

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 21, 2012
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Special Event Camping Permit—Wine and Roses Charity Regatta**

RECOMMENDATION: That Harbor Commission:

- A. Review and consider a request for a special permit to allow event participant camping in the Harbor West parking lot from 5 p.m. Friday, August 17th until 5 p.m. Sunday, August 19th during the 2012 Wine and Roses Charity Regatta; and
- B. Approve Wine and Roses Event Chairman Steve Leo's request for participant camping for the upcoming event, as allowed per Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 15.16.090.

DISCUSSION:

The Wine and Roses Charity Regatta (Regatta) is a California State Catamaran Championship, which has been held at Leadbetter Beach each August since 1996. It is hosted by the Southern California Hobie Cat Fleets and the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. The event has been very well attended over the years. The event organizers and participants have cooperated with local businesses and with Waterfront Parking staff. At the end of each year's event, the beach and parking lot facilities have been left in good condition.

The boats and equipment on the beach are expensive and could potentially be vulnerable to theft and vandalism. In past years, some participants have stayed overnight in their vehicles to safeguard their boats. This year, Mr. Steve Leo, one of the event organizers, would like to again request a special camping permit so that participants may legally safeguard their equipment. The Harbor Commission has approved special event permits for this Regatta since 1998.

Although the Santa Barbara Municipal Code prohibits camping in public places, in Section 15.16.090 (Attachment 1), the Harbor Commission has been given the discretion to post and designate an area for camping within the Waterfront jurisdiction. This request is for a 48-hour period from 5 p.m. Friday, August 19th until 5 p.m. Sunday, August 21st.

This year, the event is expected to use 100 spaces or approximately half of the Harbor West lot (Attachment 2). The fee for renting the parking lot will be \$700 per day (\$7 per space x 100 spaces). Event participants who wish to use a Harbor West parking space prior to 5 p.m. Friday, August 19th will be responsible for the parking fee of \$3 for three hours and will be required to deposit their fees at either of the three Luke self-pay stations in the Harbor West parking lot.

The Regatta is an ocean dependent use, and Waterfront staff supports the use of Waterfront facilities and the special event camping permits for these events. The events have been well managed by Steve Leo and the event benefits the Santa Barbara chapter of the Make A Wish Foundation.

Attachments: 1. Municipal Code Section 15.16.090
2. Site Map of Harbor West Parking Lot and Proposed Use Area

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