

**BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
MINUTES**

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 21, 2010

City Council Chambers - City Hall 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Cory Bantilan
Betsy R. Cramer
Eric Friedman
Frank Kelly
Jim Sloan

Staff Present

John Bridley, Waterfront Director
Scott Riedman, Business Manager
Karl Treiberg, Facilities Manager
Mary Adams, Harbor Commission Secretary

Councilmembers Present

None

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Item #6 – Correction to staff report – “Jane Doe” does not have a liveaboard permit

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Moved to approve the minutes for the September 16, 2010, meeting.
Friedman/Cramer 4-0 (Sloan abstained).

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

2. **Department Update – John Bridley**
 - Council Actions
 - Harbor & Seafood Festival
 - Tentative Agenda Items for November 2010

3. Facilities Management Report – Karl Treiberg

- Stearns Wharf
 - Heavy Timber and Pile Replacement
- Harbor
 - Annual Slurry Seal Project
 - Waterfront Center Improvements

NEW BUSINESS

4. Corps of Engineers' Dredging Contract

Staff Report presented by Karl Treiberg

Harbor Commission received a status report on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' three-year dredging contract for the harbor's main Federal Navigational Channel. Mr. Treiberg provided a PowerPoint presentation along with an educational video made in the mid-1960's called "River of Sand," which recreated a physical model of the Santa Barbara harbor, illustrating why it is necessary to annually dredge the tidal sand flowing into the harbor.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed with staff possible reprogramming of dredge funds, adjustments to the scope of work, mobilization issues and expense, ability to extend the length of dredging contracts, escalating costs, Federal Navigational Channel boundaries, permanent dredge pipe considerations and potential placement of a permanent pipeline in conjunction with the Mission Creek Restoration Project.

5. Request for Proposals – Office Space

Staff Report presented by Scott Riedman

Mr. Riedman reviewed tenant office space uses, upcoming office space availability and asked Commissioners to consider current lease policies, practices and procedures for issuing Requests for Proposals within the Harbor District.

Commissioners received the staff report with little discussion and seemed satisfied with the current leases and leasing policies and practices outlined in the staff report.

6. Anonymous Request from the Public – Sleeping in Vehicles in Harbor Lots

Commissioners received a presentation from an anonymous boat owner and slip permittee, referred to as "Jane Doe" in the staff report. She asked the Commission to consider establishing a program allowing certain harbor users to

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be able to sleep in vehicles in the Main Harbor Parking Lot, if they had a situation with their boat that caused them the need.

Staff recommended that the Commission deny the request to establish a program allowing boat owners and/or slip permittees permission to sleep in vehicles parked overnight in Waterfront parking lots. Staff also clarified that “Jane Doe” does not have a liveaboard permit as stated in the staff report.

Commissioners provided various comments regarding “Jane Doe’s” request, including potential problems associated with sleeping in cars, monitoring this type of program, discretionary nature of the criteria for participants, evaluating or assessing a need for this type of program, precedent setting issues, creating a significant change to current rules for one person’s need and acknowledged the fact that there is already an established program “New Beginnings” within the City. Although Commissioners were sympathetic to “Jane Doe’s” need, they did not feel it necessary to develop a new program to accommodate her individual need.

Moved to deny the request made by “Jane Doe” to establish a program allowing boat owners and/or slip permittees permission to sleep in vehicles parked overnight in Waterfront parking lots as there is already an established program (New Beginnings) within the City. Sloan/Banitlan 5-0.

Jane Doe never identified herself during the meeting.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

John Bridley informed the Commission that there were only a few upcoming agenda items including two lease assignments with Paddle Sports and the Minnow Café. Therefore, if those items are ready for the November meeting, the December meeting will probably be cancelled due to the holidays and because there are no pressing agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Friedman/Sloan 5-0

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