

Dana Point Harbor Oversight Advisory Committee

Wednesday November 1, 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:

- Orange County Supervisor Foley Update: Supervisor Foley has been meeting with the Dana Point Harbor Partners regarding their planned January start of the parking lot construction. She also advised the committee that her team has requested a \$3.4 million grant from the California Dept. of Harbors and Waterways under their “boater access” provision to assist with the Orange County side of the harbor revitalization involving the Sailing and Event Center and docks. In addition, they have requested a \$1 million+ grant from Congressman Mike Levin’s office for the same purpose. Supervisor Foley reported to the committee that needed dredging in the harbor channel and maintenance of the exterior jetty would begin soon. The sand from the dredging project will be used to fortify local beaches.
- O.C. Parks: Reimagining the Sailing and Events Center: Mike Olsen, Deputy Director of Park Operations, presented an overview of the facilities and their current users including the east and west docks. He indicated that his 22 person staff’s primary function was to insure that the facilities are open clean and safe. One of the tasks going forward is to look at ways to utilize the present footprint for better storage for the center’s users. Diane Wenzel committee member and Executive Director of Westwinds Sailing, provided her thoughts on what needs to be incorporated into a reimagined center including; wifi, classroom technology, a usable kitchen, storage, etc. Since the committee in general has little insight to what the center’s user needs are going forward, Supervisor Foley tasked committee member Wenzel with meeting with the Dana Point Aquatic Foundation and Dana Point Outrigger Club to develop a specific needs list to be presented to her and the committee at the next meeting.
- Clarification of the County’s Oversight Role: Matt Miller, Orange County Chief Real Estate Officer, discussed the current process of the revitalization oversight indicating that it is managed by each department’s connection to the project. Matt advised that going forward that there would be a single contact point within his department that would be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the contract by the DPHP and the various county entities involved. The committee was reassured that no changes to the approved plan/contract could be made without all parties, including the Coastal Commission’s, approval. Matt would provide a link to the approved Local Coastal Plan (LCP) so that everyone would have access to the details of the approved harbor revitalization. There was also some discussion by Matt regarding the proposed “Owner’s Representative” that he indicated was intended to oversee the bid process but not the actual construction. The committee was also provided an org chart illustrating the how the DPHP entities/responsibilities/functions align with the county.
- Mission Statement Draft: Colin Harris and Darcie Harris presented two drafts to be considered by the committee for adoption as the DPHOAC’s “mission statement”. After some discussion and a motion to accept one of the versions, the matter was tabled so the “ad hoc” committee could meet and rewrite the proposed mission statements to be more inclusive of the Supervisor. The new version(s) will be presented at the next committee meeting.
- Discussion of December Agenda Items: See below
- January Meeting: Meeting date was moved to January 10 by unanimous vote.

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

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

1. Diane Wenzel to meet with Sailing and Event Center users to determine specific needs and present to the Supervisor and committee at the December meeting.
2. Matt Miller to send link to the LCP to Supervisor Foley’s team to be sent to the committee.
3. Ad hoc mission statement committee to meet and prepare new draft(s) for presentation at December meeting.

DECEMBER AGENDA ITEMS: (meeting scheduled for December 6th)

1. DPHP update regarding the January start of the parking facility.
2. Sailing and Event center report.
3. Mission statement presentation.