



DANA POINT HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

The Voice of Our Community

Meeting Minutes: April 23, 2018, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Dana Point Harbor Sailing and Events Center

In Attendance: James Lenthall- boater, Jim Miller-restaurateur, Greg McDowell-boater, William Kindel- boater/dry storage, Diana Poulos-retailer, John Yamasaki-clubs/social organizations, Daniel Pingaro-education/community service organizations, Robert Hartung-member at large, Stacy Blackwood- ex-officio, Mark Denny- City of Dana Point, as well as interested members of the public and Harbor businesses

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS – Chairman James Lenthall opened the meeting and asked board members and guests to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Miller moved to approve the minutes with a second by John Yamasaki. Minutes were approved on voice vote.

PART 2: HARBOR REDEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT PROCESS/AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION – Mark Denny outlined the City's role in the redevelopment process once the lease is signed between County and private development company. The coastal development permit (CDP) for the commercial core is already in place. If the developer doesn't make substantial changes to the plan, City approval should be relatively simple. If substantial compliance cannot be found, the developers would have to go back to square one for amended entitlements.

The County did not get entitlements approved for the hotel so that would have to be sought for the hotel/motel and hostel site. A public process involving the planning commission and city council would be necessary if major changes are sought. The City is actually waiting to see what the developers will actually propose.

Waterside development will go directly to the Coastal Commission for approval.

James Lenthall pointed out that the original plan approved by Coastal established maximum loss of boat slips (155).

Bob Mardian- restaurateur and boater asked when the commercial core work begins who will oversee it. Mark Denny said the County will take precedence.

DPH 12 GUIDING PRINCIPLES – General discussion on updates/consolidation of items and addition of others. Jim Miller moved and John Yamasaki seconded motion to approved amended principles. James Lenthall will submit the revised Guiding Principles to 5th District Supervisors Lisa Bartlett and Bill Brough as well as Senator Pat Bates.

UPDATE: DANA POINT HARBOR PATROL FUNDING AND OPERATIONS: No update on requests to County on budget/funding. Letter was sent to Fifth District. James Lenthall will follow up.

DPHAB OUTREACH UPDATE: Bob Hartung updated the Board on his efforts to keep the public informed of the board's efforts. He primarily worked with the Dana Point Yacht Club and Dana West Yacht Club. Jim Miller said he was in contact with the Harbor merchants.

Diana Poulos said the smaller retail merchants wanted basic information on the coming revitalization as well as the County's earlier assurances that they would be grandfathered in to the new spaces. Many merchants signed their existing five year leases with the guarantee they would be given the opportunity to negotiate the spaces they were offered in the County plan.

Greg McDowell said boaters were concerned over slip rates and questioned whether the revitalization would ever happen.

Bill Kindel said the recently posted signs on the sand bar restricting use were causing concerns with users. Those signs were put up by Harbor Patrol. Other Harbor users asked about dredging and wondered about frequency. Lifeguards near baby beach reported the buoy line was not effective citing safety concerns. Overall, people like the Harbor as it is and are suspicious of change.

Bob Hartung said questions arose concerning who would be responsible for yacht club leases. James Lenthall reported the site developers would handle the leases but not the operations.

DANA POINT HARBOR SMOKING BAN: The city's ban is not enforceable in the Harbor unless the County Board of Supervisors agrees to consent to the city's ban in public places. Stacy Blackwood said the supervisors can consent to the city's ban in the Harbor. In addition there are frequent discussions at state level concerning the smoking ban issue and the Board can support a smoking ban if desired. John Hicks – restaurateur said he also supports the supervisors consenting to the city's ban in public places.

Bill Kindel moved and Jim Miller seconded a recommendation to send a letter to the supervisors asking them to consent to the city's ban on smoking in public places. Motion passed. James Lenthall will send a letter to the supervisors.

FUTURE DPHAB AGENDA TOPICS: Illegal charters, Harbor patrol funds and signs on the "sand box" near baby beach were all brought up to discuss in the future. An update on the status of the negotiations between the County and the private developers was also requested.

Stacy Blackwood said she believes the negotiations are close to being concluded and said the Board might ask Scott Mayer to attend the next meeting and bring the Board up to date.

The meeting was adjourned.