

**CITY OF REDONDO BEACH
HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, May 9, 2022**

A. CALL MEETING 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 Carlson at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Bauer, Callahan, Chrzan, Kilroy, Light, Walters, Chair Carlson

Officials Present: Greg Kapovich, W.E.D. Director
Laurie Kioke, W.E.D. Manager

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Chrzan led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

D. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

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

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

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

Motion by Commissioner Kilroy, seconded by Commissioner Callahan, to approve Blue Folder Items. Hearing no objections, Chair Carlson so ordered.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Light pulled Item No. F.2. from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

F.1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 9, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Kilroy, seconded by Commissioner Callahan, to approve Item No. F.1. of the Consent Calendar. Hearing no objections, Chair Carlson so ordered.

F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: APRIL 11, 2022

Commissioner Light made a correction to the minutes of April 11, 2022 relative to the preservation of the former Joe's Crab Shack site and the subsequent amended motion by Chair Carlson to include waterfront education at the site such as the white sea bass program, shark lab and other local activities.

Commissioner Chrzan clarified her referral to staff relative to looking at the Marina Way parking lot compliance with the rules.

Chair Carlson invited public comments.

Mark Hansen noted the action would be to simply to correct the minutes.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Light, seconded by Commissioner Bauer, to approve Item No. F.2. of the Consent Calendar, as corrected. Hearing no objections, Chair Carlson so ordered.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

There were no eComments or public communications received for non-agenda items.

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. DISCUSSION REGARDING AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY AT THE WATERFRONT

W.E.D. Director Greg Kapovich introduced the item and deferred to Dr. Chris Lowe Director of the Shark Lab at CSULB, for a report.

Dr. Lowe narrated a PowerPoint presentation; discussed an increase in white sharks; addressed related concerns; reported on a shark beach safety program, distribution, seasonality and shark tagging; spoke about new real-time receiver buoys; provided information regarding a shark and marine wildlife perception study, a tourist beach survey, and an economic study relative to the economic ramifications of linking shark incidents and beach closures; and discussed the development of a Pacific Shark Center.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of a shared educational facility, costs and funding, the timeline for activating the space and programming, staffing, a water-side part of the program, percentage of research versus educational activities, reducing the fear of sharks and the effects of educational outreach, grant opportunities and development of a self-sustaining business model.

Chair Carlson invited public comments.

Charles Woods spoke about public interest in learning about sharks and the potential popularity of a shark education center.

Craig Funabashi (via Zoom) spoke in support of the Shark Lab program at CSULB and Waterfront Education.

There were no other public comments.

Commissioner Light commented on the project having a tourist appeal.

Motion by Commissioner Light, seconded by Commissioner Kilroy, to receive and file the report. Hearing no objections, Chair Carlson so ordered.

L.2. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING POTENTIAL PROGRAMMING OF A FUTURE EDUCATIONL FACILITY AT THE WATERFRONT

W.E.D. Director Kapovich introduced the item and deferred to Judy Coll, Educator, Conservationist, and co-founder of Waterfront Education, for a report.

Ms. Coll narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding waterfront education; discussed her qualifications and interests; addressed the organization's vision, funding, program participants, programs and classes, events, cooperating schools, school enrichment, the importance of homeschool families, the impact of outdoor education and adult programming; and talked about available funding.

Discussion followed regarding the type and size of the facility needed to house the Waterfront Education organization, using a shared facility and collaborations with other non-profit groups, dry storage and use of the hand launch, the importance of getting immediate use of the Joe's Crab Shack site and necessary modifications, the number of students per class, summer camps, full- and part-time staffing and volunteers, after school programs and collaborating with local schools.

Chair Carlson opened public comments.

Elia Kim spoke favorably regarding Waterfront Education programs.

Patricia Gomez did not speak but submitted a note in support of Waterfront Education.

Amy Cooper spoke in support of and about the benefits of Waterfront Education and discussed her children's participation.

Bryan Shao spoke about the amazing experiences provided by Waterfront Education and in support of expanding the program.

Susan Shao spoke in support of Waterfront Education and the importance of the program and invited Members of the Commission to visit.

Jody McGee expressed support of Waterfront Education and spoke about her daughter's experience in the program.

Mark Hansen, Founder and Board Member, spoke in support of Waterfront Education and about its potential for expansion.

Commissioner Kilroy spoke about increased costs per students in RBUSD.

Jeanne Fratello (via Zoom) spoke in support of Waterfront Education and the hands-on opportunities it provides.

Sabina Bellinger (via Zoom) expressed support of Waterfront Education.

Dave Fratello (via Zoom) spoke in support of Waterfront Education.

Clary Hernandez (via Zoom) expressed support for Waterfront Education.

Staff (INSERT TITLE AND NAME) read eComments from Angela Zavala, Zachary Fratello, Jeanne Fratello, Gregory Brubaker, Lachmi Malhotra, Charles Woods, Dave Fratello and Alicia Boddy, all in support of Waterfront Education.

There were no other public comments.

Commissioner Callahan noted she has supported Waterfront Education since its inception and spoke about the importance of including direct, on-the-water experiences for Waterfront Education.

In reply to Commissioner Light's inquiry, W.E.D. Director Kapovich discussed education as a component of the Public Amenities Plan and reported that once the plan is adopted, staff will take the lead and issue RFPs for the various proposals and the details will be worked out in the RFP process.

Commissioner Light expressed concerns that by waiting too long in an RFP process, some of the opportunities presented will no longer be available and suggested forming a subcommittee to develop recommendations to City Council to move forward on the education element, as soon as possible.

W.E.D. Director Kapovich committed himself to be a part of the process.

Motion by Commissioner Light, seconded by Commissioner Chrzan, to receive and file the Waterfront Education report. Hearing no objections, Chair Carlson so ordered.

Chair Carlson agreed with Commissioner Light; spoke about the importance of the City making a firm commitment and getting public input for the amenities plan and agreed with forming recommendations for City Council to move the item forward.

In reply to Commissioner Walter's inquiry regarding the status of existing leases, W.E.D. Director Kapovich reported they are currently month-to-month.

W.E.D. Manager Laurie Kioke added the City would need to provide Joe's Crab Shack with a 60-day notice.

Commissioner Walters suggested including the proposals as part of the amenities plan and as part of the public process.

Chair Carlson explained it is out of the scope of the amenities plan.

W.E.D. Director Kapovich reported the scope of the amenities plan includes an educational facility somewhere on the waterfront and proposals would need to go through environmental analyses, individually.

Commissioner Walters suggested the proposals going through the amenities plan process already in place.

Discussion followed regarding the subcommittee process versus the amenities plan RFP process, the possibility of considering the proposals in parallel with the amenities plan to expedite the former, moving ahead with the educational components of the amenities plan, supporting the existing Waterfront Education programs in Joe's Crab Shack, staying in contact with potential educational organizations and community buy-in in accelerating the educational components of the amenities plan.

Ms. Coll agreed with the discussions; spoke about determining the needs and the importance of planning; noted the need for public input; discussed working with other groups such as Shark Lab and Ocean Encounter and stressed the importance of "getting the ball rolling" and starting out small.

Discussion followed regarding the budget process, giving City Council a "heads up" and options for the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Light, seconded by Commissioner Bauer, that the existing subcommittee for the amenities plan continue to promulgate what has been discussed to the extent that is required for that activity; to form a subcommittee of three members, working with the Director, to generate recommendations on how to proceed with an educational facility including implementation recommendations and target an August date with monthly updates to provide to the Commission. Hearing no objections, Chair Carlson so ordered.

Commissioners Light, Bauer and Callahan volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Motion by Commissioner Light, seconded by Commissioner Kilroy, to appoint Commissioners Light, Bauer and Callahan as members of the subcommittee. Hearing no objections, Chair Carlson so ordered.

Discussion followed regarding having the subcommittee review the matter, available grants and the application process.

Commissioner Chrzan expressed concerns with terminating the lease for a paying tenant and the possibility of showing favoritism to one provider over another.

Motion by Commissioner Kilroy, seconded by Commissioner Light, to recommend that the Director work with City Council to find a space in the harbor for an educational facility, as soon as possible, with existing educational institutions (Waterfront Education) interested in that space, with no guarantee that it is a permanent location in the Harbor Amenities Plan. Motion carried, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bauer, Callahan, Kilroy, Light, Walters, Chair Carlson
NOES: Chrzan
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

L.3. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE SCHEDULE OF THE KING HARBOR PUBLIC AMENITIES PLAN

W.E.D. Director Kapovich reviewed a timeline of the item; discussed review of a community survey and addressed next steps including community meetings and subsequent public hearings.

Commissioner Light expressed disappointment about the process and that the Harbor Commission has not been engaged earlier and felt the survey process was not effective in generating general public support.

Chair Carlson noted that for some people, it is easier to provide input from home.

Discussion followed regarding the benefits of having an in-person public meeting.

Chair Carlson invited public comment.

Mark Hansen expressed concern regarding the short timeframe between meetings and suggested that staff ask City Council to have the Harbor Commission review the item one last time.

Craig Funabashi (via Zoom) spoke about the Joe's Crab Shack site being a unique spot in the harbor, separated by Seaside Lagoon, and felt it could be a target to get the ball rolling.

Chair Carlson commented on the possibility of agendizing the May 31, 2022 meeting as a special meeting of the Harbor Commission.

L.4. Director's Report

Previous Council Items

- City Council approved \$60,000 for a barge based Fourth of July fireworks show
- City Council adopted an ordinance allowing skateboarding along the pier (Pad 10)
- City Council considered the sixth amendment for Captain Kids including resurfacing the parking lot
- City Council approved the Beach Life Festival

Upcoming Items

- The Harbor Commission will review updates regarding the fire assessment
- Commission applications for new terms are due Friday, June 10, 2022
- City Council will consider a lease on North Harbor Drive
- Budget presentations to the Harbor Commission and City Council

Commissioner Light requested that the Harbor Commission be provided with the budget with sufficient time to review it before the meeting.

Discussion followed regarding funding for the pier railing improvement project, status of the skate park, the upcoming Beach Life Festival and impacts to the boating community and an update on live-aboards in the harbor.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF - None

N. COMMISSION ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF - None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Callahan, seconded by Commissioner Bauer, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, Chair Carlson so ordered.

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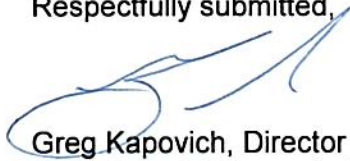
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At 10:00 p.m., Chair Carlson adjourned the meeting to June 13, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Kapovich, Director
Waterfront & Economic Development