

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 21, 2019  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **Director's Report**

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#### NEW FACES AT THE WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

- Karina Arroyo took over the Waterfront Accounting Assistant position in February 2019. Karina's previous experience with the City has been with Parks & Recreation – Administration August 2011, then moved to Finance / Billing in January 2014 and then to Finance – Accounts Payable/Payroll in March 2016. Her expertise and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated and we welcome her to the Waterfront team.
- As reported previously, the Administrative Analyst position at the Department has been vacant for almost three months. The Department opened a recruitment for Waterfront Administrative Analyst on November 12. Over fifty applications were received. After a series of panel interviews, Christopher Bell was offered the position and accepted.

Chris is no stranger to the City, having worked here for over 20 years. He is uniquely qualified for the Waterfront position, and has worked for City TV for many years, including taping many Harbor Commission meetings, filming interviews and documentaries in the harbor and Stearns Wharf, and assisting the Merchants' Associations with developing television advertisements. Chris is scheduled to start work at Waterfront on March 4, 2019.

- The Waterfront Department still has one opening for a Harbor Patrol Officer. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

#### BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

On February 13, the Department held a publicly noticed Budget Committee meeting with Commissioners Cramer, Sloan, and Sligh. Staff reviewed the Mid-Year Budget Report including a brief overview of Revenues as of 12/31/18 and Projections for 6/30/19.

Commissioners were interested in the decline in pedestrian visitors to the Wharf over the past 4 consecutive years and what the cause/causes may be. Commissioners asked if Visit Santa Barbara could possibly offer an explanation. Interestingly, car counts are up for the same period.

Staff provided an overview of the upcoming two year budget including proposed fee changes, proposed revenue projections, proposed expenditure projections. Staff reviewed the proposed capital programs for FY 2020 and FY 2021. No members of the public attended.

#### **TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH MEETING**

- FY 2020 / 2021 Recommended Budget
- Harbor Slip Electrical Sub Metering /Billing

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