

Dana Point Harbor Oversight Advisory Committee

Wednesday October 4, 2023 | 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Bob Langan, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES:

- Harbor Safety: DHOAC Member Colin Harris introduced Sgt. Steifel, Commander of the Dana Point Harbor Sheriffs unit who discussed the duties and responsibilities of his 12 person team. Harris then explained the hierarchy of the safety organizations in DPH and indicated he has been tasked with coordinating a plan for all of the safety resources presently available to DPH.
- Dock Boxes: Brian Ward, DPHP, spoke to the issue explaining the logic for not having dock boxes in the new marina. Brian indicated that there would be storage areas available in the new boater service buildings and agreed to conduct a survey to ascertain what that demand might be and to reinforce what items are not allowed in the existing marina dock boxes.
- Coastal Commission Update: Supervisor Foley's team along with the relevant county departments are working with the DPHP's and the Coastal Commission with respect to the proposed hotels. The DPHP and Supervisor Foley's office are working to show that the harbor and its partner entities are a benefit to the public. Environmental and social justice translates to public "access". Many harbor based activities that already exist need to be identified and incorporated into the plan.
- Parking and Traffic Control Update: Susan Lieb, DPHP, indicated that they are working on a parking and parking management plan starting with the expected Phase 1 parking structure start in January 2024.
- Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley: Supervisor Foley introduced new intern (Sara). The supervisor advised the DHOAC that her office (and the county) were conducting weekly meetings with utilities to push the permits needed for parking lot construction. Her office is still assessing needs for county side of DPH. The Supervisor also announced the opening of her Dana Point office October 23rd and invited all to attend the ceremony at 3 p.m.
- Orange County Real Estate: The representative from the department advised that they are ready for a January 2024 start of construction of the parking garage with respect to funding, bonds, etc. She also indicated that before the start of each future phase that the DPHP has to show compliance with each of the aforementioned requirements.
- Orange County Parks: The Parks Dept. is currently updating the infrastructure on ramps, docks and buildings and looking forward to the November meeting when the Sailing and Event Center will be discussed.
- Dana Point Harbor Partners: DPHP are currently inspecting and maintaining trees in the harbor. Phase IV of the marina dock replacement has started and Phase III is expecting to receive boats mid October.

Bob Langan adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

1. DPHP to send out a survey to boaters to ascertain demand for storage lockers in future boater services buildings.
2. DPHP to tag the above survey asking for feedback on the performance of the current boater lot parking system.
3. Committee members are asked to provide her office with programs and activities that are currently underway that would help support the effort with the Coastal Commission to grant the hotel development permits.
4. Development of a Committee "Mission Statement" by an adhoc committee of Bob, Darcie and Colin.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

1. Supervisor Foley's office to provide to the DPHOAC the updated construction timeline/phasing from DHP.
2. DPHP to provide DPHOAC their organization chart and contact information.
3. Answer to the request to extend holiday lights to the Ocean Institute.
4. Creating a static display of the harbor plan in the remodeled community room for the public to view.

NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEMS: (meeting scheduled for November 6)

1. DPHOAC input to the County on reimagining of the County Sailing and Event Center
2. Clarification of the County over sight process of the harbor redevelopment.
3. Presentation of DPHOAC's Mission Statement by adhoc committee.
4. Discussion of topics for December meeting.