

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

Regular Monthly Meeting
January 19, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers – Santa Barbara City Hall

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Commissioners Present

Jim Sloan, Chair
Bill Spicer, Vice Chair
Betsy Cramer
Merit McCrea

Staff Present

Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Brian Bosse, Business Manager
Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager
Karl Treiberg, Facilities Manager
Dominique Samario, Administrative Analyst
Jeanette Prusinski, Commission Secretary

Commissioner Absent

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CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes

Approved RECOMMENDATION: That Harbor Commission waive further reading and approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2016.

Betsy Cramer/ Bill Spicer 4-0

HARBOR COMMISSION MATTERS

2. Reappointment of Bill Spicer to the Commission. Commissioner Spicer has been reappointed to serve a four year term expiring on December 31, 2020.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

3. Director's Report

- Council Actions
- Ad Hoc Stakeholder Committee to Consider Additional Off-Street Parking Opportunities for Persons Living in Oversized Vehicles
- Tentative Agenda Items for the February Meeting

4. Business Services Report

- Leasing Activity
- Mid-Year Report on Slip Transfer Activity

5. Facilities Management Report

- Federal Channel Dredging
- Marina One Replacement Project – Phase 7 Construction

6. Harbor Operations Report

- Parade of Lights Recap
- Fishermen's Listserv
 - ✓ In order to be added to our local Commercial Fishermen's email group, contact Mick Kronman at MKronman@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.
- Safety Equipment for Fishermen
 - ✓ For Fisheries Enhancement Fund program information and safety-equipment reimbursement applications, contact Kathy Pfeifer at the County's Energy Division at 805-568-2507.
- Car Drives Off Stearns Wharf

NEW BUSINESS

7. Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge Construction Update

Adam Hendel, Supervising Civil Engineer with the City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department, presented the Commission with an update on the Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project. Benefits of replacing the 100 year old bridge include safety improvements, sidewalk and pedestrian area widening, improving the Mission Creek banks and water flow, and also improving the habitat for Steelhead Trout and Tidewater Gobies. Lanes in both directions on Cabrillo Blvd. continue to remain open during construction.

8. Goleta Beach Sand Re-nourishment Project

Harbor Commission received a presentation from Dan Gira with Amec, Foster, and Wheeler, as well as Jill Van Wie, Capital Projects Manager with the County of Santa Barbara Community Services Department on the Goleta Beach Sand Re-nourishment Project. The City of Santa Barbara collaborated with the County of Santa Barbara, to take sand dredged from West Beach to Goleta Beach several times in the past decade. Currently, revetment is exposed at the west-end of Goleta Beach, and 6,000 cubic yards of sand from West Beach will be trucked to Goleta Beach in order to cover it.

Commissioner McCrea believes planting substrate along Goleta Beach in order to allow kelp growth would help prevent sand depletion. Karl Treiberg said BEACON (Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment) is

beginning to install artificial holdfast in a Kelp Anchoring Project. Mr. Treiberg will report back to the Commission on this project as it develops.

9. Appeal of Slip Permit Termination for Slip 3-A-015, Mr. Jerome Betts

Recommendation: That the Harbor Commission consider an appeal of a slip permit termination for Mr. Jerome Betts at slip 3-A-015 in Santa Barbara Harbor; and take action to either:

- A. Uphold the termination; or
- B. Uphold Mr. Betts' appeal.

Brian Bosse presented Jerome Betts' slip permit termination for slip 3A015. Mr. Betts did not pay his slip rent and liveaboard fee since October 2016. His account was subsequently terminated effective December 6 and has been accruing a visitor rental fee since then. Mr. Betts' balance due as of January 13 is \$3,542.56, which includes slip rent, liveaboard fees, as well as visitor rental fees.

Speaker:

- Jerome Betts, Slip Permittee and Liveaboard at slip 3A015, says he is working with Commercial Fishermen and is not paid promptly. He says he can pay his balance due for slip rent and liveaboard fees next week but cannot pay the visitor fees. He says he cannot get work elsewhere because he is signed up to work with a fisherman for the season.

Motion failed on B due to a tie: Uphold Mr. Betts' appeal

Betsy Cramer/ Merit McCrea 2-2

No: Jim Sloan and Bill Spicer

Commissioners further discussed Mr. Betts' payment history and the ability to pay his full rent on a monthly basis. Commissioners empathized with Mr. Betts' financial challenges and discussed the possibility of Mr. Betts selling his boat in order to recoup some money to pay his bills. Mr. Betts said he could wait until the summer, then possibly live on another boat. Commissioner Cramer advocated a possible 6-month grace period.

Approved A: Uphold the termination

Bill Spicer/ Jim Sloan 2-1

No: Betsy Cramer

Abstain: Merit McCrea

10. Proposed Lease Agreement with Santa Barbara Fish Market

Approved RECOMMENDATION: That Harbor Commission review and recommend City Council approval of a five-year lease agreement with two, five-year options with Santa Barbara Fish Market, Inc., at an average initial base rent of \$3,262.75

per month, for the approximately 738 square feet of first floor retail space, designated as 117 Harbor Way, Suite A.

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Speaker:

- Brian Colgate, owner of the Santa Barbara Fish Market, started the market 15 years ago and enjoys providing local seafood to the community.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Mick Kronman discussed the huge school of Anchovy “bait ball”, estimated at thousands of tons of fish. The concern with this amount of fish, should they to come into the harbor, could lower the dissolved oxygen content. A small amount of Anchovy have come into the harbor but so far the oxygen level has not caused a fish die-off event.
- Commissioner McCrea asked about the City’s contingency plan for a fish die-off event. Mr. Kronman described the City’s “fish die-off response plan” as part of the “emergency response plan”.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved ADJOURNMENT at 8:00 p.m.

Bill Spicer/ Merit McCrea 4-0