

Lower Castaways Ad Hoc Committee

Committee Action Minutes – DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

Meeting Date: Friday September 6, 2013, 2:30 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Commissioner Dave Girling.
 2. **Roll Call and Introductions:**
Dave Girling, Marie Marston, Jack Tingley, City Staff: Laura Detweiler, Fong Tse, Shannon Levin. David Volz, Jim Mosher, Taylor Hill, Don Webb.
 3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.**
None.
 4. **Current Business**
Discussion commenced regarding the Marine Life Protection Area (MLPA) and the effects the designation may have on design, permitting, and potential uses on the bayside of the Lower Castaways (LC) parcel. Nancy Gardner suggested a discussion with Coastal staff to understand their perspective on the potential development and possible restrictions or requirements.
An overview of the topic was given regarding the steps taken thus far, Harbor Commission presentation, informal staff meeting, and appointment to the Ad Hoc Committee. The undeveloped parcel presents an opportunity to create a recreation hub for hand launching human powered craft and landside amenities for cyclists, etc. Commissioner Girling suggested a boat launch considering that the Dunes is the only launch in the Harbor and is subject to closure.
Other suggestions for the parcel included restrooms, a recycling center, concessions, outdoor instructional area, public parking, and connection to Castaways Park.
Staff will review the grant deed from The Irvine Company (TIC) to the City of Newport Beach (City). Staff will also review past environmental documents from previous TIC efforts to develop a commercial marina at this location. Jim Mosher asked where it is intended to move the drive approach on Dover Drive, and commented on the deed restrictions, one of those being that TIC has the ability to review plans.
The next steps include the drafting drawings and rough estimates for the desired amenities.
 5. **Next Meeting.**
October 14, 2013. 2:30 PM. Location TBD.
 6. **Adjournment around 3:30.**
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