

SF Marina Harbor Association  
Minutes of May 11, 2006 General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM by President Bruce Stone.

**Minutes of last meeting were approved.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Al Cavey reported the Association has \$13,170 on hand, after the addition of four members which brought total current paid membership to 260 people.

**East Harbor Clean-up**

Terry Schwartz of the SF Rec and Park Department presented a report on East Harbor Toxins. In 2004, PG&E & the City of San Francisco agreed to jointly spend \$550K for a detailed study of the source of PAH contaminants in the soil, and both the process and cost to mitigate. The contract sat on the City Attorney's desk until the Board got Terry to track it down. The contract has now been funded, and Rec and Park has assigned Mary Hobson as project manager. However, she is a generalist with no marine experience. There is no known time line for dredging the harbor.

**Draft Harbor Rules**

Our Association's Committee on Harbor Rules found Harbormaster Brad Gross's proposed harbor rules, sitting on the City Attorney's desk, to be onerous. The Committee will write a new set of rules to present to the Association for its endorsement prior to submitting them to the Harbormaster and the City for approval. Terry Schwartz agreed with this process and commented that the Harbor rules should reflect what the tenants wish. He agreed it was a good idea for our Committee to write a set and submit them.

**Department of Boating and Waterways**

Brad Gross commented that the \$15,000,000 Department of Boating and Waterways revolving fund has money available for harbor renovation, and encouraged members of the Association to write to state senators and assemblymen urging the release of DBW funds. He also said that DBW has already divided the SF Marina Harbor project into East and West, and that East will receive \$200,000 as a place holder.

**Nuts and Bolts Committee Report**

The Committee requested Rec and Park assign an engineer to determine a design or specification for each repair, and that Rec and Park involved the Association in the process.

Along with the Committees extensive recommendations for repairs, a specific discussion ensued regarding sleeving the pilings as a short term measure to prevent further loss of slips until the overall renovation can be accomplished. Larry, Brad's assistant, has attempted to obtain sleeves and awaits response from the manufacturer. He also reported problems with getting the Rec and Park carpenters to accomplish the sleeving. In the meantime, he will conduct an experimental wrapping of several pilings. Brad observed that sleeving had been tried previously and thought wrapping might work better. He also claimed that ten pilings would be done at a time for efficiency. Committee member Bill

Palmer stressed that a contract was needed to do all in a short time at less cost – and thought that steel sleeves would be the best solution.

Motion passed to approve the Recommended Priority of SF Marina Harbor Repairs attached to these minutes.

President Bruce Stone asked Brad about his progress in repairing gates and locks. The gates are at the middle of the ramp and slam shut on people entering and exiting, making usage difficult and dangerous, especially at low tide. Most marinas have the gate at the top, on level ground, so that this situation does not occur. Our gates also require a key to exit, which is dangerous and contrary to SF fire safety regulations. Brad responded that he has not been able to get the City's locksmith shop out to give a bid to do the job. In the meantime, Bruce paid for a private locksmith to install thumb turn opener on the inside of the gate near his boat at the foot of Divisadero so he could exit without a key. The locksmith also adjusted the gate closer so that it does not slam on people passing through the gate. The total cost was \$115 as it was a special visit by the locksmith, but on a volume basis the thumb turns and adjustments to gate closers could be done for under \$50 per gate, plus the cost of a new closer if needed. The locksmith could not install ADA lever handles because of the style of gate.

When asked about how to get repairs accomplished sooner, Brad said that the authorized full time employees (FTEs) and the actual employees are different, with fewer employees actually working on harbor matters. He cannot get the bureaucracy to produce an actual number. Terry promised to work on that. When asked if the carpenters can report to the marina harbor first thing in the morning and work there all day instead of reporting to the Rec and Park Department's depot, Terry said that the union will not allow that, but he will continue to try. Terry acknowledged appreciation for receiving the Nuts and Bolts Committee report and will try to address the issues raise therein. The potential liability to the City for damages to people and property was discussed.

### **Website**

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### **Next Meeting**

Date for next meeting was tentatively set for July 27, 2006 at the Golden Gate YC at 7:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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