

San Mateo County Harbor District Board of Harbor Commissioners

"To assure the public is provided with clean, safe, well-managed, financially sound and environmentally pleasant marinas."

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2018 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

San Mateo County Harbor District Conference Room 504 Avenue Alhambra, Ste. 200 El Granada, CA 94018

A.) Roll Call – 6:30 PM

Commissioners Chang Kiraly, Larenas, Mattusch present. Commissioners Bernardo, Brennan absent

Commissioner Brennan arrived at 6:48 PM.

1.) TITLE <u>Johnson Pier: End of Pier Improvements</u> (McGrath/Moren)

Public Comment:

- **David Mallory** supports more comprehensive, organic approach so that all are satisfied.
- Lisa Damrosch changes to the infrastructure on which fisherman depend, requires a great deal of consideration and planning. Requests that industry members be consulted and allowed to participate in any process that affects the fleet.
- **Porter McHenry** thanked staff for the public process regarding H-Dock.
- William Smith comments regarding pilings and piers at H-Dock. Also wants to make sure that ADA is kept in consideration with work done on H-Dock.
- James Lee Han supports holistic, transparent approach and plan with lots of community input, that is not just fisherman.
- George Wailes disputes claim of the HMBSMA voted against the decision. Stated that the HMBSMA Board

may have voted, but that did not reflect the entire membership. Thirteen members signed in support of hoist. Part of planning shouldn't be taking away rights that have already been given.

Direction provided to staff to prioritize operational improvements at the end of the Johnson Pier.

2.) TITLE Three Captains Seafood Additional Hoist and Pending Application with California Coastal Commission for a Coastal Development Permit (McGrath)

Public Comment:

- Paul Lourenco supportive of public hoist. Suggest pedestrian walkway on pier.
- Larry Fortado noted that the public should be sure not go past the ice dock when on Johnson Pier. This has been a has been a six-year endeavor trying to get the hoist.
- **Porter McHenry** –not supportive of hoist; has safety concerns with adding an additional hoist.
- Duncan McLean comments regarding lack of infrastructure and improvements. Concerned with overall safety in industry of mariners.
- Steve Melz (text read byTodd Korth) –supports another hoist. Will speed the process of unloading.
- Todd Korth support additional hoist. Will help all fisherman be productive.
- Larry Fortado Jr supports new hoist. Safety concerns of pedestrians going past ice dock.
- **Tom Faulk** supports new hoist. Three Captains business has outgrown one hoist.
- James Lee Han sent letter of support, supporting HMBSMA letter to the Coastal Commission supporting the concerns laid out in the letter.
- Barry Day supports new hoist and upgrade. Must do repairs for public safety.
- Tyler Butler pier is too small. There are safety issues. Need a public walkway, cut off line. Supports new hoist.
- Dave Mallory not supportive of new hoist.
 Problematic location. More comprehensive look to

- benefit both Morning Star Fisheries and Three Captains Seafood.
- George Wailes- (President Chang Kiraly granted his request for 8 minutes to speak) – states that all of the fisherman who gave public comments, all support the hoist. Those that spoke against are competitors.
 Board should stand by commitment to for Three Captains to have an additional hoist.
- Lisa Damrosch position of the HMBSMA, its Board and members is to demand a public process before changes to infrastructure are made, on which they depend.
- Porter McHenry addressed that he is the President of the Half Moon Bay Seafood Marketing Association but has kept his work and the association business separate.

8:27 Recess 8:35 Resume

Motion: (Brennan/Mattusch) Approve Resolution No.18-02 (attached) rescinding prior approval and approving different hoist location

B.) Adjourn - 8:44 PM

Motion: (Brennan/Mattusch) Adjourn meeting.

All in favor.

Debbie Gehret

Deputy Secretary

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President

Resolution No. 18-02 of the San Mateo County Harbor District to

Take Actions Relative to the Rescission of the October 5, 2016 District Approval of Three Captains Hoist Location

Whereas, on March 13, 2013 the San Mateo County Harbor District (District) and Three Captains Sea Products (Three Captains) entered into a lease agreement for the purpose of operating a commercial fish buying business on the Johnson Pier; and

Whereas, the lease allows Three Captains to install a second winch and hoist at a location approved by the District, subject to all necessary permits and approvals; and

Whereas, at its meeting on October 5, 2016, the District approved Three Captains request for a second hoist at a specified location; and

Whereas, on February 8, 2018, the California Coastal Commission is scheduled to meet to consider Three Captains' application for a Coastal Development Permit for installation of said hoist; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners has received public testimony and makes the following Findings:

- 1. All tenant fish buyers have a right under their lease to a second hoist at a location approved by the District.
- 2. Three Captains has historically used a second hoist at the North West corner of Johnson Pier.
- 3. The District has prioritized a comprehensive planning approach to promoting safety and improvement of Johnson Pier, emphasizing the need for public input from all stakeholders.
- 4. Operations on Johnson Pier should be conducted in the public interest, with safety and equity for all stakeholders who use the Pier.
- 5. Insufficient information was presented at the October 5, 2016 meeting regarding the impact of Three Captains' additional hoist on other tenants' operation on Johnson Pier.
- 6. Safety on Johnson Pier is paramount. This Commission has not reviewed or approved Three Captains' proposed safety plan for use of an additional hoist without requiring relocation of District facilities, and the current permit application does not reflect a plan considered or approved by the Commission.

7. This Commission has received public comment and believes that the installation of any hoist on Johnson Pier must be based on a plan crafted by all stakeholders to maximize the safety and security of fish-buying operations on Johnson Pier and minimize risks to the fish buyers, their employees, and the public.

Whereas, based on the above Findings, the Board of Harbor Commissioners finds that the public is best served if the District rescinds its prior approval for location of the hoist as requested.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the San Mateo County Harbor District (Board) rescinds its October 5, 2016 approval of the Three Captains hoist location; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Board directs the General Manager to communicate to the Coastal Commission the action taken by way of this Resolution and authorizes the General Manager to attend the February 8, 2018 Coastal Commission meeting for that purpose; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Board directs the General Manager to work with Three Captains and all stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan, to be brought back to the Board for approval, for improvements to the Johnson Pier, including additional hoists consistent with all tenants' lease rights and consistent with the public interest in the best and safest operation of Johnson Pier. and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Board authorizes the General Manager to approve, until such time as a comprehensive plan is approved by the Board, a properly submitted application by Three Captains for a second hoist at the historical and previously used location at the northwest corner of Johnson Pier Terminus.

Approved this 5th day of February, 2018 at a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners by a recorded vote as follows:

For:

Mattusch, Larenas, Chang Kiraly, Brennan

Against:

None

Absent:

Bernardo

Abstention:

None

Debbie Gehret

Deputy Secretary

Virginia Chang-Kiraly

President