



Minutes of General Membership Meeting: Wed, April 11, 2007, 7:30 PM, Golden Gate YC

Meeting opened at 1945 hrs with approximately 25-30 people in attendance.

Board Members present included: Bruce Stone, Bruce Munro, Al Cavey, Jack Kaus, Grace Knight and Bright Winn

Board Member Absent: Jim Horio

Mary Hobson, Project Manager of Rec and Park stated that the EIR was approved, and that the design phase now begins. The City Attorney will work with DBW on the loan documents for the first \$16.5 million phase. Mary Hobson will begin to interview engineers.

The department awaits approval of the ten-year dredge permit.

The silt in the East Harbor has to be addressed. PG&E will pay for half of the toxic soil survey as their coal gasification plant was the last "industry" there. The cost of the survey has not yet been determined but is expected to be less than previously forecast.

Terry Schwartz, Rec and Park spoke regarding the department's intention to have an open planning process with input from Marina berth-holders. He also commented that the lack of cooperation from union workers is an on-going problem. He indicated that they were replacing 3-4 pilings per week, and are intending to install new ramps at gates 2, 4, 6, 8 and 14, but that they are having difficulty in doing this work within ADA requirements. He stated there will no relief in the increased fee structure effective July 1. With respect to our expressed concerns about the inaccurate budgeting process, he agreed the procedure may not be fair to certain sections of Rec and Park like the Marina as our "budget" simply shadows that of other areas, instead of being a separate enterprise zone. We do not receive any money not used because a shadow budget is not a real one and any excess goes back into the general fund.

Howard Strassner, representing himself as a berth-holder and the Sierra Club, spoke in favor of dry storage for smaller boats as a way of providing more affordable access to the waterfront. He proposed a resolution to the Supervisors that they hold hearings on this topic and force Rec and Park to recognize the need to install a dry storage rack and boat trailer parking area. The initial hearing is scheduled for 1 pm on May 10 at City Hall before the Operations Committee.

Catherine Stefani, assistant to Supervisor Alioto-Pier, spoke about the proposed audit and indicated that it would not be accomplished soon as it was not yet budgeted. She also addressed the overcharge to the Harbor Fund of around \$650,000 from three years of double-billing of utilities, garbage collection and other overhead. Since we are now asking for the money to be returned to the Harbor Fund, she relayed a message that Rec and Park admits there was an overcharge, but intends to reduce the credit by charging the Harbor Fund for extra repairs done to the harbor that were not previously invoiced. Several Board members questioned this and agreed to have further discussions with Rec and Park, as well as with Supervisor Alioto-Pier, about this matter.

Al Cavey, Treasurer, reported that the SF Marina Harbor Association has \$11,060 in its account, and spent \$9,990 over the past 12 months while taking in only \$8,554 in membership dues. This was due to some one-time legal fees and expenditures in setting up the website.

Minutes of the January 24, 2007 General Membership meeting were approved, with the exception of including reference to a proposal by Betty Foote for a Senior Boaters Support Group that she hopes to organize. Members are encouraged to contact her directly for information on this.

The next General Membership Meeting was preliminarily set for June 14, 2007 at 7:30 pm at Golden Gate Yacht Club, and we agreed to notify members as to the exact date once we determined availability of the club and of potential speakers.

Meeting was adjourned at 2107 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

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