

NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
City Council Chambers
August 12, 2009

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Staff: Lorrie Arcese, Chris Miller and Shannon Levin

MINUTES: The minutes from the last meeting were approved with one correction.

ACTION & APPEAL ITEMS

ITEM #1

Subject: **Newport Harbor Mooring Administration Policy – Refinements and Changes.**

Issue: The Mooring Administration Subcommittee asked the Harbor Commission's guidance on the major policy refinements and changes with the upcoming mooring transferability rules.

Discussion: Fees should be tied to the cost of administration. All Commissioners were requested to meet with the Council person and explain the issues and the coming document.

Public Comments: Bill Moses thanked everyone for their efforts. He met with the City Attorney and asked him if he felt comfortable with the legality of the document and he did. The transfer fees will be reasonable.

Action: The motion was made and seconded to approve the major policy refinements and changes and advised staff to forward the document for further review at the Council level. Motion carried with all ayes.

ITEM #2

Subject: **Complete Cruiser's Guide to Newport Harbor – Draft Review**

Issue: The Harbor Commission was asked to review and provide comments on the draft guide.

Discussion: It was felt that we should send this out to a wide range of places. There should be a warning about the lobster traps in the waters at certain seasons. Perhaps we will need to sell advertising in the future to cover the cost of publication.

Public Comments: Mark Sites said that we need to clarify that the dinghy docks are also for loading and unloading of larger boat. Also show how boats should be put on the moorings.

Bill Moses congratulated those involved in a great product.

Action: The Commission and public provided comments on the final draft before its publication. Commissioner Rodheim will compile the information, make changes and have 5,000 copies printed.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Commissioner Corrough said that the water taxi issue is proceeding with feasibility studies.
- Commissioner Lawrenz said that the fee study is being discussed again.

HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE – Chris gave an update on the harbor. Please refer to the following website: *The update is posted at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=462> (under Harbor Resources Updates).*

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS OR HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE:

- Mark Sites gave an FYI, that approval of dredging permits has been delayed for a long time because of tiny patches of eelgrass. He feels that the National Marine Fisheries is getting back at the City and creating a delay for challenging them on the eelgrass issues. The eelgrass issue is definitely not solved.

COMMISSIONER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT

- Commissioner Duffield asked Chris if the sediment issue is discussed at the dredging meetings. Chris said that it is not discussed at those meetings.
- Commissioner Collins got a HAMP update from Chris saying that the document will be revised. The grant money is gone.
- Ralph asked that the study session for the task list be scheduled. Chris had attempted to set the meeting with most people not being able to attend until after September. We will try for October.

RECOMMENDED TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To Be Determined

ADJOURNMENT