

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, October 13, 2025**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HARBOR COMMISSION – 6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Harbor Commission was held at the City of Redondo Beach City Council Chambers and was called to order by Chair Callahan at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Bauer, Carlson, Chrzan, Collier, Falk, Waryck,
Vice Chair Abelman

Officials Present: Greg Kapovich, W.E.D. Director
Katherine Buck, W.E.D. Manager
Dave Charobee, Project Manager
Mio Iwasaki, Administrative Analyst

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Carlson led in the salute to the flag.

D. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Collier, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to approve the order of the agenda, as presented. Hearing no objections, Vice Chair Abelman so ordered.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the Harbor Commission Meeting

W.E.D. Director Kapovich reported receiving an email from Mark Hansen which is included as a Blue Folder Item and an additional item (the PowerPoint presentation Item No. L.2) will be distributed tomorrow.

Motion by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Chrzan, to approve the order of the agenda, as presented. Hearing no objections, Vice Chair Abelman so ordered.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2025

F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Coller, seconded by Commissioner Bauer, to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Hearing no objections, Vice Chair Abelman so ordered.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

H.1. For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

Vice Chair Abelman invited public comments.

There were no public comments.

I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION - None

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

L.1. HARBOR COMMISSION NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR

W.E.D. Director Kapovich presented a brief report.

Motion by Vice Chair Abelman, seconded by Commissioner Bauer, to nominate Vice Chair Abelman as Chair of the Harbor Commission. Hearing no objections, Vice Chair Abelman so ordered.

Chair Abelman called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Motion by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Falk, to nominate Commissioner Coller as Vice Chair of the Harbor Commission. Hearing no objections, Chair Abelman so ordered.

L.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF BOATING & WATERWAYS TO FUND A NEW PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH AND TO IDENTIFY A RECOMMENDED PREFERRED LOCATION

FOR THE NEW PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH ON MOLE D AS A PART OF THE GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

W.E.D. Director Kapovich introduced the item and deferred to Senior Management Analyst Dave Charobee for a presentation.

Senior Management Analyst Charobee narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the project and a request for the Harbor Commission's input and recommendations to Council to proceed with submittal of a grant application that will fund the project; introduced Jerry Holcomb with Moffatt & Nichol and representatives from partnering agencies; addressed a history of the boat launch project, locations considered, Coastal Commission, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBAW), and Measure C requirements, project goals, public feedback regarding amenities, a summary of a past workshop, various options for consideration and recommendations, and provided details of the project timeline, the grant application deadline and next steps. A recommendation from staff was provided recommending Option E.

W.E.D. Director Kapovich added that the subcommittee met last Thursday to discuss the options; noted they reviewed options and public feedback and recommended Option E.

Discussion followed regarding when Option E was added to the recommendations, Council's discussion about the item scheduled for the November 4th City Council meeting, receiving public input on design, next steps, hours of ramp operations, the possibility of offering discounted parking and requirements to cap ramp use, including parking, the parking fee cap of \$13 due to DBAW requirements.

Commissioner Carlson commented on previously liking Option C when the short pier existed; spoke about changes that have caused him to change his mind; talked about preserving the promenade, the existing restaurant, and pedestrian pathway; mentioned the narrow channel and discussed making the available options, more palatable such as adding more queuing and courtesy docks. Additionally, he acknowledged the compromise and felt that Option E is the best option.

Commissioner Bauer agreed with Commissioner Carlson's comments; mentioned extending the queuing dock as much as possible and talked about the time span involved in receiving the grant agreement and the possibility of expediting the process.

Commissioner Chrzan talked about her experience with boat ramps; mentioned the width of the channel, Option A not feeling safe, and felt that Option E feels safer for boaters and standup paddle boarders; listed the reasoning behind her preference for Option E; noted the amenities discussion will be worked out later and agreed with preserving the basin turning area for on-the-water activities versus traffic to open up more available utility of the space.

Discussion followed regarding items considered in determining the recommendation for Option E, safety for those on land, circulation of on-land vehicle and pedestrian traffic, parking, approaches, lane width and length and the elevation at the top of the ramp.

Jerry Holcomb, Moffatt & Nichol, responded to questions from the Harbor Commission regarding the ramp specifications, the demand study, consideration of recreational vessels and all boats (not just motorized), street legality and wind direction.

Vice Chair Collier agreed with Commission colleagues in terms of approving Option E and spoke about consideration of wind direction.

Commissioner Falk appreciated the best combination of benefits versus drawbacks relative to Option E; commented on the drawbacks of the sheet pile wall in Option C, which would take away the “turning basin” and agreed with fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Waryck noted concerns about safety in terms of Option A; felt Option C was not a responsible choice and affirmed that Option E creates the best the City can do, with the space that it has.

Chair Abelman mentioned concerns with Option E in that the public has not had a chance to weigh in on it.

W.E.D. Director Kapovich reiterated that Option E is based on feedback from the public and tonight’s meeting is another opportunity for the public to participate and talked about cost differences in the various options.

Chair Abelman invited public comments.

Kelly Martin, via Zoom, felt that no wind studies have been done; expressed concern that the ramp is now facing into the wind and the queuing ramp is in a 45-degree angle and mentioned challenges with the ingress of vessels.

Jacob Mark, Owner, Glass Bottom Boat LLC and Redondo Boat Rentals, spoke about his involvement in the commercial side of the basin; expressed concerns about increased vessel and pedestrian traffic relative to Option E; mentioned plans for the small sports fishing pier and felt that Option C would be the best choice, long term.

Mark Hansen, King Harbor Boater and member of Harbor Amenities Working Group, thanked all involved; referenced his email submitted under Blue Folder Items and commented on the various options including pros and cons and agreed with the choice of Option E.

Mike Jiminez, Owner, Redondo Beach Sport Fishing, thanked the City for its work on this project and noted his only concern relates to traffic.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Chrzan, seconded by Commissioner Waryck, to receive and file the report. Hearing no objections, Chair Abelman so ordered.

Motion by Vice Chair Collier, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to recommend to City Council approval of Option E for the new public boat launch location. Hearing no objections, Chair Abelman so ordered.

Motion by Vice Chair Coller, seconded by Commissioner Bauer, to authorize staff to apply for a grant from the California Division of Boating and Waterways to fund a new public boat launch. Hearing no objections, Chair Abelman so ordered.

Motion by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to direct staff to advise Council that the Commission recognizes this is in a tight area, that there are still traffic concerns regarding vessels, automobiles and pedestrians and recommending mitigation of that in the design phase, as much as possible, with consideration to potentially moving smaller crafts out of that basin. Hearing no objections, Chair Abelman so ordered.

W.E.D. Director Kapovich agreed to let City Council know of the Commission's concerns.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

M.1. LIAISON'S REPORT

W.E.D. Director Kapovich provided an update on the seabass grow out pens; listed upcoming new grants and their related projects and talked about necessary updates to the LCP. Additionally, he noted no items for the next meeting, scheduled for November 10th and presented the Commission the option to cancel it.

Discussion followed regarding Council's update to the City code regarding commissions and committees and allowing staff to cancel a meeting if there is no business.

Motion by Vice Chair Coller, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to cancel the November 2025 meeting of the Harbor Commission. Hearing no objections, Chair Abelman so ordered.

N. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Carlson expressed his appreciation for the work on the boat ramp project; suggested emphasizing the Port Royal area for the SAVE grant for new docks and in response to his inquiry, W.E.D. Manager Buck provided an update on break wall repairs.

W.E.D. Director Kapovich provided an update on leases noting an upcoming RFP for the prior Fun Factory site.

Commissioner Carlson commented on plans for the upcoming Boat Parade including the south side of the Harbor, beach replenishment in Veterans Park and plans for Marina del Rey to dredge their harbor and use the sand in Veterans Park. He reported that he will continue his research on the topic.

Commissioner Bauer mentioned the Waterfront Educational Facility and reported Brian Campbell, BC Urban, spoke to him about Placer AI; wondered about reestablishing the Educational Facility subcommittee and congratulated staff on the grants.

W.E.D. Director Kapovich reported that the subcommittee will be reestablished in the future.

Commissioner Chrzan congratulated staff for the grants and thanked the team for its work on the boat ramp project. She announced the Holiday Harbor Boat Parade will be on December 13, 2025.

Chair Abelman thanked the public for its involvement and feedback.

Commissioners Falk and Waryck expressed their appreciation to staff, the team and the public.

O. ADJOURNMENT – 8:03 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Vice Chair Coller, to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 8:03 p.m. Hearing no objections, Chair Abelman so ordered.

Chair Abelman adjourned the meeting noting the next meeting of the Redondo Beach Harbor Commission is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on December 8, 2025, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted:

Greg Kapovich
W.E.D. Director