

1. **The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Council Member Gardner.**
2. **Roll Call:**     **Council Members:** Nancy Gardner, Ed Selich  
                          **Citizen Advisory Members:** John Corrough, Jamshed Dastur, Jack Keating, Linda Beimfohr, Don Lawrenz and Paul Blank
3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**  
Jeff Herdman commented on the recent sand replenishment project on Balboa Island, and he thanked Shannon Levin for her project management. He also commented on Bay View Park regarding a possible overwatering issue.
4. **Minutes for May 29, 2014: Approved**
5. **On-Going Business**  
  
**Announcement:** Vacancy of Citizens Advisory Panel position due to the appointment of Jeff Herdman to another City Committee. The application period to apply for the vacant seat will be open until July 24.
  - A. **Re-Cap of Harbor Commission Agenda Action Items during Previous Three Months**  
Harbor Manager Chris Miller provided a recap of the Harbor Commission's recent actions.
  - B. **Tidelands Capital Plan**  
Council Member Gardner inquired about the Eelgrass and RGP timelines for regulatory agency approval. Chris Miller replied that they should be on the Coastal Commission agenda in either October or December 2014. Don Lawrenz inquired about the mooring support service improvements at the Balboa Yacht Basin.
6. **Current Business**
  - A. **California Coastal Commission Draft Sea Level Rise Policy Guidance – Staff Update**  
Assistant City Attorney Leonie Mulvihill reviewed the concepts behind the Coastal Commission's document, and how it may affect Newport in the future. She discussed the letter that the City sent which describes how the proposed policy will affect areas in Newport that are already built out, such as in Newport Harbor. She also reviewed the letter sent from the California League of Cities which suggested the policy should be regarded as a guidance document instead of a regulatory document. Leonie also commented that property rights may possibly be affected, and noted that the City is closely monitoring the proposal as it works its way through the Coastal Commission.
  - B. **Mariner's Mile Walkway – Review of Conceptual Plans from 2004**  
Chris Miller reviewed the PowerPoint that was presented to the City Council in 2004. This plan presented an overview of the concept of constructing a public pedestrian boardwalk along most of the frontage of Mariner's Mile from the Newport Blvd. bridge to the Balboa Bay Resort. The study examined the constraints in front of each commercial building, and addressed these with a conceptual, out-of-the box approach. The purpose of this study was to determine the feasibility from a broad perspective, and it was determined that it was feasible. The Council did not provide further direction in 2004.

Discussion followed. Jim Dastur inquired about fixed elevation of structures. Council Member Selich added that a walkway should be incorporated in the planning documents related to Mariner's Mile.

**C. General Discussion of Derelict Vessels, Moorings and Related Topics**

Harbor Analyst Shannon Levin gave a brief report on moorings and related topics. Specifically, she discussed mooring management via the Harbor Patrol, general mooring rules and fees, servicing moorings, wait list, impounds, auctions, live-aboards and revocations. She also discussed the upcoming state grants that the City was applying for (and subsequently received) to assist with disposing vessels that were abandoned or derelict.

**D. Public Pier Improvements**

Chris Miller described the upcoming public pier improvement project which includes re-decking, new hand rails and new benches at 10 of the City's piers. This project only focuses on maintenance and refurbishment on the piers, and does not include work on the gangways and floats.

7. **Public Comments.** None.

8. **Date and Time for Next Meeting:** September 17, 2014 4:00 pm.

**9. Adjournment**

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The agenda for the July 17, 2014 Regular Meeting was posted on 7/11/14 at 10:56AM on the Civic Center Electronic Bulletin Board and Binder, and 7/11/14 at 10:35AM on the City's website.

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Tidelands Management Committee Chair