

NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
City Council Chambers
April 9, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

6:00 P.M. Chris Miller was announced as the new Harbor Resources Division Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Lawrenz, Commissioners Seymour Beek, John Corrough, Karen Rhyne and Ralph Rodheim were in attendance. Commissioner's Collins and Duffield excused absences. Staff: Lorrie Arcese, Chris Miller

MINUTES:

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mark Sites advised that currently the City only has beach disposal available because the only barge in town needs repairs. Mark said that there is a big need for the barge which Shellmaker owns. He suggests that the Harbor Commission agendize a discussion of the City taking over the barge and rehabbing it.

ACTION ITEM

ITEM #1

Subject: Dock Construction Project at 2692 Bay Shore Drive

Summary: Mr. Herbst at 2692 Bay Shore Drive proposes to reconfigure his single finger residential float in a legal manner that conforms to the City's Harbor Design Criteria. Harbor Resources intends to approve this design and staff is submitting the plans to the Harbor Commission for informational purposes only.

Discussion: The size of the boat that will be docked may require dredging, but that is not addressed yet. There was concern that the size of the boat will be a navigational hazard, but the dock meets the standards and the Harbor Permit Policies. Commissioner Rodheim said he doesn't approve and it should angle more towards the property. It was felt that there should be restrictions as on Balboa Island and that there should be a overhang limit.

Public Comments:

Pete Swift – He said that large boats always seem to be an issue with the Commission. The owner could have put it parallel to his property but didn't to respect his neighbors and will not be considering it.

Action: The Harbor Commission received and filed the report.

ITEM #2

Subject: Dock Extensions at 15th, 19th and Fernando St. Public Piers

Summary: Harbor Resources has developed preliminary designs to construct dock extensions at the 15th, 19th and Fernando Street public piers in order to create more space for dinghy tie-ups. Should the Harbor Commission advise Harbor Resources to proceed to the next steps by developing detailed, engineered drawings and also issuing an Approval in Concept to proceed with the permit process?

Discussion: The City Attorney's office will be asked to look if we can ban fishing at those docks.

Public Comments:

- Don Beedie said he has a mooring near Fernando and will use the dock extension. All homeowners have been informed and this was in the list of recommendations to the City Council. Installation of racks needs to be looked at again. Where there are people there are messes, but the fisherman need to be banned at that dock.
- Beverly Lucas said she is speaking for her children and grandchildren who play on that beach and attend the sailing and summer camps at 19th Street. She opposed the dock extension because it will be dangerous and a safety hazard. The boats will need to go over the swimming area to utilize the dock. The fisherman will use it and it will be an attraction for the kids to get hurt on. Most of the neighbors oppose it.
- Leroy Green said that adding the extension at 19th street will be dangerous; the traffic is already bad and there is no parking. Fishermen are a problem not the mooring people. The new marina park will be 100 yards away. It is mother's beach not dinghy beach.
- Dennis Delesio is directly across from 19th street and feels what is currently there makes sense. This has become a liveaboard and fisherman dinghy launch. There is a lot of noise from the dinghy motors late at night. Trash is brought to shore and overflows the receptacles. There already high incidence of theft and vandalism. He suggested security cameras and gates.
- Tom Hines is opposed to the 19th street add on. He feels that the dock will require extra piling. He asked with ever happened to the dinghy rack idea?
- Bill Moses said that the issues are more enforcement issues than just mooring issues. The public docks were built a long time ago. The general plan calls for improvement of public access and thanked the commission for moving forward. The benefits are not just for the mooring people. Most mooring owners row, not motor to their boats.
- Pam Murray said that there are fishermen and boaters coming in the middle of the night, with dangerous driving and people camping. People are coming and going to the bars and restaurants all night.
- Kevin Goin will appreciate the dinghy docks but we need to post size restrictions.
- Chuck South said that the new dinghy dock design makes the boats very orderly and safe, and will hold about the same number of boats.
- Carter Ford feels that traffic would be reduced. We all need to be good neighbors and need education.

Action: Commission Rhyne made the motion to Advise Harbor Resources to proceed to the next steps by developing detailed, engineering drawings resembling the attached proposals, and issuing an Approval in Concept to proceed with the permit process for Fernando and 15th Street dinghy docks. Harbor Resources was advised to further evaluate the current designs for 19th street and concerns brought up at this meeting then re-submit them to the Commission for consideration at a later date. The motion carried, 2 were opposed.

ITEM #3

Subject: Proposed Anchorage Relocation to the West End of Lido Isle

Summary: Upon the Harbor Commission's request, Harbor Resources is investigating the feasibility of relocating the current yacht anchorage from its present location near the east end of Lido Isle to a proposed location near the west end of Lido Isle known as the Turning Basin. It has been in the current location since 1946.

Discussion: Commissioner Beek wanted to know why this issue is so hard when we can move the mooring areas. Chairman Lawrenz suggested that we leave the current anchorage where it is and add another one in the proposed place. It will need to be moved back during the boat parade, boat shows and commercial vessel activities. Commissioner Rodheim said that it is currently in an unfriendly location. Commercial Rhyne thinks that this is not a priority and we need other things done first and she wanted to shelve it for now. Commissioner Beek felt it should be at the top of the list and thinks the boaters will be better off and closer to shore.

Public Comments:

- Mark Sites went with Tony Melum to the Corps and Coast Guard regarding this issue and both were very concerned about moving the anchorage.
- Carter Ford feels the current location is a good one. He read a letter in support of keeping it where it is.
- Jason Goodman said he does not think it is a good idea and what purpose does it serve.

Action: Commissioner Rodheim made the motion to have the mooring sub-committee explore the feasibility of moving the anchorage. Motion carried with all eyes.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE – Chris gave an update on the harbor. Please refer to the following website: *The update is posted at:* <http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/hbr> (*under Harbor Resources Updates*).

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS OR HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE:

- Jamie Woodworth aired his concerns with the boats on the dinghy extensions hitting his boat at his property.

COMMISSIONER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT

RECOMMENDED TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- State of the Harbor in June.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: May 14, 2008, 6:00 pm
City Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT