

**MINUTES OF THE
REDONDO BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 10, 2021**

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Virtual regular meeting of the Harbor Commission was held pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020 and was called to order by Chair Light at 6:31 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Officials Present: Stephen Proud, W.E.D. Director
Elizabeth Hause, W.E.D.

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

D. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Kilroy, seconded by Commissioner Callahan to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried, without objection.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - None

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

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 10, 2021

F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: MARCH 8, 2021

W.E.D. Director Proud announced there were no public eComments or emails received from the public regarding the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Callahan, to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Motion carried, without objection.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

H.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public

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Mark Hanson addressed the first regional regatta in the harbor and spoke positively about the event.

There were no other 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. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PERMIT PROCESS FOR MOBILE OPERATORS TO PROVIDE STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD INSTRUCTION AND/OR EQUIPMENT RENTAL IN KING HARBOR

W.E.D. Director Proud presented details of the Administrative Report; provided background of the matter; discussed the need for temporary use permits; noted there are still operators conducting business without a use permit; addressed enforcement; spoke about complaints by members of the public; pointed out challenges in having to close the hand launch facility for service and talked about prohibiting storage of equipment at the hand launch.

Chair Light spoke in support of the program and the two vendors and talked about the wear and tear on the handrails.

Commissioner Callahan spoke positively about Jeremy from Olympus; discussed the basis for permits and extensive requirements; commented on expected increased uses of facilities and spoke in support of extending the permit to Olympus.

Commissioner Kilroy discussed existing brick-and-mortar standup paddleboard vendors, cost of space on the International Boardwalk, smallest possible space, spaces available, opportunities for allowing operating out of trailers and the possibility of charging fees and spoke in support of continuing the program.

Discussion followed regarding possible safety issues with allowing storage on the access road.

W.E.D. Director Proud suggested continuing the program while considering adding storage facilities in connection with discussions regarding public amenities in the harbor.

Commissioner Carlson supported continuing the permit and agreed it should not be changed until consideration is given to Moonstone Park and public amenities in the harbor.

Commissioner Chrzan spoke in favor of extending the temporary permit for this year.

There were no public comments on this item.

Discussion followed regarding imposing safety requirements for those renting SUPs.

Motion by Commissioner Callahan, seconded by Commissioner Kilroy, to continue the equipment rental permit program and review it in one year. Motion carried, without objection.

L.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A PUBLIC AMENITIES PLAN FOR KING HARBOR AND SELECTION OF HARBOR COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

W.E.D. Director Proud presented details of the Administrative Report; provided an update of the process; discussed development of a targeted list for distribution of the RFP; addressed distribution of the RFP and the submission deadline; reported there will be a selection committee and stated once a top candidate has been selected, it will be presented to the Harbor Commission prior to consideration by City Council.

Brief discussion followed regarding the skate park and possible vendor conflicts of interest.

Commissioner Callahan noted she and Chair Light are up for reappointment for 2022 and stated she would have to decline being on the subcommittee until she knows whether or not she will be reappointed.

In reply to Commissioner Chrzan's question, W.E.D. Director Proud discussed changes in plans for Moonstone Park and noted more work may be needed than initially thought, with the current leaseholder.

Discussion followed regarding having some of the leaseholders be part of the subcommittee, taking all applicable documentation and reports into consideration, the need to revisit each of the areas previously considered, the process schedule and coordinating the timing inside the budget process.

Commissioner Carlson suggested considering Commissioner Walters to be on the subcommittee because of his expertise.

Discussion followed regarding providing access to documents.

Mark Hanson spoke about the possibility of bringing the top three candidates before the Commission for review; discussed the Mole B Master Plan; reported he has reached out to the new owners of the King Harbor Marina and spoke in support of having one subcommittee versus two.

There were no other public comments.

Discussion followed regarding expected responsibilities and role of the subcommittee.

Motion by Commissioner Callahan, seconded by Commissioner Kilroy, to form one subcommittee comprised of Commissioners Walters, Carlson and Chrzan, with Commissioner Bauer as an alternate, in case someone is unable to serve. Motion carried, unanimously, by roll call vote.

L.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM FOR KING HARBOR

W.E.D. Director Proud presented details of the Administrative Report; addressed impacts of COVID-19; spoke about the Temporary Use Permit process for restaurants; discussed complaints received regarding the International Boardwalk; mentioned the encroachment permit process for restaurants in the Riviera Village; talked about alcohol service, allocation of space, commercialization of public space, the quality of furniture on outdoor dining spaces and recommendations.

Chair Light suggested placing glass windscreens on top of the International Boardwalk; recommended concentrating on Pad 10; commented on what the Village is doing with respect to liquor and supported waiting until after summer to allow restaurants to make up some of the losses suffered under the pandemic.

Commissioner Callahan stated she is pleased the City is considering opening up outdoor dining; felt adjustments need to be made in Riviera Village especially because of the lack of parking and spoke in support of continuing outdoor dining.

Commissioner Bauer agreed with Commissioner Callahan in terms of waiting until after summer to review this issue and noted outdoor dining will work in some areas better than others.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of implementing a license fee for the outdoor space, considering licensees pay a percentage rent as well and conducting outreach to businesses on the International Boardwalk.

Commissioner Kilroy voiced his support for the item.

Commissioner Carlson commended Director Proud for his report; spoke in favor of keeping outdoor dining on the pier, at least through the summer; requested the staff consider adding bicycle parking and discussed the City's long-term intentions.

Commissioner Chrzan spoke in support of continuing outdoor dining; agreed with the need to take a hard look at pricing; acknowledged challenges with maintaining access; spoke about discouraging awnings and suggested a generous timeline in terms of aesthetics, giving restaurants time to recover.

Commissioner Callahan noted outdoor dining may not be feasible in certain months and suggested it could be part of what the City phases in in the pricing for the outdoor area.

Mark Hanson spoke about equity; commented on the inappropriateness of the bullpen and noted the need to ensure that certain restaurants do not get advantages over others.

Motion by Chair Light, seconded by Commissioner Kilroy, to declare the Harbor Commission supports outdoor dining and not implementing a formal program or charging until after the summer season is over. Motion carried, without opposition.

L.4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Previous Council Items

- City Council reviewed the Public Amenities Plan
- City Council activated the leasing program and approved various leases
- City Council discussed mobile applications for paid parking

Upcoming Council Items

- City Council will be conducting budget hearings in June
- The Harbor budget will be presented to the Harbor Commission on June 2, 2021 for input

Miscellaneous Follow-up Items

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- L.A. County has moved into the Yellow Tier of COVID-19 restrictions
- City Council approved two fireworks shows in the City for the upcoming July 4th celebrations
- Reported Seaside Lagoon is scheduled to open June 12, 2021 and will close August 22, 2021
- Announced the Beach Life Festival will be held September 10 – 12, 2021
- Stated the hand launch is now operational
- Discussed bands on boats
- Mentioned fuel dock operating hours
- Provided an update on Harbor dredging
- Commented on the various websites related to the pier and King Harbor
- The Pier Association is working on restarting the Summer Concert Series and Movie Night

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of implementing an electronic directory tied to parking and the possibility of scheduling a special meeting to discuss the Public Amenities Plan.

Mark Hanson discussed prior plans for developing a tourism website and spoke in support of moving forward with one, providing links to all of the activities in the Harbor.

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF - None

N. COMMISSION ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Discussion followed regarding the status of the falconry program and the lineup for the Beach Life Festival.

Chair Light mentioned receiving an email regarding the King Harbor Sailing Club and asked that staff follow up with them and asked about the status of the Sea Bass grow-out facility.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Kilroy, seconded by Commissioner Callahan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, without objection.

At 9:12 p.m., Chair Light adjourned the meeting to a special meeting of the Harbor Commission on June 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Proud, Director
Waterfront & Economic Development