

LOCATION/ADDRESS:

4716 Faust Court, Orlando, FL 32817

RECOMMENDATION: <u>Pursuant to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(b)</u>, approve the request for an after-the-fact waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-342(b), with the condition that the applicant pay \$1,392.00 to the Conservation Trust Fund, for the Benjamin Snively after-the-fact Dock Construction Permit BD-17-03-027.

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:

EPC RECOMMENDATION DATE:

8/30/17



## August 11, 2017

To:

**Environmental Protection Commission** 

From:

David D. Jones, P.E., CEP, Manager

**Environmental Protection Division** 

Subject:

Benjamin Snively Request for an After-the-Fact Boat Dock Waiver

### Reason for Public Hearing

The applicant, Benjamin Snively, is requesting approval of an after-the-fact waiver to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-342(b) for a larger than allowed terminal platform (BD-17-03-027).

## Location of Property/Legal Description

The project site is located at 4716 Faust Court, Orlando, Florida 32817. The Parcel ID for the site is 01-22-30-9077-08-050. The subject property is located on Lake Pearl (West) in Orange County Commission District 5.

#### Public Notifications

The applicant was notified of the hearing date on August 11, 2017.

#### **Project History**

On April 10, 2013, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) issued Dock Construction Permit BD-13-02-016 to Ben and Marie Snively. This permit allowed a maximum terminal platform size of 950 square feet. On April 22, 2014, EPD approved the as-built survey for the completed structure and closed the permit file.

On January 20, 2017, EPD received a complaint from a neighbor stating that the dock was being expanded without a permit. EPD verified that indeed some alterations to the dock had been completed without a permit and an enforcement case (#17-476332) was initiated. Mr. Snively was directed to have a new as-built survey completed and to apply for a new Dock Construction Permit, in an attempt to keep the existing structure. Mr. Snively has paid an administrative penalty of \$800.00 for the unauthorized construction.

#### **Staff Findings**

On March 15, 2017, EPD received a new (after-the-fact) Application to Construct a Dock from Mr. Snively. The as-built survey indicates that the existing terminal platform size was larger than allowed by Orange County Code.

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Subsequently, on June 1, 2017, EPD received an after-the-fact Application for Waiver to Section 15-342(b) (terminal platform size).

# Terminal Platform Size Waiver

Pursuant to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, EPD staff has evaluated the proposed waiver application and required documents. The applicant has 115 feet of shoreline; therefore, the allowed terminal platform size is 950 square feet. The applicant is requesting a terminal platform size of 1,238.66 square feet.

Notifications for the waiver request were sent to all shoreline property owners within 300 feet of the subject property on August 11, 2017.

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

In regards to 15-350(a)(2)(1), the applicant stated "The addition platform size does not impact the conservation area or shoreline. No impact to vegetation and wildlife in the area." Furthermore, the impact of the proposed dock was evaluated by EPD using the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM), and the applicant has agreed to offset the environmental impact associated with the larger terminal platform size with a contribution of \$1,392.00 to the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF).

In regards to 15-350(a)(2)(2), the applicant states that the "New platform size is 16.7 feet from neighbor on west side. Neighbor has no objections and signed a 'No Objection to Boat Dock' form." EPD has not received any objections to the request at this time.

### Side Setback Waiver

EPD also received an after-the-fact Application for Waiver to Section 15-343(b) (side setback). Per Code, the required side setback distance for the subject property is twenty-five (25) feet from each adjacent property line; then ten (10) feet once the width between adjacent property lines becomes less than seventy-five (75) feet.

The existing structure is 16.7 feet from the adjacent property owner to the west. Section 15-343(b) states, "on lots or parcels having a shoreline frontage of seventy-five (75) feet or greater, docks shall have a minimum side setback of twenty-five (25) feet from the projected property line....Waivers from side-setback requirements may be granted by the Environmental Protection Officer (EPO) if a notarized Letter Of No Objection (LONO) to the waiver is received from the shoreline property owner abutting the applicant's property line affected by the waiver."

On June 1, 2017, EPD received a LONO from Charles K. Hippler, the affected neighbor, who owns the property at 4722 Faust Court, in Orlando. No action is required by the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) for this issue because the side setback waiver can be approved by the EPO.

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# **Staff Recommendation**

The recommendation of the EPO is to approve the after-the-fact request for waiver to Section 15-342(b) (terminal platform size), with the condition that the applicant pay \$1,392.00 to the CTF as mitigation for the adverse impacts to the environment associated with the larger than allowed terminal platform size.

ACTION REQUESTED: PURSUANT TO ORANGE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 15,
ARTICLE IX, SECTION 15-350(B), APPROVE THE REQUEST
FOR AN AFTER-THE-FACT WAIVER TO ORANGE COUNTY
CODE, CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE IX, SECTION 15-342(B), WITH
THE CONDITION THAT THE APPLICANT PAY \$1,392.00 TO
THE CONSERVATION TRUST FUND, FOR THE BENJAMIN
SNIVELY AFTER-THE-FACT DOCK CONSTRUCTION

PERMIT BD-17-03-027.

JS/NT/ERJ/DJ: mg

Attachments

# **Application for Boat Dock Waiver**



Application for Boat Dock Waiver

District #5

Applicant: Benjamin Snively

Parcel ID: 01-22-30-9077-08-050

**Project Site** 



**Property Location** 





# APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A BOAT DOCK APPLICATION FOR WAIVER

(Pursuant to Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2))

| Mail or Orange County Environmental Protection Division  Deliver To: 3165 McCrory Place, Suite 200  Orlando, Florida 32803  |     |
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| (407) 836-1400, Fax (407) 836-1499  |     |
| 1 BENDAMIN D SNIVELY on behalf of MYSEF (if applicable) pursuant to Orange County Code Chapter 15, Article IX, Section 15-350(a)(2) am requesting a waiver to section (choose and circle from the following: 15-342(b), 15-343(b), 15-344(a) and 15-345(a)) of the Orange County Dock Construction Ordinance.   |     |
| 1. Describe how this waiver would not negatively impact the environment:  |     |
| ADDITION PLATFORM SIZE DOED NOT IMPACT THE<br>CONSERVATION AREA OR SHORELINE  |     |
| - NO IMPACT TO VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE IN ALEA  |     |
| 2. Describe the effect of the proposed waiver on abutting shoreline owners:   |     |
| -NEW PLATFORM SIZE IS 16.7 FEET FROM NETCHBOX ON WEST SIDE -NEIGHBOR HAS NO OBJECTIONS AND SIGNED A NO OBJECTION TO BOAT DOCK   | For |
| The environmental protection officer and the board may require of the applicant information necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.  |     |
| By signing and submitting this application form, I am applying for a waiver to the Section indicated of the Orange County Dock Construction Ordinance identified above, according to the supporting data and other incidental information filed with this application. I am familiar with the information contained in this application, and represent that such information is true, complete, and accurate. I understand this is an application and not a pennit, and that work conducted prior to approval is a violation. I understand that this application and any permit issued pursuant thereto, does not relieve me of any obligation for obtaining any other required federal, state, or local permits prior to commencement of construction. I understand that knowingly making any false statements or representation in this application is a violation of Sections 15-341 & 15-342, Orange County Code. |     |
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| Name of Applicant: BENDAMIN D SNIVERY   |     |
| Signature of Applicant/Agent B Date: 5/30/2017  |     |
| Corporate Title (if applicable):  |     |





