



DANA POINT HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

The Voice of Our Community

Meeting Minutes: April 22, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Dana Point Harbor Sailing and Events Center

In Attendance: James Lenthall (Chair), Jim Miller (Vice-chair), Donna Kalez, John Yamasaki, Daniel Pingaro, Robert Hartung, Greg McDowell, Marla Balmuth. **Absent:** Bill Kindel, Stacey Blackwood (Ex-officio), Mark Denny (Ex-officio).

Invited Guests attending: Lisa Bartlett (5th Dist. Supervisor), Victor Cao (5th Dist. Chief of Staff), Susan Lieb (DPHP) Ralph Grippo (DPHP), Anne Eubanks (DPBA)

Minutes of the February 25, 2019, meeting were reviewed and approved without changes.

Appoint DPHAB Secretary

In compliance with the amended Bylaws of DPHAB, Bob Hartung nominated Anne Eubanks, DPBA Director, to serve as DPHAB Secretary in a non-voting role. Anne was elected by a unanimous vote.

5th District Update

Lisa Bartlett, 5th District Supervisor, County of Orange gave a brief history of the harbor revitalization which eventually ended in a P3 project. Dana Point Harbor Partners (DPHP) was selected and signed a 66-year lease with the County of Orange to revitalize the commercial core, marina, and hotel. The Sailing and Events Center and the Ocean Institute were excluded from the lease. Supervisor Bartlett felt the best team of DPHP, consisting of Bellwether Financial Group, R.D. Olson, and Burnham Ward Properties, was selected and they will provide a great vision to improve the harbor, something which the County could not have accomplished. The Dana Point Harbor Advisory Board (DPHAB) should give input to the DPHP team. DPHAB should tell it like it is, and DPHP needs to hear suggestions to “help them mold the vision for the harbor for the long term – we have one shot”. As part of the new harbor there will be a clock tower. The base of the tower will hold another 50-year time capsule, similar to the previous one recently opened. Information on the project will be announced when available. The Supervisor closed by noting when construction starts there will be noise, dust, and inconvenience. We need to be patient through the process. A question and answer session followed her comments.

DPHP/Bellwether Update

Ralph Grippo, DPHP, gave an update on the water side project. He indicated the process of entitlements would start in the next thirty days, first with the County and then Coastal. This process will take 1+ years with construction estimated to start in Spring 2021. In the next 45 to 60 days, an interactive harbor map, with a bird’s eye view will be available. The marina staff is currently completing the waitlist outreach and are now up to the 55’ waitlist. They have reduced 327 people, including brokers, off the waitlist to date and have not added any new names. The waitlist will open for new names in several weeks and the waitlists should be available on the marina website in 60 days. There will be minimal movement on the waitlist over the next two years in preparation for the marina revitalization because they want to be cautious to not overextend and not be at full capacity prior to the start of construction. When construction starts it will be disruptive, but they will try to limit it as much as possible. Other topics covered: Slip selection in the new marina will be based of length of time in the harbor in the current length of slip. The marina staff will enforce the prohibition on illegal slip transfers. Transfer lists will be available for current slip license holders and will take precedence over the waitlist. Slip and

marina maintenance is not being deferred and is being done on a priority basis. DPHP is researching ways to deal with the sea lion issue. Derelict boats will not be allowed in the new marina. The next project they are addressing is unauthorized charter services.

Update on Harbor Revitalization Commercial Core Plan

Susan Lieb, DPHP, gave an update on the commercial core. They are currently working with the City of Dana Point on entitlements. They expect a final decision within 30 days. The Day Lot has been striped to fully utilize the lot in preparation for construction which is approximately nine months out. Golden Lantern is undergoing pothole repairs and new slurry. The new office is complete. Susan indicated she welcomes visitors. DPHP will participate in the time capsule project and will be a main sponsor.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.