



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
HARBOR COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**February 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara City Hall, Council Chambers
735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stedman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

- John Stedman, Chair
- Adam Stanowick, Vice Chair
- Seth Anderson
- Suzanne Cohen
- Kate Ford
- Michael Nelson
- Merit McCrea

Commissioners Absent:

- None

Commission Liaisons Present:

- Mike Jordan, City Council Liaison

Staff Present:

- Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
- Cesar Barrios, Waterfront Business Manager
- Nathan Alldredge, Harbor Operations Manager
- Brian Adair, Waterfront Facilities Manager
- Angela Rodriguez, Administrative Analyst
- Niko Lopez, Administrative Assistant

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Anna Marie Gott; Sridhar Subramanian; Victoria Valente; Barbara Greenleaf; Michael Riley

WORKGROUP REPORTS

Vice Chair Stanowick stated that the Strategic Planning Workgroup met.

Commissioner Ford discussed the nature of the Strategic Planning Workgroup and emphasized that the goal is to engage with all key stakeholders, including Harbor Commission, Waterfront Staff, commerce partners, and the community. She mentioned that the workgroup is developing an aspirational vision related to the portrayal of an exemplary California port for recreation and commerce and a model for security, growth, environmental protection, sustainability, and social responsibility. She discussed specific aims and objectives in four areas: commerce growth and enjoyment of waterfront, successful fiscal and legal management, safe and sustainable environment, and communication and building stakeholder relationships. The workgroup will meet again soon to determine a good process moving forward.

Commissioner Anderson spoke about the Cruise Ship workgroup. He discussed the recommendations put forward by the Cruise Ship Workgroup in Item 4 of today's agenda and mentioned how many of them align with staff recommendations. He discussed additional workgroup recommendations that were not recommended by staff that aim to shape the future of the Cruise Ship Program and address unforeseen circumstances that may arise. He expressed appreciation to staff during the two-year process, and to Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire for listening and organizing speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion:

- Commissioners Nelson/Stedman to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote

1. Approval of the Minutes

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission waive further reading and approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2024 and the Special Meeting of January 9, 2024.

2. Proposed Assignment of Lease Agreement No. 27,073 – Anchor Rose Lounge, Located Downstairs at 113 Harbor Way

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission review and recommend City Council approve the assignment of Lease Agreement No. 27,073 with Captain's Cove LLC transferring 51% of Ms. Amy Rose's capital interest to Mr. Bryan Deminie for the Anchor Rose Lounge, located at 113 Harbor Way, downstairs leased space.

Speakers: Waterfront Business Manager Cesar Barrios; Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire

3. Proposed Assignment of Lease Agreement No. 23,328 – Anchor Rose Lounge, Located Upstairs at 113 Harbor Way

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission review and recommend City Council approve the assignment of Lease Agreement No. 23,328 with Captain's Cove LLC transferring 51% of Ms. Amy Rose's capital interest to Mr. Bryan Deminie for the Anchor Rose Restaurant, located upstairs at 113 Harbor Way.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Review of Santa Barbara Cruise Ship Program

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission receive a presentation from staff on the Santa Barbara Cruise Ship Program and the efforts of the Cruise Ship Workgroup, discuss proposed improvements to the program and provide recommendations for the Cruise Ship Program going forward. Discuss and take action as necessary.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- February 15, 2024, report prepared by the Waterfront Director
- October 23, 2023 email from Samantha Onnen
- October 27, 2023 email from Dan Garcia
- January 12, 2024 email from Mark Whitehurst
- January 26, 2024 email from Jens Baake
- February 3, 2024 email from David Lumley
- February 4, 2024 email from Ted Rhodes
- February 6, 2024 email from Laurinda Marshall
- February 6, 2024 email from Theresa Weissglass
- February 7, 2024 email from Valerie Green
- February 7, 2024 email from Sarah Hearon
- February 9, 2024 email from Jacqueline Robinson
- February 9, 2024 email from Susan Shields
- February 11, 2024 email from Charisse Cordeo
- February 11, 2024 email from Gail Teton-Landis
- February 12, 2024 email from Sharon Broberg
- February 12, 2024 email from Beverly Burr
- February 12, 2024 email from Chris Cline
- February 12, 2024 email from Janette Cross
- February 12, 2024 email from Ellen Hamilton
- February 12, 2024 email from Ken Palley
- February 12, 2024 email from Tracey Singh
- February 12, 2024 email from Kirsten Zecher
- February 13, 2024 email from Kathy Neely
- February 13, 2024 email and letter from Maria Cunningham
- February 13, 2024 email from Hod Gray
- February 13, 2024 email from Melissa Riparetti-Stepien
- February 13, 2024 email and letter from Gabby Alvira

- February 13, 2024 email from Michelle Humphries
- February 13, 2024 email and letter from Nate Irwin of Santa Barbara Channelkeeper
- February 13, 2024 email and letter from Douglas Moore
- February 13, 2024 email from Karen Telleen-Lawton
- February 14, 2024 email from Neil Ablitt
- February 14, 2024 email and letter from Dustin Hoiseth, Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce
- February 14, 2024 email and letter from James Tennant
- February 14, 2024 email from Mike Louie
- February 14, 2024 email from Erika Zollett
- February 14, 2024 email from Dan Emmett
- February 14, 2024 email from Thomas Trappler
- February 14, 2024 email from Kathleen Rogers
- February 14, 2024 email from Leslie Bhutani
- February 14, 2024 email from Nohl Martin
- February 14, 2024 email from Wendy Bolding
- February 15, 2024 email from Betsy Ingalls
- February 15, 2024 email from Jeff Phillips
- February 15, 2024 email and letter from Renee Reeve, Cruise Lines International Association
- February 15, 2024 email from Betsy Ingalls
- February 15, 2024 email from Lisa Burns
- February 15, 2024 email and letter from Bob Dickey
- February 15, 2024 email from Marie Profant
- February 15, 2024 email from Holly Sherwin
- February 15, 2024 email from Deane Plaister
- February 15, 2024 email from Vega Finucan
- February 15, 2024 email from Susan Budinger
- February 15, 2024 email from Tom Patton
- February 15, 2024 email from Carol Millar
- February 15, 2024 email from Ann Hammond
- February 15, 2024 email and letter from John Cunningham
- February 15, 2024 email from Mike Finucan
- February 15, 2024 email from Elisabeth Fowler
- February 15, 2024 email and letter from Annie Lovell
- February 15, 2024 email and letter from Marcie Kever, Friends of the Earth
- February 15, 2024 email and letter from Jaimie Diamond, Santa Barbara Landing
- February 16, 2024 email and letter from James Tennant, Santa Barbara Landing
- Kellog School 4th Grade Class Letters (20)

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire; Administrative Analyst Angela Rodriguez
- Members of the Public: Anna Marie Gott; Michael Cohen; Irene Cook; Marcie Keever; Dawn Murray; Cherie Topper; James Tennant; Jaimie Diamond; Dustin Hoiseth; Kristen Miller; Rauri Bateson; Jens Baake; Sora Young; Mike Irwin; Kathy Janega-Dykes; Nate Irwin; Lynn Laft; Ted Morton; John Cunningham; Lee Heller; Robin Elander; Annie Lovell; Erika Zollett; Ernestine Ygnacio De Soto; Marianne Parra; Michael Riley

Motion 1:

- Commissioners McCrea/Anderson to approve the recommendations that were suggested and approved by staff in Attachment 1 of the staff report.

Vote 1:

- Unanimous roll call vote

Motion 2:

- Commissioners Cohen/Anderson to implement and enforce an annual capacity limit for cruise ship visits or passengers receiving passenger landing services, aimed at preventing further expansion of the program. The average number of annual cruise ship visits over the past 10 years, excluding closure during COVID, is 18. We understand from staff hitting that exact number each year can be difficult due to how bookings work but recommend the program not to exceed 20 visits a year. Once the bookings for the year are within that range the city would no longer provide passenger landing services for that year. City staff receives and processes passengers consistent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security policy. The City Council has the ability to, as is being recommended, authorize the City Manager to limit Cruise Ship Passenger Landing Services by the City of Santa Barbara.

Vote 2:

- Majority roll call vote (No: Commissioner Stanowick)

Motion 3:

- Commissioners Stedman/Nelson to dissolve the current Cruise Ship Workgroup.

Vote 3:

- Majority roll call vote (Noes: Commissioners Anderson, Cohen)

Motion 4:

- Commissioners McCrea/Ford to establish a new cruise ship workgroup that will address recommendations from the staff report not addressed today and review the annual cruise ship review developed by staff, with a completion time of one year.

Vote 4:

- Unanimous roll call vote

Motion 5:

- Commissioners Cohen/Anderson to approve recommendations 6, 9, 10, 11, 22 as described in Attachment 5 of the staff report and forward to City Council as they were written by the workgroup.

Vote 5:

- Majority roll call vote (No: Commissioner McCrea)

Motion 6:

- Commissioners Anderson/McCrea to fill the previously created Cruise Ship Workgroup with Commissioners Anderson, Cohen, and McCrea.

Vote 6:

- Unanimous roll call vote

5. Moby Dick Restaurant Rent Deferment

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission recommend approval by the City Council of a three-month rent deferment for Moby Dick Restaurant to provide financial relief to the tenant while they perform renovations and add a clam bar to their leased space.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- February 15, 2024, report prepared by the Waterfront Business Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Business Manager Cesar Barrios; Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire

Discussion:

- All commissioner questions were answered.

Motion:

- Commissioners Ford/Stedman to approve the staff recommendation

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote

6. Proposed Lease Amendments with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for Mooring the Research Vessel Shearwater

Recommendation: That Harbor Commission recommend City Council approve amendment number three of Lease Agreement No. LCA03165, with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the approximately 2,160 square feet of water space at 4-B-End Tie for mooring the 65-foot research vessel Shearwater allowing for a new five-year option and a new lease rate of \$2,205 per month beginning January 1, 2025.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- February 15, 2024, report prepared by the Waterfront Business Manager

Motion:

- Commissioners McCrea/Nelson to approve the staff recommendation

Vote:

- Unanimous roll call vote

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

7. Facilities Management Report

- Waterfront Capital Improvement Projects

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- February 15, 2024, report prepared by the Waterfront Facilities Manager
- February 15, 2024 email from Anna Marie Gott
- February 15, 2024 email from Michael Riley

Speakers:

- Staff: Waterfront Facilities Manager Brian Adair; Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire
- Members of the Public: Anna Marie Gott; Michael Riley; Victoria Valente

8. Harbor Operations Report

- Beached Vessels Process Update

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff
- February 15, 2024, report prepared by the Harbor Operations Manager

Speakers:

- Staff: Harbor Operations Manager Nathan Alldredge; Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Ford discussed how to amend a motion according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire congratulated Waterfront Business Manager Cesar Barrios on the birth of his second daughter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

- Commissioners McCrea/Stanowick to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

Vote:

- Unanimous voice vote