



DANA POINT HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

The Voice of Our Community

Meeting Minutes: October 14, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Dana Point Harbor Sailing and Events Center, Pilothouse Conference Room

In Attendance: James Lenthall (Chair), Jim Miller (Vice-chair), John Yamasaki, Robert Hartung, Greg McDowell, Marla Balmuth, Anne Eubanks (Secretary); **Ex-Officio:** Stacy Blackwood (OC Parks)

Absent: Donna Kalez; **Ex-Officio:** Mark Denny (City of Dana Point)

Invited Guests in attendance: James Campbell (OC Real Estate), Susan Lieb (DPHP), Ralph Grippo (DPHP)

Minutes of the July 22, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved without changes.

Honoring Former DPHAB Board Member, Bill Kindel

The presentation was deferred because of the absence of Amanda and Alex Kindel.

Nomination to Fill Vacant DPHAB Board Seat

The Dana Point Boaters Association Board of Directors nominated Byron Kurt to fill the vacant DPHAB board seat, representing personal watercraft users and dry boat storage tenants, to complete the existing term through 2021. A motion was made and seconded to approve Byron Kurt to fill the vacant seat. Motion passed.

Dana Point Harbor Time Capsule Event

DPHP is hosting a presentation and gala on October 28th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. for time capsule participants to place items in the time capsule. A consensus was reached by the DPHAB for each member to write a three to four sentence message about the current harbor. All the messages, along with a headshot of each board member, will be compiled by James Lenthall into one document. The deadline to send the messages to James is Oct. 18th. James Lenthall will present the document at the Gala which will then be included in the time capsule and opened in 2069.

Dana Outrigger Canoe Club – History and Future

A presentation was given by Dana Outrigger Canoe Club highlighting the history and future of the Outrigger Canoe Club. Highlights of the presentation included:

The club was established in 1971 by the legendary waterman Lorrin “Whitey” Harrison, a 1920’s San Onofre surfer. The club has existed longer than Dana Point Harbor. In the 1930’s Whitey went to Honolulu and took up canoe surfing with the legendary Waikiki Beach Boys and paddled with members of the Hui Nalu or “Club of the Waves” founded by Duke Kahanamoku. In 1959, outrigger canoeing was introduced on the Mainland via an exhibition race from Catalina to Newport Beach. It was a two-canoe race, one crewed by Hawaiians and one by Californians including Whitey. The Hawaiians won but only by eleven minutes. In 1971 an outrigger race was planned as part of the opening ceremonies of Dana Point Harbor. Whitey, with family and friends raced, and finished 5th. Following this race, the Dana Outrigger Canoe Club was officially formed. In the 1980’s, he passed his traits of boundless energy and fierce competitiveness to John “Yamo” Yamasaki and Rich Long. Yamo is now President/Chairman of the Board, and Rich is the Head Coach of the club. Today they offer Keiki and Junior, Novice, and Open Men and Women Programs. More information on this iconic club can be found at www.danaoutrigger.net.

OC-LAFCO CSA 26 Study, 2019 – 2020

Stacy Blackburn gave a brief overview. LAFCO is the way that cities get incorporated including boundaries and municipal services. They control the formation and dissolution of special districts and county service areas. CSA 26 is the principal

tax revenue supporting parks. In 2000, mandated by state law, municipal services are reviewed every five years. A new review cycle is starting now. The funds that support parks and the harbor are CSA 26, Fund 108, and Fund 106. CSA 26 and property taxes can support Tidelands which is why Harbor Patrol is included.

The review process includes:

- Data gathering (budgets, operations, and commission) now through the end of the year.
- Analysis and Recommendations January through March
- Consolidate Report – share with staff and commissions – April
- Report made public – May or June
- After thirty days of public review and input the report is updated and certified.

Should we hone in on what information can be provided? This is pertinent because of funding allocations from Fund 108 to Harbor Patrol. Maybe we could cause another look at how Harbor Patrol is funded and get it completely funded elsewhere such as the OC General Fund. Discussion continued and a motion was made for DPHAB to opt in and be a notified stakeholder. Motion passed.

Dana Point Boaters Association Update

James Lenthall, DPBA President, reported the Coastal Development Permits have been applied for by Dana Point Harbor Partners for the waterside development. He commended Joe Ueberroth and Ralph Grippo for their collaboration with DPBA and stated DPBA supports the plans. The average slip size in the new Marina plan is 32' which optimizes the way to get to the required slip numbers. DPHP will be applying for a separate CDP for the dry storage. Their plan needs refining regarding day use parking, and they didn't want to delay the waterside plans. There have been recent changes in the rules for brokers and charters causing the brokers to re-evaluate their slip inventory. The new rules make it difficult for brokers, who mainly sell small boats, to remain in the harbor. The commercial rates, for slip use other than inventory, is too high for small boat brokers. Regarding Slip License Agreements, DPHP needs to prioritize/enforce the rules directly affecting safety and waterways navigability.

DPHP Burnham-Ward Update

Susan Lieb reported Burnham-Ward thanks all who attended the Open Houses. The presentation to the DP City Planning Commission was well received. Bryon Ward will present the findings to the DP City Council at their meeting on October 15th. DPHP is the main sponsor for the Turkey Trot. The holiday lights will be turned on Wednesday evening the day before the Turkey Trot. They have secured Santal Claus and Carolers for harbor, holiday festivities.

DPHP/Bellwether Update

Ralph Grippo, DPHP, announced the promotion of Kelly Rinderknecht as the General Manager for the East Marina, West Marina, and now the Embarcadero. All marina operations are under one group. The theme of the Holiday Boat Parade, "Tiki Holiday" was announced with the boat parade occurring on Dec. 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th starting at 7:30 p.m. Landside festivities will start at 4:30 on each of those nights. Cash prizes totaling \$10,500 will be awarded. Two-night participation is required to be eligible for an award. The award ceremony will be held in early January on a night to be determined. Sponsorships are available.

There will be three public workshops for Capo Beach master planning regarding coastal erosion. The presentation can be found on OC Parks website.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.