

NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
Bonita Creek Community Center
April 21, 2010

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Chair Karen Rhyne, Commissioners Tim Collins, John Corrough, Marshall Duffield, Ralph Rodheim, Don Lawrenz and Vincent Valdes were present.

Staff: Manager Chris Miller, Supervisor Shannon Levin

MINUTES: Commissioner Corrough motioned to approve the minutes from March 10, 2010. Commissioner Rodheim seconded the motion. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NONE AGENDA ITEMS:

No public comments.

ACTION & APPEAL ITEMS

ITEM #1

Subject: ***Appeal for Dock Reconfiguration at 2115 Bayside Drive***

Issue: Should the Harbor Commission allow the applicant to add an extension to his float beyond the Pierhead Line at 2115 Bayside Drive?

Discussion: Commissioner Duffield asked if it was possible to move the dock 5' to 10' landward to help accommodate the applicant. Contractor Swift Slip said that moving it 5' could be possible. Commissioner Lawrenz was concerned about this decision setting a precedent. Commissioner Rodheim favored staff's recommendation and was also concerned about precedent. Contractor Swift Slip noted that this is the widest span of the harbor, and felt that this addition would not pose a problem. Commissioner Corrough stated that eelgrass coverage does not exist at the proposed finger.

Public Comments:

Action: Commissioner Rodheim made a motion to approve the proposed project with the condition that no vessel on either side tie or in the center slip shall extend beyond the Project Line. Staff will determine the exact limits. Chair Rhyne seconded the motion. All ayes.

ITEM #2

Subject: ***Appeal of Harbor Resources Revocation of Mooring H-714***

Issue: Should the Harbor Commission reverse the decision of the Harbor Resources Manager to revoke mooring H-714 for unpaid fees?

Discussion: H-714 Mooring Permittee Slagle said that he forgot to update his mailing address because it's a yearly bill and he's a new mooring permittee and not familiar with the process. He travels quite a bit and has others manage his accounts. He admitted that he was at fault but asked that the Commission to reconsider his mooring status.

Commissioner Corrough asked how often he used his boat and how often he maintained it. Corrough was concerned that his boat could be left unattended

especially during our busy sea lion season if he is away for a large portion of the year. Slagle replied that he is friends with his mooring neighbors who help look after the boat and the area. He also has the boat regularly maintained in his absence.

Public Comments:

Action: Commissioner Duffield made the motion for option #2 which is to reinstate the mooring permit for H-714 with the condition that Slagle enroll in the City's auto bill pay. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. All ayes with Commissioner Rodheim absent at the time of the vote.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Duffield gave an update on behalf of the March Mooring Master Plan Subcommittee and said that the topic of mooring fees and their possible increases in the future was a sensitive topic and something the Commission should keep aware of.

HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE – Chris gave a PowerPoint presentation on harbor updates. ***The update is posted at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=462> (under Harbor Resources Updates).***

RECOMMENDED TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- Rhine Wharf public pier rules (time limits, no fishing etc...)
- Eelgrass
- Balboa Island Bulkhead Report
- Sea Lions
- Harbor Patrol authority to impound vessels during special events.
- Balboa Marina

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2010

ADJOURNMENT