

Minutes of SF Marina Harbor Association Annual Meeting, Jan 18, 2018 – GGYC with 22 members in attendance plus Harbormaster Scott Grindy

Approved minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting
Treasurer reported \$6037 in the bank

The following were elected as Officers and Directors for 2018:

Paul Manning, President	paul.manning@vce.com
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*Not in attendance

Possessory Interest tax: One member has already achieved a 90% reduction based on our having a one-year license agreement instead of a long-term lease. Individuals may go to City Hall to appeal this, or the Association can hire an attorney to do it on everyone's behalf. The Board plans to explore this option.

SF Marina Harbor Master Scott Grindy spoke about the following:

Degaussing station being remodeled to serve as harbor office; will be 800 sq ft. instead of current 200 sq ft. and provide space for visitor center; anticipated by year-end 2018

Bayside and shoreside sea wall repairs are underway. There are repairs needed on the deteriorating brick wall structure of the West Harbor mole. The deterioration is such that there is visible impact to at least one of the gates and Scott has asked the fire department not to drive on the mole until the damage has been addressed.

Harbor Security: berth-holders must come to the office this spring to exchange their metal gate keys for new ones; recently installed new metal mesh at gates, "No Trespassing" signs, and changed operation of gate 17. **The Harbormaster asks that people report intrusions both to the Harbormaster's office and the police. The park police patrol both on foot and in various vehicles at irregular times, resulting in stopping or deterring a number of crimes and park violations.**

Removed 9-10 derelict vessels; removed broken I-Docks; will move fire boats to berths near sheet-pile seawall; frees valuable spots near harbormaster, enables rescuers to leave the harbor more quickly and use the ADA ramp

Applying for ten-year dredge permit and permission to do diver-assisted hydraulic dredging, more precise and enables to dredge berths without moving boats, but environmentalist worry about the smelt which can get sucked up. West Harbor entrance

needs to be dredged again, no funds available until July 1. One member proposed hiring engineering consultants from U of Illinois who have worked for the Navy, Exxon, and the City of Sacramento. Scott suggested they contact the existing dredge consultants and try to fit under their contract

Wave Attenuator repairs to chain and weights are underway

Weather station is active on harbor website; harbor wi-fi is not installed and no time-line

Water mains broke recently; trying to map out the Marina and update them

Metered Parking: stuck at Rec and Park with no movement; however, repainting red lines

Parking Placards: There is still no final decision on whether and when a solution to replacing Marina parking stickers with hanging placards will be made.

Harbor Finances: Randy and Paul met with new finance director at McLaren Lodge and will submit findings to our membership.

Dock Captains: three are members of our Association, attended our meeting and agreed to relay their discussions to us for dissemination to our membership

Aside from Scott Grindy's presentation, we discussed today's Rec and Park Commission hearing where **PGE's Director of Remediation, Kevin Sullivan**, submitted opposition to the East Harbor Renovation, suggesting the harbor be eliminated in favor of a waterfront park. His comments appear at the end of these minutes and we will obtain the actual letter he submitted. Boaters need to lobby Mayor and Supervisors if we want to protect the harbor's existence and see it renovated.

Meeting adjourned at 850 PM

Kevin Sullivan, PG&E, addressing the Recreation and Parks Commission hearing on January 18, 2018:

“I’m the Director of Environmental Remediation at PG&E – I’m an environmental engineer, I’ve spent my whole career looking at impacted sites and trying to figure out how to best reuse them and manage them and how to clean them up. I’m here to address the questions about the East Harbor Marina and what I really want to reaffirm for you is our commitment to the environment our commitment to doing the right thing out there.

Your commission and PGE, we have a lot of common interests there.

The Parks and Rec need to dredge that site to in order to keep it operating as a marina. We have an interest in that there are historical impacts there from manufactured gas plants that operated about a hundred years ago that are there underneath the harbor. We’ve been trying to figure out a way forward.

We began our work looking at designs for a large dredge project out there. The more our team looked at this the more I think people just said this does not feel like the right answer. It’s a heavy-handed approach, it has a lot of impacts of the actual construction, some kind of questionable environmental benefits and importantly very, very high costs, we’re talking tens of millions of dollars here.

So our team went back to the drawing boards and said what’s the best thing to do here for the environment and can we look at this through a different lens, can we come up with something that is more attractive to the citizens of San Francisco and to all the parties involved. And what we came up with, I handed out earlier a one-page sheet, an alternate proposal that would involve a gradual modification of the use out there from the marina to a more open public access and habitat-creating space there on the waterfront. Now it’s a very conceptual design at this point but we see a lot of benefits that we’d like the Commission to look at and consider. We see reduced impacts around construction, we see much much more public access and we think that’s something that the Commission would, would be interested in rather than access for a small number of boaters. Depending on how this design ultimately worked, we could open up that part of the waterfront for much greater access to a larger swath of the public. We think this design could be more climate change resilient, and importantly it could save tens of millions of dollars for both the City and for PG&E.

So we’d like to engage in a dialog around this, we would like to explore these ideas with you and your staff to see if there might be kind of a win-win option out here that ultimately would benefit the citizens and that would be more environmentally friendly in the long run. Thanks for hearing me out.”