

Minutes of SF Marina Harbor Association Annual Meeting and Elections
Nov 16, 2011, 7 PM, Golden Gate YC

43 paid members were in attendance as well as six of our officers and directors

The group approved the minutes of the last meeting (held May 18, 2011)

Treasurer's Report – over \$15,000 in the bank

Elected the slate of officer and directors for 2011/12 recommended by the Nominating Committee:

President & Director Bruce Stone

Vice President & Director Paul Manning

Secretary & Director Theresa Brandner

Treasurer & Director Jim Diepenbrock

Additional Directors: Bright Winn, Dave Santori, Bruce Munro

Dennis Kern, SF Rec and Park, Director of Operations and Ana Alvarez, Superintendent of City Services, introduced John Moren, our new Harbormaster, and described his background and experience.

John Moren then was asked questions about management practices, staffing, slip assignments, and parking.

Ana responded that the Department was not yet ready to discuss the policy and criteria for slip assignments as it has not yet been finalized and will be the subject of an upcoming meeting to be held at Ft. Mason Center at 6:30 PM on December 7 with everyone in the community, not just members of our Association. They also want to discuss the rules and regulations of the Marina, and will use the proposal advanced by our Association (shown on our website) as a starting point. They want to have rules in place by March 2012.

Ana also said that the Monday-Friday parking problem will be addressed by assigning four parking spots per gate to be striped for 24/7 use by berth-holders with SF Marina Harbor stickers. John Moren then mentioned that he may be modifying that based on the circumstances at each gate.

John indicated he has a new person working under him who is focused on contracts and slip assignments. He is also trying to redefine the role of his many assistants so that they will be out of the office helping boaters (getting stuff to their boats, helping them dock) instead of just hiding behind a desk.

SF Rec and Park Project Manager Mary Hobson reported on the West Harbor Renovation Project. She said it is on schedule, except that the dredging plan for inner west was delayed due to the toxic soils report and they await further guidance on that. They are not certain if they will be able to dredge to the 12 foot depth that is standard for the rest of the harbor. She said that the I-dock floats were completed and are now being transported to the Harbor. She also said that the next shore-side improvement was an upgrade to the harbormaster's office and that on November 28 he would temporarily relocate to the construction trailer occupied by Roger Gross of 4Leaf, the construction manager, who would move into the Dutra trailer near Golden Gate YC. She also responded to a question about why the Harbor Trust is funding shore-side improvements like the Bay Trail. She said that was a BCDC initiative and that the project would be funding up to \$100,000 for community outreach and a study on what was necessary to be accomplished between Scott St and Baker St along Marina Blvd. She anticipates community hearings mid-winter. Mary also said that RPD was requesting a waiver to be able to do an extra month of in-the-water work after November 30 and to restart start March 1 instead of June 1, within the prohibited window due to spawning of various fish.

Mary reported that the G docks between the St. Francis and Golden Gate yacht clubs are in place and that they will soon receive transformers and utility hook-ups. They will start demolishing the west end of the mole on March 1 and likely move boats into the G docks, perhaps two to a 90 foot slip.

She said that the sheet-pile breakwater is now receiving a concrete cap, and that the floating breakwater will arrive in March 2012.

She also reported that the budget does not have the \$1 million needed for building the 36 berths that are desired for the area east of Golden Gate YC. Extensive discussion ensued about the need for this to serve the smaller boaters who are being displaced in the West Harbor renovation, and that it would provide excellent cash flow. The sense of the assembled body was that some of the Harbor Trust fund surplus should be invested in this. Bruce Munro reported that even after \$1.25 million was taken out of the Harbor Trust, there is still a \$4 million surplus, and it is growing. Mary responded that the Harbor Trust surplus was sequestered for the debt service coverage demanded by DBW as a condition of its loan. Bruce Stone and Bruce Munro agreed to pursue this with management of RPD.

With respect to East Harbor, Mary said that PGE has agreed in principle to cover the cost of dredging the toxic soils, and that they are our partner in renovating that harbor; however, RPD has not taken steps to make a formal agreement. Essentially, other than maintenance of the docks, little was being done to advance a project there because all attention is being paid to completing West Harbor.

There was no other business proposed or discussed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully,

Bruce J. Stone
President, SF Marina Harbor Association