

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

Special Monthly Meeting
September 25, 2014
City Council Chambers - City Hall 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Commissioners Present

Bill Spicer, Chair
Jim Sloan, Vice Chair
Cory Bantilan
Betsy Cramer
Helene Webb

Staff Present

Brian Bosse, Business Manager
Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager
Karl Treiberg, Facilities Manager
Jeanette Prusinski, Commission Secretary

Commissioners Absent

Stephen MacIntosh
Dennis Power

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Subject: Approval of the Minutes
Moved to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2014
Jim Sloan/ Cory Bantilan 5-0

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

2. Director's Report
 - Council Actions
 - Semi-Annual Advisory Board Chair and Vice-Chair Meeting
 - Tentative Agenda Items for the October Meeting
3. Business Services Report
 - Changes at the Maritime Museum Store
 - Fish Market Moves Warehousing and Processing
4. Harbor Operations Report

- Santa Barbara Fisherman Pleads "No Contest" in Crab-Theft Case
- Squid Run Outside Santa Barbara Harbor
- Big South Swell Hits Local Beaches
- Oil Boom Exercise
- Harbor and Seafood Festival October 11th

NEW BUSINESS

5. Waterfront Department Fiscal Year 2014 Preliminary Budget Review

Brian Bosse presented a brief summary of the Waterfront Department's revenues and expenditures as of June 30, 2014.

6. Definition of "Vessel"

Mick Kronman presented the Harbor Commission with draft policy recommendations related to the definition of "Vessel".

Attachment: Letter from John Gill, read into the record by Commissioner Webb

Moved B. Conceptually approve proposed definition of "Vessel"

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Abstention: Helene Webb

Moved C. Conceptually approve draft policy recommendations related to the definition of "Vessel."

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COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Spicer asked Staff to address rumors of Slip Permittees renting their vessels as hotels. Mick Kronman said renting vessels at "boatels" is illegal. Subletting, as part of the Slip Permit signed by each Permittee, is prohibited by the Municipal Code. Mr. Kronman has contacted 4 individuals advertizing online to let them know the consequences of subleasing their slip is Slip Permit termination.

Commissioner Sloan asked about signs in the Marinas regarding end-tie widening. Karl Treiberg said the notices are part of the Coastal Commission's requirement as part of our Coastal Development Permits for the end-tie widening project.

Chair Spicer concluded the boatel discussion with acknowledging Mr. Kronman's diligence with outreach on this topic through Docklines, etc; and took this opportunity to reiterate to the public that renting their vessels is against the rules.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved to Adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

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WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

September 24, 2014

Hello Harbor Commission,

Unfortunately I am not able to attend tonight's meeting, but figured that I could weigh in on the topic of "Definition of a Vessel", as I am the owner of one of the four vessels that was identified as a floating home. I recently met with Mick Kronman and discussed the matter and the policies that are being presented for conceptual approval.

In my conversation with Mick, I explained why the Santa Barbara Harbor is so dear to me. He had similar sentiments. I have lived, worked, fished, surfed, and sailed in and out of the harbor for almost 20 years. I know many of the other boat owners, business associates, fishermen, harbor patrol officers, ocean lovers and wonderful characters that make up our community. It is my home.

Yes, I am sure my vessel is not the most conventional looking. But it is safe, well loved, and serves its purpose superbly. I have complied with all of the city's requests for navigability, stability, and have proven it's sea worthiness a number of times.

I named my boat "Ishi" when I built it, and it now seems quite fitting. You might recall this story of the California Yahi Indian, whom was the last of his tribe to survive a raid by early Californian settlers. With approval of the draft policy, there will not be another Ishi. Although this saddens me a bit as an artist and dreamer, I am sure it is sigh of relief for the Waterfront Department. I understand their commitment to keeping the harbor a "working harbor" and not a floating housing project; I don't want that either. It has been difficult for them to enact this commitment without the proper legislation.

By supporting the drafted policies it seems I am helping to preserve the place that we all love. I have read through and understand the recommendations and agree to all seven listed. I welcome any comments, questions or feedback.

Thank You,

John Gill
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