



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
HARBOR COMMISSION**

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**November 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
Santa Barbara City Hall, Council Chambers  
735 Anacapa Street Santa Barbara CA 93101  
[www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov)**

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Commissioners Present

John Stedman, Chair  
Lang Sligh, Vice Chair  
Betsy Cramer  
Merit McCrea  
Jim Sloan  
Bill Spicer  
Shoham Yaniv

Staff Present

Karl Treiberg, Acting Waterfront Director  
Brian Bosse, Waterfront Business Manager  
Erik Engebretson, Acting Harbor Operations Manager  
Jeanette Prusinski, Administrative Supervisor  
Samantha Casey, Harbor Operations Assistant

Councilmember Present

Eric Friedman, Council Liaison to Harbor Commission

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – No changes

**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 October 17, 2019.*

Bill Spicer/ Shoham Yaniv 4-0

Abstained: Merit McCrea, Lang Sligh, Jim Sloan

**DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

**2. Director's Report**

- California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference
- *Celebrity Eclipse* Plaque Exchange

- Commercial Fishing Subcommittee Meeting
  - An Agent from Radius Group will be retained to assist locating gear storage site parcels
- Tentative Agenda Items for the December Meeting
  - City Administrator Paul Casey may call a Closed Session meeting mid-December, to discuss the Waterfront Director recruitment and to ask Harbor Commission's approval of a candidate.

### **3. Business Services Report**

- Stearns Wharf Christmas Tree
- Parking Permit Sales

#### Public Speakers:

- Terri Briggs, Liveaboard, owner of a camper vehicle. Ms. Briggs opposes the new Waterfront Parking Ordinance.
- Roger Briggs, Liveaboard, owner of a camper vehicle. Mr. Briggs asked questions regarding converting his vehicle to a non-camper vehicle. Acting Director Treiberg invited Mr. Briggs to the Waterfront Office to discuss vehicle type limitations.

### **4. Facilities Management Report**

- Harbor Dredging Projects
  - A bid protest has delayed fall dredging. Several Commissioners expressed concern that the delay could result in unsafe conditions at the harbor entrance. Acting Director Treiberg informed the Commissioners that the Army Corp of Engineers has been very responsive coordinating emergency dredging when necessary and should continue to do so.
- Sand Berms
  - Cushman Contracting will reconstruct the berms after storms and other weather events.
  - Dried up kelp on the beaches, commonly known as wrack, is relocated to form the berms, not covered.

### **5. Harbor Operations Report**

- Harbor and Seafood Festival Recap
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parade of Lights December 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Public Speakers:

- Chris Voss, President, CFSB. Regarding the Harbor and Seafood Festival, Mr. Voss suggested adding more seating accommodations near the food section, by extending the arts and crafts section toward the parking lot. In addition, Mr. Voss suggested slightly modifying the focus of the event by expanding the live seafood sales rather than the other elements, over time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **6. *Conception* Memorial**

Karl Treiberg presented a staff report on a proposed memorial commemorating the victims of the dive boat *Conception* fire, which is the worst maritime tragedy in the Santa Barbara County. Waterfront staff built a temporary handrail at the Lost at Sea Memorial and relocated the existing items from Sea Landing. Santa Barbara Monumental has been hired to create a conceptual design for a permanent plaque to be located at the Lost at Sea Memorial.

Commissioner Cramer commented that the beauty of the present Lost at Sea Memorial is that it has no names, and can share in a broad sadness for all people who have been lost at sea. Ms. Cramer says the proposed plaque is beautiful, but wonders if more plaques will be added with each event.

Commissioner McCrea reflected on the Lost at Sea memorial plaques in Seattle, which is a memorial that has many plaques of names. Mr. McCrea said it is a fantastic place to visit and adds to the harbor.

There are other plaques to be installed under water at Platt's Harbor at Santa Cruz Island, and a site at the Santa Cruz Foundation in the city of Carpinteria.

### **7. East Beach Mooring Program**

Erik Engebretson presented a staff report on the status of the East Beach Mooring Program. Lack of demand for Mooring Permits and recent inquiries from commercial fishermen for storing seafood products on moorings has prompted staff to solicit feedback from the Harbor Commission for possible revisions to the Program. The cost of maintaining a vessel on a mooring, and because the free anchorage area is closer in proximity to the harbor contributes to the dwindling interest in mooring permits.

The Harbor Commission asked questions on the logistics adding seafood product storage and recommended consolidating seafood product storage sites to a designated area within the mooring field, keep options open to sites in State waters, and look into endowments to pay for the State Lands Commission fee if the area was used for research purposes.

#### **Public Speakers:**

- Jeff Maassen, local fisherman and urchin diver. Mr. Maassen supports allowing fishermen to utilize mooring sites for seafood product storage. Mr. Maassen suggested retaining the mooring sites in State waters because the deeper waters are colder and more oxygenated—optimum for seafood product storage.
- Chris Voss, President, CFSB. Mr. Voss supports allowing fishermen to utilize mooring sites for seafood product storage. Mr. Voss asked to discuss

seafood product storage in the permitted mooring field with the Commercial Fishing Subcommittee.

Approved Recommendation: Provide direction to staff regarding possible revisions to the Program related to moorings located in State waters and allowed uses. Specifically, direction to not renew the lease with the State Lands Commission and allow commercial fishermen to utilize mooring sites for seafood product storage.

Merit McCrea/ Jim Sloan 7-0

Commissioner McCrea followed-up to his motion to make interested parties (such as CFSB) aware the lease for the waters in State Lands would be available for their own use if the City of Santa Barbara did not renew their lease. This area could be used specifically for shellfish clearance and other developments where clean water is needed.

## **8. Waterfront Lease Guidelines**

Brian Bosse presented a staff report on Waterfront Lease Guidelines. Waterfront Department leases are pursued and negotiated along with the City Attorney and Risk Management Offices in compliance with the Harbor Lease Policies as outlined in the Harbor Master Plan and the Local Coastal Plan. When renegotiating a lease or renewing a lease, Waterfront Department staff complies with City Council Resolution 93-127.

Commissioner Sligh encourages Waterfront Department staff to negotiate higher revenue terms with new or renewed tenant contracts, and to consider negotiating conservative lease term lengths as well as conservative term length extensions.

## **9. Proposed Lease Agreement with Boat Launch Mini Mart, LLC**

Brian Bosse presented the Harbor Commission with basic lease terms for the Boat Launch Mini Mart.

Vaping and tobacco products are included in the permitted uses despite the current smoking ban.

Commissioner Cramer complimented Dick and Dolly for running a very friendly store and is a fun place to sit and chat.

Approved recommendation: That Harbor Commission review and recommend City Council approval of a five-year lease agreement and one five-year option with Boat Launch Mini Mart, LLC, for the 536 square foot convenience store located at 305 West Cabrillo Boulevard.

Lang Sligh/ Jim Sloan 7-0

## COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Commissioners Cramer and Sloan attended the Sea Level Rise (SLR) Adaptation Plan Subcommittee November 19, 2019. Reports for the meetings are available online at <https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/brdcomm/nz/slr/default.asp>. The next meeting is scheduled December 10, 2019, at the Parks and Recreation Office at 620 Laguna Street at 10:00 a.m., and subsequent meetings are tentatively scheduled January and February, 2020.
- Commissioner Sloan asked to bring an abbreviated version of the SLR Adaptation Plan before the Harbor Commission at a future meeting. Karl Treiberg will report on the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan at the January 2020 Harbor Commission meeting.
- Karl Treiberg congratulated Commissioner Shoham Yaniv for concluding his term serving on the Board of Harbor Commissioners. Commissioner Yaniv was appointed in June, 2017. Mr. Yaniv is a paddler, who represents an important constituency at the Waterfront and also served on the Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara Outrigger and Canoe Club. He served on the Local Coastal Program Subcommittee, the Parking Subcommittee, and the Commercial Fishing Subcommittees. The Waterfront Department and Harbor Commissioners extend their appreciation for his service.

## ADJOURNMENT

Approved Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.  
Jim Sloan/ John Stedman 7-0