

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 18, 2021
To: Harbor Commission
From: Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Director's Report**

HARBOR COMMISSION YEAR IN REVIEW

Calendar year 2021 was an unconventional but busy year for the Harbor Commission. Despite the widespread impacts of COVID, the City, the Waterfront Department, and the Harbor Commission continued to successfully conduct business. 2021 marked the first full year where Board and Commission meetings were entirely virtual with our last in-person Harbor Commission meeting being held on February 20, 2020.

Below are some of the key efforts addressed by the Harbor Commission in 2021:

Appointment of Commissioner Adam Stanowick

- Commissioner Stanowick is our newest commissioner and was appointed to the Harbor Commission as of January 1, 2021. Commissioner Stanowick is currently a liveaboard in the harbor and brings a wealth of experience, including a strong financial background, to the Harbor Commission.

Facilities Related Items

- Underground Storage Tank Replacement
 - The existing underground fuel storage tanks were completely replaced between February and June of 2021.
- Bicycle Share Program Implementation
 - Harbor Commission provided significant input on the proposed Waterfront locations for the pilot bicycle share program. This program has since been implemented with several docking stations located within the Waterfront.

Business Services Items

- Lease Actions
 - 2021 was a busy year for lease/license activity with:
 - 7 lease renewals
 - 4 license agreement renewals
 - 2 new leases
 - 1 lease amendment/split
 - 2 Requests for proposals (RFP)

- Deferred Rents
 - Under the Citywide Temporary Eviction Moratorium Ordinance (TEMO) Waterfront tenants negatively impacted by COVID had the option to defer rents between March 2020 and December 2020. As of January 1, 2021 19 of 61 tenants had participated in the rent deferral program to some degree. In total, Waterfront tenants deferred nearly \$1,500,000 in rent. As of November 2021 tenants have repaid approximately \$1,150,000 of the approximately \$1,500,000 due.

Harbor Operations Items

- Slip Assignment Policy Subcommittee
 - In September 2020 the Harbor Commission formed a Slip Assignment Policy Subcommittee to look into some public concern with slip transfer fees and policy. The sub-committee met extensively throughout 2021 in addition to presenting findings to the full Harbor Commission.
- 20-foot Slip Lottery
 - Waterfront Department and the Harbor Commission successfully conducted a virtual lottery for two 20-foot slips. Both slips have been assigned to individuals who are in the process of putting their boats in the slip.
- Outside Agency Presentations
 - County Air Pollution Control District (APCD)
 - Received a presentation from the County APCD on their grant programs and requirements for marine vessel engines.
 - State Lands Commission
 - Received a presentation from the State Lands Commission on the granted public lands, boundaries, roles and responsibilities, and an overview of the Public Trust Doctrine.
- Tomol Canoe Storage
 - Provided input and forwarded a recommendation of approval to Council to accommodate a fee waiver and storage of a Tomol canoe in the West Beach Storage Permit area.
- Slip Termination Process
 - Heard and took final action on a slip termination.

Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan

- Although more of a Council and Citywide effort, the Harbor Commission was very involved in the review, revision, and approval of the City's Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan.

Resignation of Commissioner Jim Sloan

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TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Appointment Of New Commissioners
- Commission Committee Assignments
- Tentative Schedule of Items for Year to Come
- Waterfront Department Operational Overview
- Review Of Existing Leases and RFP Process
- CFSB Update On Maritime Collective Efforts
- Waterfront Municipal Code Update
- Insurance Requirements For Vessels In Harbor

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