

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Weidenhamer called the Board of Adjustment Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at Destin City Hall Boardroom.

2. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Present:

Tom Weidenhamer
Daniella Piper
David Emerson
Robert Pinard

Absent:

Joshua Brister
James Moomaw

Staff Present:

Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Steven O'Connor, Principal Planner
Daniel Butler, Senior Planner
Kyle Bauman City Attorney

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Weidenhamer asked if there was a consensus on the approval of the agenda as presented. With all agreeing, he announced the agenda is approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

➤ **September 6, 2023**

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2023, meeting was made by Board member Emerson, with Board member Pinard providing the second, the motion passed 4-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BOA-001247-2023 – Destin Fire Control Dock Variance Request

The City Attorney swore in all individuals that may provide testimony for this hearing. He then announced for the record that the applicant has agreed to waive the reading of the application and the Notice into the record.

Board member Piper asked the applicant if they did their due diligence when looking for property to purchase to find one that had the desired docking facility, or one could be built that didn't have seagrasses present where a docking facility could be built with the normal length requirements.

Fire Commissioner, Mr. Buckingham explained that there was not any property for sale, and he did go do-to-door asking property owners if they were interested in selling their property and that is how they got lucky with the previous owner of this property who agreed to sell the

property to them. He also spoke of how they determined, because of all the traffic in the summer, that they needed somewhere on the west side of town to be able to get to those locations quicker and, if anything that may happen on the water, they would have easier access to get those quickly as well, because of the high water traffic in the summer months also prevents their access to the adjacent waterways. Mr. Buckingham also spoke of how as part of the request, they are requesting the six boat slips to accommodate two boats for Okaloosa County Sheriff, two boats for the FWC and two of their own boats. Additionally, he spoke of how the tide gets very low in the winter months and when there are storms and they need the length to acquire the necessary depth needed to get their boats in and out safely.

Board member Emerson made the motion to approve BOA-001247-2023 – Destin Fire Control Dock Variance Request with Board member Pinard providing the second. The motion passed 3-1 with Board member Piper dissenting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS: None

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 3rd day of January 2023.

Tom Weidenhamer

Tom Weidenhamer, Chairman

Kim Montgomery

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk