

Dana Point Harbor Oversight Advisory Committee

Tuesday July 10th, 2024 | 5:40 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Bob Langan, DPHOAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:37p.m. Committee members not in attendance; Wendy Leavell (Jim Cobb sat in for Mrs. Leavell), Shala O'Keefe, Colin Harris.

PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES:

-Orange County Supervisor Foley Update: Supervisor Foley was unable to attend. Tyler Mosher from the Supervisor's office advised the committee that 20,000 cubic yards of sand will be trucked in from the Santa Ana River to help replenish the Capistrano & Doheny Beach shoreline.

-Orange County CEO Real Estate Update: Christian Gagne, the Dana Point Harbor Oversight Manager for the County of Orange, showed a Power Point presentation to the committee summarizing the community questions regarding the recent DPHP slip rate increase. These questions were submitted through the DPH Oversight email account (DPHOversight@ocgov.com), phone, and letter and then were augmented by questions from the June 21st Coffee Chat at Coffee Importer. Mr. Gagne reviewed the questions and grouped them further into categories by topic and connected them with summarized answers for each category. The complete presentation will be published on-line within Supervisor Foley's homepage <https://d5.ocgov.com/dana-point-harbor-updates>. The committee was advised that a meeting with Kelly Rinderknecht representing the Dana Point Harbor Partners and representatives from the CEO Real Estate team would take place next week to review concerns raised by the community and other topics. Mr. Gagne then advised the committee that he was planning on adding a "resources" section to the Oversight Committee Updates portion of the web site to assist users in locating specific committee resources (such as past presentations, Q&As) in a consolidated list format vs. locating it within the associated past event posting. He also reviewed a new section of the website showing updates and pictures of the revitalization process that would be continually updated as the work continues. Currently there are several drone shots of the parking structure progress available for viewing. In conjunction with the construction progress images, Mr. Gagne advised the committee that the most recent quarterly reports have been posted on the web site from DPHP which include a narrative about the construction activities for the quarter as well as some high-level project financial data.

-O.C. Parks Update: Michael Wilson, O.C. Parks, gave a quick update regarding the space planning study for the Orange County Sailing and Event Center. A questionnaire will be sent to each of the OCSEC users asking for input with respect to their operations and storage needs. The questionnaire will be used by the IDS Group, the space planning consultant, to assist them with their upcoming interviews with each user. Sean Bengston, Supervisor of the Coastal Region for the Orange County Parks Department, then referenced the busy 4th of July and that his team was fully engaged in making sure all facilities under his purview functioned properly over the long weekend. He referenced the small brush fire on the slope above Cove Rd. and below the Cannon's property on July 3rd. It was quickly brought under control by the OCFA and was believed to have been started by a wayward firework. As part of the incident follow up, the appropriate county personnel are inspecting the Cove Rd. crib-wall to make sure the fire did not cause any structural damage.

-Comments/Questions from Committee Members:

Darcie Harris asked if there were plans to have security cameras installed in the harbor, especially in the parking lots, where several cars have been broken into. Kelly Rinderknecht (DPHP/The Marina at Dana Point) responded by saying that there are no immediate plans to have cameras installed other than those at the dock gates (as each section is completed). Susan Lieb further indicated that DPHP are responsible for general security in the DPH and as such have a 2 person presence 24/7. One guard conducts a roving motorized patrol to various checkpoints and the second conducts a foot patrol in the commercial core areas that require a checklist of items to be completed before moving on to the next checkpoint. She emphasized however that any situation that requires law enforcement action is handled by the OC Sheriff's office, not the security guards, as they are not trained or equipped to do so.

Mike Frost asked Mr. Gagne to have his department quickly dispel concerns raised by some boaters over possible DPHP non-compliance in the construction of the marina slips with respect to the approved plans. Mr. Gagne clarified that the delay in response was not due to a lack of importance, but rather due to pressing priorities requiring immediate attention. CEO Real Estate will proceed with their review of the items presented and look to address applicable concerns with Marina staff in their planned meeting the week of July 15-19. CEO Real Estate will provide an update at the next committee session.

Diane Wenzel asked that the location status of the Outrigger Club needed to be addressed by DPHP and the county soon, as the subject club has been advised that they need to relocate to accommodate upcoming construction before the completion of the space planning study. It was relayed to the club members in attendance that the County (CEO Real Estate and OC Parks), IDS Group, and DPHP will be meeting the week of July 15-19 to discuss the construction timing (status of approved plans/permitting, relocation possibilities, etc.) to assist in getting that resolved for the club.

Bob Langan adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. after a motion, second and committee vote for adjournment passed.

Next meeting scheduled for 8/7/24.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. OPEN - Report back to the DPHOAC the city/county controlled Tideland marinas located in Newport Beach.
2. OPEN - DPHP to advise the committee of where the interest earned on waitlist deposits is credited and its uses.
3. CEO Real Estate to continue preparation to engage an outside consultant to conduct a market study/appraisal.
4. CEO Real Estate team to review boater concerns over possible slip construction non-compliance to the approved plans with DPHP and report to committee.
5. Resolution of storage needs for the Outrigger Club in advance of pending DPHP construction in their current storage area.