

Tidelands Management Committee

Committee Action Minutes – *DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED*

Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 – 4:00 p.m., Civic Center Community Room

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Council Member Henn.
2. **Roll Call:**
 - Council Members:** Chair Mike Henn, Nancy Gardner and Ed Selich
 - Citizen Advisory Members:** Linda Beimfohr, John Corrough, Jamshed Dastur, Jack Keating, and Paul Blank
 - City Staff:** Dave Kiff, Michael Torres, Chris Miller and Shannon Levin
3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

None.
4. **Minutes**

Jim Mosher noted a typographical error in the September Minutes. Committee Member Gardner made a motion to approve the Minutes with Mr. Mosher's correction, and Committee Member Selich seconded the motion which carried with all ayes.
5. **On-Going Business**
 - A. **Re-Cap of Harbor Commission Agenda Action Items during Previous Three Months**

The Committee reviewed the Harbor Commission action items. They requested that future reviews also include the specific action that the Harbor Commission took so as to complete the report. Staff agreed and will do so going forward.
 - B. **Tidelands Capital Plan**

The Committee reviewed the Tidelands Capital Plan. They requested that future reviews note exactly what changes were made. The Committee also requested that staff take another look at the projects and analyze whether they belong in the Capital expense column or the Maintenance expense column. They also requested a mid-year breakdown of what was spent, and they asked about the Dory Fleet line item and what that meant.
6. **Current Business**

(All presentations and handouts are available on the Tidelands Management Committee's webpage here: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=2279>)

 - A. **Review the Harbor Commission's Subcommittee Report on Public Piers in Newport Harbor.**

Harbor Commissioner Paul Blank presented a report on the public piers in Newport Harbor. The report demonstrated a need for ongoing cleaning and maintenance and improvements to the existing structures such as relocation of pilings inside the floats. The presentation highlighted the areas surrounding the harbor that provide the most desirable amenities to local and visiting boaters such as restaurants/bars, marine hardware, and restrooms. Additionally Commissioner Blank noted that there are areas such as Lido Marina Village and Mariners Mile that are underserved and should be considered for future docking systems. This item will be presented at an upcoming City Council Study Session.
 - B. **California Coastal Commission Draft Sea-Level Rise Policy Guidance Document – A Brief Overview**

Harbor Resources Manager Chris Miller and Planning Manger Patrick Alford gave a brief overview of the Draft Sea-Level Rise Document, and how it could affect the City and its Local Coastal Program as noted in the PowerPoint (posted on the City's internet).

Committee Member Henn asked what the best science was, and how do we know what to follow this year, or next year, as the science changes or progresses. Are we committing to the theories of today without credence to what could progress in the future? He also wondered about berms or armaments along the coastline, and the City's ability to protect itself during major storm/high tide events. The Committee also wondered if this document would stop development altogether, and whether the Coastal Commission staff would interpret this policy as new criteria for future development permits. It was also noted that the document should not respond to the highest, maximum tidal range that could occur in 50+ years. Rather, it should focus on the near to short term tidal predictions so we can address sea level rise in more meaningful chunks.

There were no public comments.

C. Derelict Vessels in Newport Harbor

Harbor Resources Supervisor Shannon Levin reported on the ongoing derelict and abandoned vessel matters in Newport Harbor. The presentation distinguished categories for derelicts: neglected or nuisance vessels assigned to mooring permits; abandoned vessels; and impounded vessels. Part of the Mooring Management Contract with the OCSD Harbor Patrol is to monitor for derelict vessels and work to abate those. Additionally, abandoned and impounded vessels pose problems due to noticing and waiting periods and ultimately for disposal costs for those that remain unclaimed. Staff has researched two grant opportunities that will become available in the first half of 2014. The grants "Abandoned Watercraft and Abatement Fund" and "Vessel Turn-In Program" are offered under California Boating and Waterways. Receipt of grant funding will help offset disposal costs that may run as high as \$6,000 (or more) for a single vessel.

7. Roundtable or Additional Public Comments

None.

8. Committee Announcements / Future Agenda Items

City Bulkheads Update

9. Adjournment around 6:00 PM.

The agenda for December 18, 2013 Regular Meeting was posted on Wednesday, December 11 and Thursday, December 12 on the Civic Center Electronic Bulletin Board and Binder, and on the City's website.



Tidelands Management Committee Chair

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Posted by: Kelsey Kenz  _____

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