Tidelands Management Committee

Committee Action Minutes
Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 4:00 pm, Civic Center Community Room

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1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Henn.

2. **Roll Call:** **Council Members:** Chair Mike Henn, Nancy Gardner and Ed Selich
   City Staff: Dave Kiff, Dave Webb, Pat Thomas, Michael Torres and Chris Miller

3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**
   Jim Mosher noted the peculiar structure of the Committee which has three members, so therefore if two members spoke to one another, that would constitute a majority. He also noted that the Citizens Advisory Panel ("CAP") is a separate body which has separate policies and must abide by the Brown Act. Chair Henn disagreed.

4. **Minutes**
   Committee Member Gardner made a motion to approve the Minutes, and Committee Member Selich seconded the motion which carried with all ayes.

5. **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. **Citizen's Advisory Panel – Appointment of Members**
   Chair Henn gave an overview of the CAP's responsibilities as well as how the CAP will function as part of the Committee. A vote was called, and the following members of the public were voted to be on the CAP:

      1. Linda Beimfohr
      2. John Corrough
      3. Jamshed Dastur
      4. Jeff Herdman
      5. Jack Keating
      6. Don Lawrenz
      7. Paul Blank, Harbor Commission Liaison

   B. **Tidelands Capital Plan – Review and Forward Recommended Plan to City Council**
   The Committee briefly reviewed the Plan, and noted a couple minor spreadsheet errors which staff will correct.

   C. **Recap of the Harbor Commission's 2012-13 Goals and Review of the Commission's 2013-14 Goals**
   Harbor Commissioner Doug West presented the past and future goals of the Commission. Chair Henn thanked Doug for his leadership, and spoke to the renewed energy of the Harbor Commission under Doug's leadership as Chair during the past year. Committee Member Selich commented on the City's Newport Specific Eelgrass Plan, the harbor lines in Promontory Bay, the locations of the City's public piers, and cruise ships using Newport as a port of call. (The Harbor Commission was not involved in any discussion of cruise ships except during a public comment at an earlier meeting in 2013.) Chair Henn noted that a tour operator might be valuable in the Balboa Village, and asked if Visit Newport Beach could follow up. Committee Member Selich noted that Santa Barbara is a port of call, therefore creating an economic benefit to that City. Committee Member Gardner noted that tour operators might help get the water taxi started in Newport.

Dan Mariscal noted that the Coral St. public pier needs enforcement of the time zones on the sides of the pier. John Corrough carefully watches the Coral St. pier, and he noted that it does get out of hand, and that enforcement by the Harbor Patrol is needed. He also mentioned that he was pleased to hear the water taxi concept being discussed along with the linkage to cruise ships. Jeff Herdman asked what enforcement means? He suggested expanding the finials on the public piers. Len Bose suggested discussing the state's vessel turn-in program at a future meeting.

Chair Henn asked for a vote and for Doug West to bring the Harbor Commission Goals to the City Council for approval. Committee Member Selich made the motion and Committee Member Gardner seconded. Motion carried, all ayes. (Note: Doug West did present the Harbor Commission Goals to the City Council for approval on October 22, 2013, and they were approved.)

D. *Balboa Island Bulkhead Update and Next Steps*

Assistant City Engineer, Bob Stein, gave an update on the Balboa Island Bulkhead project. Committee Member Selich noted that this was a big topic, and questioned how it would be paid for. He was concerned about the unknowns, such as ADA and the Coastal Commission's stance on installing a new wall on the outside of the existing wall. He also noted that the structural life of the seawall was about 10-25 years, and he wondered if we were going too aggressive or too fast. He wondered if we should be looking at a short term solution first.

Win Fuller asked about the harbor entrance tide gate concept as previously reviewed by the Committee and the Council earlier this year. Jamshed Dastur noted that the tide gate concept has pros and cons, and that further study is needed. Options need to be compared. Do we serve the whole bay or just Balboa Island? He suggested that if we were to go down that path, a study would be needed to firm up the numbers. Jeff Herdman wondered how Naples' seawalls were funded. He also wondered how an assessment would be levied, and what if it didn't pass?

E. *Harbor Commission Re-Cap of Agenda Action Items During Previous Three Months*

The Harbor Commission action items were received and filed by the Committee without discussion.

6. Roundtable or Additional Public Comments

None.

7. Committee Announcements / Future Agenda Items

None.

8. Adjournment around 6:00 PM.

The agenda for September 18, 2013 Regular Meeting was posted on Wednesday, September 13 on the Civic Center Electronic Bulletin Board and Binder, and on the City's website.

Tidelands Management Committee Chair