

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

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 19, 2011

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

**ROLL CALL** 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Will Anikouchine  
Cory Bantilan  
Betsy R. Cramer  
Eric Friedman  
Frank Kelly  
Jim Sloan  
Bill Spicer

Staff Present

John Bridley, Waterfront Director  
Scott Riedman, Business Manager  
Karl Treiberg, Facilities Manager  
Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager  
Mary Adams, Harbor Commission Secretary  
Jim Armstrong, City Administrator

Council Members Present

None

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **Meeting of April 21, 2011**

**DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

2. **Director's Report**

- Council Actions
- Tentative Agenda Items for June – No Items

**3. Business Services Report**

- DryDock of Santa Barbara
- Charter Permit Wait List

Commissioners had questions for staff regarding the equipment, bankruptcy and future plans for the Drydock lease space.

**4. Harbor Operations Report**

- Operation Clean Sweep
- Mothers Day Cruise Ship Visit
- SB 623—Copper Bottom Paint

Commissioner Friedman would like to get a better understanding of the City's Legislative Platform relating to water quality issues. He asked staff to keep the Commission apprised of this legislation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. Preliminary Corrosion Study for Santa Barbara Harbor**

Harbor Commission received a preliminary report concerning electrolysis in the harbor from Karl Treiberg. He provided highlights from the staff report, which included a copy of the preliminary corrosion study from Far West Corrosion Control Company. The report indicated that none of the data collected suggests anything that would be considered a "Hot Harbor" or "Hot Slips". The source of reported individual corrosion problems can be identified with simple tests and staff will follow up on these issues.

Mr. Treiberg said he will be come back to the Commission in four months with updated information on electrolysis in the harbor.

**6. Request For Proposal: 219-G  
Stearns Wharf Coastal Cruise Concession**

Scott Riedman reviewed the staff report regarding the Request for Proposal for a coastal cruise concession on Stearns Wharf.

Harbor Commissioners considered the Selection Committee's analysis of the three business proposals received from Captain Don's Cruises, Santa Barbara Water Adventures, and Santa Barbara Water Taxi L.L.C. for the coastal cruising business at 219-G Stearns Wharf.

Commissioner Sloan spoke on behalf of the Selection Committee. The Committee agreed that Santa Barbara Water Taxi, L.L.C, submitted a solid proposal and also has a good history of doing business in the harbor.

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Speakers:

Holden Daniels spoke about his submission for a coastal cruise concession (SB Water Adventures), and asked the Commission to take the time to read his entire proposal before making a decision.

Commissioners did not respond favorably to Mr. Daniels' request.

Moved to accept the recommendation from the Selection Committee and make a finding that Santa Barbara Water Taxi, L.L.C. is the most responsive and appropriate lessee to revive the coastal cruising business on Stearns Wharf; and

Directed staff to negotiate a lease agreement with Santa Barbara Water Taxi, L.L.C. based on the business terms outlined in the RFP and proceed to City Council for final approval. Spicer/Bantilan 7-0.

Commissioners thanked the Hershmans, who were in attendance, for their patience with the process.

### **7. Municipal Code Title 17 Amendments**

Mick Kronman went over the proposed changes to Title 17, Chapter 17.36, the Waterfront Parking section of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code.

Harbor Commission considered staff's proposed amendments and made one change to the suggested language.

Moved to recommend to City Council adoption of an ordinance incorporating proposed amendments to Title 17, Chapter 17.36 Waterfront Parking, including the change "any vessel trailer," to 17.36.30 C. Friedman/Anikouchine 7-0.

Mr. Kronman will confer with the City Attorney regarding the language change.

### **8. Recruitment Process for Waterfront Director Position**

Harbor Commission received a status report on the recruitment process for the new Waterfront Director from City Administrator Jim Armstrong. Currently, Mr. Armstrong is in the process of getting staff input and holding focus groups within the Waterfront Department. He will be appointing an interim director while the final recruitment process is held. He has not decided if the recruitment will be solely through a promotional process within the City or a nationwide recruitment. The entire process will take approximately four to five months, if there is an outside recruitment. Additionally, he will be doing a salary survey to make sure the position is competitive with other agencies.

Mr. Armstrong asked the Harbor Commission to appoint a committee to provide input on the department's needs and qualities that would be important for a new director. And, ultimately two of the committee members would probably be involved in the interview

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process. A decision to appoint an interim director will be made about a week before John Bridley retires.

Commission Chair Frank Kelly appointed an Ad Hoc Waterfront Director Recruitment Committee including Commissioners Sloan, Cramer, and Bantilan who had volunteered to serve.

### **COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

John Bridley cancelled the June Harbor Commission meeting.

Commissioner Kelly said he respected Mr. Bridley's expertise and the firm hand with which he had run the Waterfront Department.

John Bridley spoke about his tenure as the Waterfront Director.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Sloan/Bantilan 7-0.

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