

HARBOR COMMISSION

Liaison's Report

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Updates:

- New Public Boat Launch Project –The consultant has completed and submitted to city staff the parking study, circulation study, traffic study, and demand study. Staff will have met with the subcommittee on August 11th (prior to the Harbor Commission meeting) to review the results of the studies and review potential location options. A second subcommittee meeting is being planned for late August in which the subcommittee will sit down with members of the consultant team. Should the schedule remain on track, staff anticipates the public outreach portion of the project to occur sometime in September.
- Breakwall Repairs – The US Army released an RFP to solicit contractors to perform the repair work. The RFP closes on July 31st, at which time they will review submittals to select a preferred vendor. Staff expects to have a selected vendor by the end of August. Construction repair work is expected to start shortly thereafter and run through 2025. Estimated working days and hours are Monday through Saturday between 7am and 7pm. Staff and the US Army are planning to hold a stakeholder meeting consisting of representatives from the King Harbor Yacht Club as well as tenants of Moonstone Park to coordinate the project with overall use of the area. Said meeting will take place after a preferred vendor has been selected in August but before work begins.
- Sea Bass Grow Pens – The Harbor Commission and City Council directed staff to coordinate the placement of a seabass grow pen facility located at the Harbor Patrol docks. City Council approved a contract on October 1, 2024 selecting a consultant to design, seek permits, procure materials, and construct the pens. Staff has officially received approval from the Coastal Commission to install the grow pens and the fabrication process has started. All necessary approvals from the City have been obtained. The contractor has fabricated a majority of the pen itself on an off-site location. Installation of the pen must wait for delivery of other materials related to

screening and supplies needed to affix the pen to the dock. Completion is anticipated in a couple of months.

- Seaside Lagoon –The project has moved forward to the entitlement stage and involves specific designs, environmental review, and Harbor Commission review.
- New Leases – On August 5th, City Council approved a few new leases. First, a new music venue called “Deep End Live” will occupy the basement level of “The Landing” on the Pier, which is the basement level below El Torito’s. In addition, Scholb Brewery was approved to fill the vacancy at the old Dinghy Deli space. Finally, two new office leases were finalized at Pier Plaza.
- Bike Racks – The City has purchased and installed another six bike racks just to the south of the Surf Club, adjacent to the Pedestrian Promenade. Another nine bike racks have been purchased and are awaiting delivery. Upon delivery, the bike racks will be placed along the east side of the surf club, adjacent to the parking lot. This is in addition to the 14 bike racks that were previously installed on Mole D near the Cantina, R10, and Captain Kidd’s. Staff is currently looking into location options above International Boardwalk (above Paddle house) and at Moonstone Park.
- Directory Sign – The new electronic directory sign has been installed near the George Freeth statue on the Pier.
- Girl Scout Trash Collection – A local girl scout troop has recently erected a trash collection area near the hand launch to help keep our waterfront clean.

Topics for next meeting in September

- The next Harbor Commission meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2025. Representatives from the Police Department and Fire Department will attend to report on public safety matters within the waterfront. The Community Development Department may also have an entitlement application for Harbor Commission review, if ready.