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November 3, 2005

TO: Small Craft Harbor Commission

FROM: Stan Wisniewski, Director Stan W.

SUBJECT: **COMMISSION AGENDA – NOVEMBER 9, 2005**

Enclosed is the November 9, 2005 meeting agenda, together with the minutes from your meetings of May 25, 2005, June 8, 2005, July 7, 2005, August 10, 2005 and October 12, 2005. There are no September minutes as there was no meeting during that month.

Also enclosed are reports related to Agenda Items 3a, 3b and 6a. Agenda Item 5a was placed on the agenda per Chairman Searcy's request at the October meeting that the Commission be given the opportunity to take a formal position on affordable housing at Parcel 20 (Capri Apartments). The Agenda Item 5b report is being finalized and will be transmitted on Monday, November 7.

Please feel free to call me at (310) 305-9522 if you have any questions or need additional information.

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AGENDA
NOVEMBER 9, 2005
9:30 a.m.

BURTON W. CHACE PARK COMMUNITY ROOM
13650 MINDANAO WAY
MARINA DEL REY, CA. 90292

1. Call to Order, Action on Absences and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes: **Meetings of May 25, 2005, June 8, 2005, July 7, 2005, August 10, 2005 and October 12, 2005

3. **REGULAR REPORTS** (DISCUSS REPORTS)

   a. Marina Sheriff
      - Crime Statistics
      - Enforcement of Seaworthy & Liveaboard Sections of the Harbor Ordinance

   b. Marina del Rey and Beach Special Events

   c. Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau (PRESENTATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MdR CVB)

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

   a. None

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

   a. Consideration of Resolution Concerning Affordable Housing at Parcel 20 (Capri Apartments) (ACTION REQUIRED)

   b. Exercise Options for the Early Termination of a Portion of Leasehold Parcel 44U (Pier 44) and all of 77W (77 Del Rey) – Marina del Rey (RECOMMEND TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)

****PLEASE NOTE**: The Commission did not have a September meeting

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6. **STAFF REPORTS** (DISCUSS REPORTS)

   a. Ongoing Activities

   - Board Actions on Items Relating to Marina del Rey
   - Design Control Board Minutes
   - Local Coastal Plan Update

7. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Small Craft Harbor Commission
Special Meeting
May 25, 2005
Minutes

Commissioners Present	Excused
Harley Searcy, Chairman Joe Crail Russ Lesser	Vice-Chairperson Stevens

Department of Beaches & Harbors:	Stan Wisniewski, Director Roger Moliere, Deputy Director, Asset Mgmt & Planning Bureau Julie Carpenter, Planning Division Dusty Crane, Chief, Community Services & Marketing Division
Other County Departments:	Thomas Faughnan, Principal Deputy County Counsel Lt. Greg Nelson, Sheriff's Department Deputy Paul Carvalho, Sheriff's Department

1. CALL TO ORDER, ACTION ON ABSENCES AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Searcy called the meeting of the Los Angeles County Small Craft Harbor Commission to order at 2:07 p.m. in the Burton W. Chace Park Community Room, Marina del Rey.

Commissioner Lesser moved and Commissioner Crail seconded a motion to excuse Vice-Chairperson Stevens from the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Commissioners, staff and members of the public stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lesser moved and Commissioner Crail seconded a motion to approve the March 9, 2005 minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lesser was the only Commission member in attendance who also attended the April meeting; however, Mr. Thomas Faughnan said that the Commission could proceed with a motion on the minutes since the April meeting lacked a quorum, didn't have action items and Commissioner Lesser could verify their accuracy.

Commissioner Lesser moved and Chairman Searcy seconded a motion to approve the April 13, 2005 minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Donald Klein, president, Coalition to Save the Marina, referred to page 8 of the April 13 minutes in which Commissioner Lesser explained that the Commission might be prohibited from commenting about the Archstone tenants' allegations because of pending litigation against Archstone and the County. Mr. Klein questioned why the Commission could not comment since the tenants who attended the April meeting are not involved in the lawsuits filed against the County. He believes that the tenants have a right to voice their concerns and receive a response and action.

Mr. Faughnan explained that the Commission was advised not to respond to the Archstone tenants' comments because of pending litigation relating to Archstone in which the County is named as a

defendant. He emphasized that this doesn't mean the Commission didn't listen to the tenants' concerns. The Commission did in fact listen and staff will take appropriate action.

Mr. Klein said that it appears the matter was referred to Archstone for action when it is the duty and responsibility of Beaches and Harbors to address the tenants' concerns. He mentioned that he spoke to tenants who indicated that the Department hadn't responded to their concerns.

Mr. Wisniewski said that those tenants who are concerned about the Department's lack of response should send a letter to him and he would ensure that staff responds.

Ms. Andrus commented that, although she is not an Archstone tenant or member of Coalition to Save the Marina, she is a community member who is concerned that the Department is not addressing Archstone-related issues in a public forum.

Chairman Searcy clarified that the Archstone tenants are welcome to attend the meetings and address the Commission with their comments/concerns; however, the Commission cannot respond to the comments/concerns, but would refer them to staff for further action.

After Ms. Andrus said that she still didn't understand why the Commission could not comment on the tenants' allegations, Chairman Searcy informed her that, in the interest of time, he was proceeding to the next agenda item; however, staff could further discuss the matter with Ms. Andrus after the meeting if needed.

3. REGULAR REPORTS

a. Marina Sheriff

-- *Crime Statistics*

Lt. Nelson reported a slight decrease in crime in the Marina area. There is continued concern regarding thefts that are occurring on the west side. Recently, Mariners Village has been hit very hard, with 5 or 6 burglaries every weekend. He commented that the crimes are primarily those of opportunity, with laptop computers, cameras, cell phones, etc., being left on car seats and he reminded the meeting attendees to not risk leaving such items in their cars.

Lt. Nelson referred to the flyer he distributed publicizing the MdR Sheriff station's June 4, 2005 open house. He encouraged everyone to attend the event, which is scheduled from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Lesser commented that grand theft stood out in the statistics. He asked whether they are primarily car thefts. Lt. Nelson responded that the thefts are mainly from cars in the sub parking area, primarily at Mariners Village.

Chairman Searcy asked whether grand theft involves items worth $500 or more. Lt. Nelson responded that it depends. He explained that anything taken from a person is considered grand theft, whether its two cents or $1,000. Generally, if it is money, the amount is $400 or above for certain items. The penal code breaks grand theft down to a number of categories.

Lt. Nelson also reported that Beaches and Harbors has worked diligently with the federal government on the shoaling problem at the channel entrance and the Sheriff's Department has deployed more buoys by the north entrance; however, there is still a concern because the shoaling continues. There is talk of locating 185' vessels over to the fuel dock due to redevelopment and he is concerned about these conditions.

-- *Enforcement of Seaworthy & Liveaboard Sections of the Harbor Ordinance*

Deputy Carvalho said that, as reported last month, the number of Notices to Comply and citations issued would probably not change for a couple of months.

Deputy Carvalho shared good news that the Board of Supervisors recently approved the master agreement for disposal of the impounded vessels. The Department should be able to begin the disposals in a week or two once all the signatures are obtained on the agreement. Once the Department begins disposing the vessels, the Department will resume its program of randomly inspecting docks for unseaworthy vessels.

-- *Pedestrian/Bike/Vehicle Accidents*

Lt. Nelson informed the Commission that the California Highway Patrol (CHP) was scheduled to provide the accident report, however, the representative hadn't arrived.

Since it appeared the CHP would not be able to attend the meeting, Chairman Searcy requested that Lt. Nelson arrange for a representative to attend the June 8 meeting. If a representative is unavailable, Chairman Searcy requested Lt. Nelson to obtain a written report instead. The June report would be considered the first of the quarterly accident reports.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Andrus expressed appreciation to the Commission for including the quarterly accident report on the agenda. Ms. Andrus suggested that the Commission also obtain a traffic count.

Further, Ms. Andrus informed the Commission that she spoke to Mr. Winters, L.A. County's Asst. Deputy Director, Dept. of Public Works' Traffic & Lighting District, and he told Ms. Andrus that his office would contact Beaches and Harbors and the Marina City Club to discuss the installation of a traffic light in the Marina City Club area.

Mr. Wisniewski commented that the Department has not received any information concerning the traffic light installation. Chairman Searcy assured Ms. Andrus that the Commission would share any information it receives on the matter.

Ms. Andrus requested the name of the master agreement that Deputy Carvalho mentioned in his report. She also requested a copy of it. Deputy Carvalho responded that the document is titled, "Master Agreement for the Disposal of Abandoned and Impounded Vessels."

Mr. Faughnan informed Ms. Andrus that the agreement was not developed by Beaches and Harbors and was not presented before the Commission; however, members of the public can obtain it through the Board of Supervisors' Executive Office.

Relative to the Sheriff Department's random inspection of seaworthy vessels, Mr. Klein commented that, according to the new restated leases, as of 2003, the County is supposed to make seaworthy inspections of all vessels in the Marina three times per year. He questioned why this hasn't been done.

Mr. Wisniewski suggested that Mr. Klein speak to Mr. Moliere about the lease enforcement provision. The Department would coordinate its response with the Sheriff's Department.

b. Marina del Rey and Beach Special Events

Mr. Wisniewski reported that the MdR Water Shuttle would begin May 27 and extend through the month of September 25. The service will operate on a regular schedule, which is Friday through Sunday. However, during the month of June, the shuttle will operate as an on-call taxi service since there hasn't been much ridership in the past during the month of June.

He commented that changing from full-time to an on-call service in June results in cost-savings that will enable the Department to fund the September full-time service. There is no net change in the contract cost and the Department believes it will be a better service for the public.

Mr. Wisniewski encouraged everyone to obtain a copy of the special events report placed on the public information table.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP) Time and Information Summary

Mr. Wisniewski informed Commission members that, per its request, the summary includes an LCP chronology and list of materials given to California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff

Mr. Wisniewski said that, as he understands it, the CCC staff plans to provide its final report at the June 7, 2005 Coastal Commission hearing in San Pedro. When the report is available, the Department will provide the Small Craft Harbor Commission with copies.

Mr. Wisniewski noted that the date changed for the CCC's final report. He explained that when the CCC staff held its meeting in the Marina, staff indicated that it would hold a public hearing on the periodic review in June and the final report would be scheduled for consideration in the fall 2005. However, when a copy of the draft report was given to Department staff as a courtesy, CCC staff indicated its intent to present its final report at the June hearing. The CCC might also take final action at the June hearing.

Commissioner Lesser asked Mr. Wisniewski to explain what he meant by "final action." Mr. Wisniewski responded that the periodic report has a series of recommendations that must be approved by the CCC. The recommendations will be calendared for consideration on June 7. While the Department's staff has read the recommendations and discussed them with CCC staff, the Department does not know what is contained in the final report.

Chairman Searcy encouraged members of the public, particularly those who have expressed an interest in the Local Coastal Plan and the CCC public workshops, to attend the June 7 hearing, where they will have an opportunity to provide input.

Commissioner Lesser and Chairman Searcy commended staff on the LCP Timeline and Summary and encouraged meeting attendees to obtain a copy at the public information table.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Marina Beach Strategic Plan

Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commission that the Department hired the urban planning firm of RRM Design to develop a strategic plan for Marina Beach. He introduced Mr. T. Keith Gurnee, urban design consultant, who attended the meeting to discuss the plan.

Mr. Wisniewski said that a number of development projects surround Marina Beach. The beach is identified as one of the two catalytic project areas in the Marina Del Rey Asset Management Strategy,

which was approved by the Board in 1997. The Department has a strong desire to construct a public promenade in the area and enhance public facilities at Marina Beach. This is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that there's a coordinated development effort at Marina Beach as well as the development occurring adjacent to Marina Beach.

Mr. Wisniewski said that Mr. Gurnee was given the scope to conduct stakeholder interviews, which he has done. Mr. Gurnee also is making presentations before the DCB, Beach Commission and at the Small Craft Harbor Commission to make the public aware of the planning effort and to solicit Commission and public input.

Mr. Gurnee, Principal, RRM Design Group, informed the Commission:

> RRM Design Group is a full service planning, landscape architecture, urban design architecture and civil engineering firm that specializes in waterfront urban design and park and recreation facilities. I am the leader of our company's waterfront group for the West Coast. We're very pleased to be here today at the start of this planning effort to come up with a plan of public improvements that will be cohesive and comprehensible to the future users of Marina Beach.
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> The scope of our work is somewhat limited at the outset. We've been asked to come up with a couple of alternative approaches to making improvements to the public realm. The public realm would include the Marina Beach itself, the waterfront promenade, the facilities that support the user groups that use Marina Beach as well as the pedestrian environment along the road network that serves the area, particularly Admiralty Way and Via Marina. We are in the process of trying to program how to approach two contrasting ideas of how to do that.
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> One of the other charges is also...to make recommendations to better integrate the development projects with the public improvements rather than turning their back on them or shutting themselves off from them, how can they be integrated to create maximum synergy for what is happening at this beach.
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> We conducted a battery of key stakeholder interviews. During one set, we met with the lessees of the lease sites that frame Marina Beach. We met with various representatives and staff from the Department of Beaches and Harbors. We met with a variety of user groups as well as Commissioner Lesser...we interviewed a member of the Beach Commission. We interviewed all of the various boating interests that use Marina Beach, Convention and Visitors Bureau, a lot of different and diverse people.
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> We got a sense of the issues that we're going to have to address in developing the recommendations for these alternatives. At the top of the list of those issues is concern about water quality. We know the Department is working very hard to address this issue. It's just important for everyone to realize that that is a constant refrain on the part of people we interviewed. Another concern is making sure that there is adequate public parking to serve Marina Beach, that it is accessible and that it remains affordable as it does today.
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> There's a lot of competition for Marina Beach. Many user groups cover a piece of this beach to support their activities. We're meeting with the rowing club, the Fairwind Yacht Club, the kayakers, the Outriggers, all requesting some facilities to better support what they do at Marina Beach, as well as the need for relocating picnic structures, resolving the design of the waterfront promenade, addressing the issue of improving the playground facilities, all of the facilities on Marina Beach.

There's also a need cited among the people we interviewed to improve the pedestrian environment out on Admiralty Way and provide greater connection between the street to the waterfront promenade and the need to better integrate leasehold development with the promenade.

We're in the process...of programming the two alternative approaches. Our calendar is to try to come back with a couple of alternative concepts for different ways of treating the various features being thought of here. We hope to be able to return to staff and ultimately, the Design Control Board, in late June or early July of this year.

Chairman Searcy thanked Mr. Gurnee for his information and wished him success in his planning efforts.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Andrus expressed her belief that the urbanizing of Marina Beach has not been legitimized. She said that the Marina is supposed to be recreational rather than urban and this should be the prime factor when considering any development plans for Marina Beach.

Ms. Andrus said that Mr. Gurnee didn't mention speaking to bicyclists and other groups during his stakeholder interviews. Also, it's important for buildings to remain at two stories and no higher.

Further, Ms. Andrus said that Casa Escobar has a large noise level and people can always hear the music from outside the restaurant, which is not good for the boating community or area residents.

b. Consent to Assignment of Leasehold Interest and Amendment to Lease - Parcel 33R (Harbor House) – Marina del Rey

Chairman Searcy noted that this item would not be discussed and would be placed on a future agenda.

c. Approval of Second Amendment to Option Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions for Lease Nos. 6734 and 11140 – Parcels 44U (Pier 44) and 77W (77 Del Rey)

Mr. Moliere reported that several years ago the County received an option to reaquire certain of the property that is adjacent to the current Chace Park boundary. The intent was to provide further facilities and expand the park. The Second Amendment to Option Agreement is the second continuation and second amendment to the first agreement, which extends the time at which the County may exercise its option to pick up the property. The extension is being granted to the County at no additional cost and the price remains the same as in the original agreement. The extension is needed both by the lessee, who is planning the adjacent development, and the County to continue and complete its planning of the expanded Chace Park area.

The amendment is fairly straight forward in that the lessee is granting the County an additional two years to pick up the landside to exercise its option and an additional six months to pick up the waterside. Relative to the waterside, the Department is in consultation and negotiation with the Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club and there is some possibility that the area might be suitable for the yacht club to move its facilities thus freeing more space in Chace Park.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Donald Klein, president, Coalition to Save the Marina, expressed the Coalition's opposition to the Second Amendment to Option Agreement because the agreement is not consistent with the Land Use Plan.

There was discussion as to whether, according to Robert's Rules of Order, it is correct to make a motion prior to hearing public comment. Chairman Searcy and Commissioner Lesser expressed their preference to first hear public comment since it would afford them the opportunity to receive information they might not have previously known or considered.

Mr. Faughnan informed the Commission that he would research the matter and report at the June meeting.

Commissioner Crail made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Lesser to endorse the Director's recommendation to approve the second amendment to option agreement and joint escrow instructions for lease nos. 6734 and 11140 – Parcel 44U (Pier44) and 77W (Del Rey) – Marina del Rey. The motion was passed unanimously.

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. Ongoing Activities Report

- Board of Supervisors Actions on Items Relating to Marina del Rey

Mr. Wisniewski reported that on May 17, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance to extend the Small Craft Harbor Commission's sunset review date to December 31, 2009.

He also reported that on May 10, the Board of Supervisors approved the amendment to contract with Pacific Adventure Cruises, which provides the Marina's water shuttle service.

- Design Control Board (DCB) Minutes

Mr. Wisniewski stated that the April 21, 2005 minutes were included in the packets mailed to the Commission.

- Response to Public Inquiries

-- North Jetty Walkway

Mr. Wisniewski reported that this item responds to a member of the public who expressed concern about sand accumulating on the north jetty's asphalt walkway. The member of the public also commented about the jetty's design. Mr. Wisniewski said that, to help mitigate the sand problem, staff extended the sand fence beyond the point where sand accumulates. As for the design, he commented that the jetty is asphalted and surrounded by railing. More information would be needed in order to address the person's design concern.

-- Sunset Review

Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commission that the sunset review item is included in the report in response to a member of the public who requested the information at the April meeting.

Mr. Wisniewski commented that members of the public with concerns about the sunset review process have the opportunity to address the Board of Supervisors when it considers the Audit Committee's recommendation to continue or disband a particular Commission.

He offered to provide additional information, if needed, to the member of the public who addressed the Commission on the matter.

Mr. Wisniewski mentioned that the Design Control Board is incorporated as a required body into the Local Coastal Plan for Marina del Rey. Since the DCB is required, staff has recommended to the Executive Office that the DCB sunset reviews be discontinued.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Andrus identified herself as the member of the public who addressed the Commission in April regarding the sunset review process. She said that the "sunset review evaluation is a review that evaluates the performance, objectives of all Los Angeles County commissions, committees and task force, as recommended by the L.A. County Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission." She requested contact information for the Economy and Efficiency Commission.

Ms. Andrus commented that the sunset review is currently being shortchanged in what it should be able to achieve. She added that its objectives should be very clear; otherwise, everyone is wasting their time and the Department is redirecting the public mandate.

Further, Ms. Andrus said that she is sure that when the Economy and Efficiency Commission recommended the sunset review it had more in mind than just determining whether a commission should continue or be disbanded. The minutes, proper procedures, etc. should be examined. There are issues other than whether or not a commission should exist.

Mr. Wisniewski commented that the Audit Committee considers a fairly involved evaluation before making any recommendations to the Board. Mr. Wisniewski suggested that Ms. Andrus contact Mr. Moliere so that he could provide her the name of the Executive Director for the Economy and Efficiency Commission as well as the name of the Audit Committee coordinator who is responsible for the sunset reviews.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Jonathan Balfus informed the Commission that he is an attorney for floating home resident Robert Weinmeyer, who is being evicted by the management company, G&K Management. Mr. Balfus said that he spoke briefly to Mr. Faughnan about the circumstances of the eviction, but he also wanted to bring the issue to the Commission's attention since it's foreseeable that there would be future problems of this nature.

Mr. Balfus gave the following testimony:

> There's a fundamental conflict between the County's ordinances regarding floating homes of the sort that Mr. Weinmeyer resides in and the state regulations. I don't know the position of all of the different management companies, but I do know the position of Mr. Weinmeyer's landlord is that the state controls, he will be evicted and he does not have any other recourse.
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> There are a number of different avenues to address this problem in the courts between Mr. Weinmeyer and his management company, but it's important that the County know about the issue because the foreseeable result of this problem will be a rash of lawsuits, some of which may involve the County as a defendant, some of which may not.
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> I don't want to threaten anything...I don't want to give ultimatums, but this is a very serious problem. There is no official position yet from the County. Mr. Faughnan has been kind enough to take a look at the issue and has his staff examining it, and

advised that he may be able to give a formal position, but in the absence of one, there isn't any guidance. There's a problem within the state of the law here with respect to the residents. I don't think the County yet has addressed it.

I wanted to bring that issue to reaffirm that the dialogue is open, at least on behalf of Mr. Weinmeyer and other people who are similarly situated to avoid lengthy litigation, which nobody wants. To the extent that the Commission has any particular questions about the discrepancy I'm talking about, what this issue is, I'm happy to do that now.

Mr. Faughnan knows how to get in touch with me and I would be happy to make myself available to help resolve this issue before it blows up into the litigation that is foreseeable.

Mr. Faughnan affirmed that he discussed the issue with Mr. Balfus and relayed the concerns to Department staff, which will review the matter and contact the lessee to determine the best course of action.

Chairman Searcy requested that in addition to following up with Mr. Balfus, Mr. Faughnan should also keep the Commission informed on the matter.

Mr. Balfus offered to prepare a letter on behalf of Mr. Weinmeyer regarding what they believe to be the discrepancy. Mr. Balfus said he would like to do whatever is necessary to advance the cause. Chairman Searcy said that the Commission welcomes his efforts, however, he suggested that Mr. Balfus coordinate with Mr. Faughnan, who will keep the Commission apprised.

Mr. Gerry Purcell, floating homeowner, said:

I have two points that I'd like to see addressed. One is the fact that if the Marina is going to renovate the slips, could the County make provision, because we are really trapped with these floating homes. There is no one in the Marina, in the state, that would take them. They actually have to come apart and be destroyed basically.

Could the County negotiate with the lessees so that they would provide, even though they may not want to, or have it in their plan, a suitable slip so that those dependent floating homes...could reside in that marina and pay the nominal rate that is probably gonna be increased?

The second [point] is, when this ordinance was put together in 1995, it stated there was a10-year period in which the owners who registered their boats at that time would be able to repeatedly sell them to subsequent purchasers. As a broker, I've experienced the difficulty in selling these vessels and the reluctance of the public because they felt that this was a poor investment.

Now, we've got three or four months left until September 5, which was the original date to put in terms of the resale of the vessels. If they were sold after that date, there would be fines and also the possibility that it might have to go if the people couldn't pay the fines. I would like to see that as a dispensation, as a sympathetic consideration because there is nothing that these floating homes can do.

There's 50, 60...of them. I'm not officially speaking for them, but I know that they all would want me to ask you if you could do something in terms of amending this lease to allow these homes to be repeatedly sold without changing any of the regulation other than the first one that I addressed....

We have no place to go. We all signed this under duress because we had no power. At the time, we didn't have an attorney. We weren't negotiating. It was a Pioneers Skippers Association that was put together with David Baker, he was an attorney. We were all under equipped to negotiate and we had the floating homes. We could not do anything about it. We signed it. We had hoped it would get changed over the last ten years and it hasn't.

This is a very important issue. People are not buying these boats. Some of them have tried donating them. People who are donated to can't get rid of them. Several of them have been crushed. I've witnessed it. I'd like to see the County please address it. County Counsel may be going by just what the law was, but I'm looking for some sympathy here for these people because we've got nothing to lose but our money and that's where we live.

On the issue of the state not allowing the County to mandate this unseaworthiness ordinance, I wish to get some response on that from the County in writing as to why they think they could have put that together in the first place. Again, we were not legally sophisticated and we signed it. Does that remove our legal rights in doing so?

Mr. Faughnan said that Mr. Purcell has raised broader issues regarding the seaworthiness ordinance and floating home ordinance, which were adopted ten years ago and which provided floating homes an exemption from the requirements of the seaworthiness ordinance. After ten years, they will have to comply with the seaworthiness ordinance if they are sold. Mr. Faughnan believes if the floating home remains with the original owner, the owner is exempt from the seaworthiness ordinance.

Mr. Wisniewski said that he was at the Department during the time the ordinance was developed and its intent at the time was to prevent the proliferation of floating homes that would displace recreational boats from boat slips in the Marina. The floating homes are not recreational boats. Years ago there were a large number of floating homes being built and people began occupying them. The Department proceeded with the ordinance in recognition of the fact that approximately 50–60 of the floating homes had already received status in the Marina and it didn't seem reasonable that they be evicted at that time.

Mr. Wisniewski said that the ordinance provided for a grandfathering in and that within ten years a person could sell his/her floating home and be allowed to remain in the Marina assuming the lessee allowed the person to remain as a tenant at the anchorage.

Further, Mr. Wisniewski said that there is no requirement for the lessee to allow the floating homeowner to remain; however, the floating homeowner cannot be evicted for failure to comply with the seaworthy ordinance. After ten years, if there is a change of ownership, the floating home would have to leave Marina del Rey. He said that staff would provide a report on the issue to the Commission.

Chairman Searcy commented that if he was a floating homeowner and he had to relocate because of a dock's redevelopment, he would like to think there was a mechanism in place to allow him to return once the docks are completed. He asked whether the lessees allow tenants to return after a dock is completed.

Mr. Wisniewski responded that the lessees make their best effort to phase the development so that they keep tenants since empty docks aren't profitable. However, the Department would look into the issue of mandating that a lessee keep a floating homeowner during the redevelopment process. Staff would report back to the Commission.

Chairman Searcy noted that one benefit of retaining a floating home tenant is that the tenant can be another set of eyes and ears at the dock and keep theft and other crime down. Also, the lessee could charge higher rates for the liveaboards.

Mr. Wisniewski commented that a tenant could live on a recreational vessel rather than a floating home and provide the same security benefit to the lessee. A floating home has the disadvantage of not being a recreational vessel. That is the reason there was an effort ten years ago to stop the proliferation of floating homes. The Department felt they would displace recreational boaters. He said that this information would be included in the staff report to the Commission.

Commissioner Lesser commented that he doesn't think the floating homes are the greatest thing in the Marina since the Marina is a recreational harbor, however, he doesn't think it's fair to create a major hardship on the floating homeowners. A way of accommodating them through the useful life of their vessels should be explored. Chairman Searcy agreed and commented that something should be done since it's a finite problem that probably won't get bigger.

Commissioner Crail commented that he also was around when the ordinance was developed and he confirmed Mr. Wisniewski's background on the issue. Commissioner Crail pointed out that at the time most of the boaters did not like the floating homes because of their unattractive appearance; allowing them to remain was more or less doing the floating homeowners a favor.

Mr. David Lumian, Fairwinds Yacht Club, invited attendees to the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs' all-day sailing safety seminar on Saturday, July 16 at West Marine on Fiji Way. The seminar was planned in response to accidents that took place several weeks ago in which people fell overboard during a race. He requested the Commission's assistance in publicizing the function.

Mr. Wisniewski asked Mr. Lumian to speak with Mr. Moliere after the meeting so that staff could post the seminar on the Department's website.

Mr. Wisniewski encouraged representatives of boating organizations that are planning similar events to contact the Department so that the events can be included in the Department's Special Events Report, which is seen by the Argonaut and the Dinghy.

Dr. Stuart Hoffman, five-year liveaboard tenant, informed the Commission:

> When I first came on, the company said, 'we're going to be building new slips and we want to facilitate your move, so here's the list, get on it...' Then a new management company came in and said, 'That list doesn't matter anymore. Do the best you can. We have a committee that will process your application.'
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> I call every marina every Friday that's on the list. There are no slips available. I've called Ventura, Oxnard, Long Beach, San Pedro and I don't really know what to do. I don't have anywhere to go. I am a recreational boater. I do go boating. I do have a dinghy that I use and my boat's not ugly, so that's what's happening with me. I don't know what to do.
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> The only recourse is...legal. That's painful to me as doing anything else. Just a week ago, the dockmaster came on...my boat and said, 'you have one hour to move your cars or I'm gonna seize your boat unless you come down and pay $70.00 a day to stay here.'
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> They evicted me from the spot and then they said, 'you can stay here anyway if you pay us' this extortion of $2100 a month. There are threats all the time...I pay my rent on time, not only that, before time, it's always early. I don't have any loud parties and I'm a very, very good tenant. I've saved the dock actually twice when trash cans got

> caught underneath it and I happened to be there cause I live there and I removed them, otherwise it would have thrown the dock off the hooks that they're on.

Mr. Wisniewski requested that Dr. Hoffman provide his comments in writing and staff would give the lessee a copy.

Dr. Hoffman informed the Commission and staff that Mr. David Naftalin has already detailed Dr. Hoffman's plight in a letter that was sent to Mr. Wisniewski and the Commission.

Mr. Wisniewski commented that staff probably referred the letter to the lessee and a copy of the response would be provided to the Commission at the June meeting.

Ms. Andrus commented that the Commission should keep in mind that yachts are not recreational boats, but it appears that accommodations are being made for them.

Ms. Andrus read her letter [Attachment A] addressed to the Commission concerning conditional permits for development of low and moderate-income housing.

In response to Ms. Andrus, Mr. Moliere explained that the Mello Act mandates that there be affordable housing but does not mandate a certain percentage in new housing located in the coastal zone. In response to the act, the County adopted an affordable housing policy several years ago mandating that in new construction a certain percentage of units must be low income as defined by the state statute. There's also a provision that allows there to be a showing of infeasibility and, if that is shown, the units would not be built because the return would not justify their construction. In such cases, there is an alternative in-lieu fee that could be paid to the Community Development Commission, which can use the funds to construct low-income housing in other venues where it is a lot easier to construct.

Further, Mr. Moliere said that Parcel 20's application pre-dated the adoption of the County's formal affordable housing policy and the parcel's low-income housing requirement was satisfied by its permit that was issued by the Regional Planning Commission. Parcel 20 has allocated 10% of its units for senior citizen affordable housing and Parcel 20's low-income requirement is satisfied by this allocation. Mr. Moliere said that he would verify this information since he hasn't reviewed the material for some time.

Mr. David Naftalin said:

> I outlined in my letter why the liveaboards are a particularly vulnerable group. I think the timeline is important here because Mr. Hoffman, for example, is looking at his present period expiring this Friday.
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> If Mr. Hoffman is evicted, he cannot wait until next fall or next spring to find out if he's going to be admitted to get a slip. He will, in the meantime, just lose his boat because it doesn't have any value except to him really under the circumstances. If he had a lot longer to sell it, he can find someway to do it but as it is, the County is really counting on saying...an inverse condemnation when he loses his property by being evicted.
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> There's a real precedent here in the other apartments. I'm very encouraged by some of the things I've heard from you folks and I really hope that there would be some analysis by the Department and by Mr. Faughnan to find out if, in fact, the County is going to support the lessees, the particular anchorages that just want to say we need the complete free right to deal. We've got liveaboards. If they can wait six months, they can come back in, otherwise, they're just out.

As you said, it is a finite group.

Commissioner Lesser asked whether Mr. Naftalin was referring to liveaboards or floating homes. Mr. Naftalin responded that he meant legal liveaboards under the County ordinance. The question of floating homes under the County act vs. floating homes under the state law is something he is not getting into.

Mr. Naftalin clarified that he is referring to the finite discreet group of people who live in the Marina and have chosen this lifestyle, such as Dr. Hoffman.

Mr. Naftalin continued his testimony:

> I think that there should be a moratorium on evictions informally suggested by your Commission prior to the next meeting...I think it would foreshorten a lot of unhappy floundering and scrambling by these poor people. I'm trying to express, and I think Dr. Hoffman was trying to express the radical change of lifestyle that's required when they say, 'you've been a floating home tenant, yes, a legal liveaboard, but no more.'
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> It's not like a landside tenant where they say, 'yeah, I gotta get a new apartment.' It's much worse than that...what I'm hoping is that you guys look into this and also in the meantime...I would propose that you guys adopt a resolution urging the various anchorages that are displacing liveaboards to not do so pending the results of your analysis of the situation.

Mr. Darrell Steffey, floating homeowner, gave the following testimony:

> I understand that when the ordinance was adopted there was a concern about the whole Marina turning into a floating home community. I think, on the other hand, if I may use the word audacity, to suggest after 10 years that the floating homeowners have written off their investment and therefore if they sell it, it has to be taken out, well obviously it's pretty hard to sell it if the new owner has to take it out and has no place to put it.
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> These aren't cracker box type things. If any of you gentlemen want to see what floating homes look like, I invite you over to see mine. They're like little condos on the water. They are recreational...vessels. They are (at least the one I own, I actually own two, I'm trying to sell one now) is actually built to Coast Guard specifications.
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> They are recreational. They are registered as houseboats with the DMV. Most of the people live on them, including myself, have other boats that we cruise around the Marina...and go out sailing or motor boating. We do enjoy the Marina.
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> They're like little condos on the water. They're not cracker boxes. I guess ugliness is into the eye of the beholder. I don't consider it ugly. Some people may. These things are valued at $150,000-$300,000 probably on the market, at least today. If this ordinance holds true, the value of them will probably go to zero.
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> The sale of my...other one, if I don't sell it by the fall, supposedly it has to be taken out of the Marina and the funds from that are targeted for basically a lot of my retirement. I feel somewhat ostracized by that situation.
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> There ought to be some sort of a fair and equitable solution where everybody wins. I can understand that nobody wants anymore floating homes in the Marina maybe, but the ones that are here ought to be able to stay as long as their vessels are up-to-

snuff and meet all of the specifications.... I would urge everyone to look at coming up with a reasonable solution to the problem because it's my understanding that this ordinance that was passed...was actually against state law and therefore may be invalid anyway.

I think we all want to cooperate with the County to come up with a reasonable solution.

Ms. Patricia Raye recounted a recent incident that led to Mr. Jose Mata, Chace Park manager, taking a restraining order against Ms. Raye's friend, Johnny Lucero. Ms. Raye opposes the restraining order and she expressed her belief that Mr. Mata unfairly treats some of the transient dock/park visitors.

Mr. Wisniewski expressed his support of Mr. Mata and commented that Mr. Mata is a staff member who has distinguished himself by the services he has provided to Los Angeles County citizens.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Searcy adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Minor
Commission Secretary

To: Small Craft Harbor Commission. May, 25 05
From: Carla Andrus
Subject: Conditional permits for development low, moderate income housing.

In the early part of May, a few of the tenants asked if I knew when construction would be finished at Parcel 20. They had become construction weary as you might imagine. The dust and the dirt coving their boats and no explanation for construction delays or signage for a new completion date. The old sign indicated Nov 04 as the finish and its now a half a year later. It is important to up date the tenants on construction delays; this should be part of the process and requirements of building permits for all developments.

Another tenant asked about the low, moderate-income housing. I recall it was State mandated that 10% of development be set aside for low- moderate income. Parcel 20, the new 99 units has a conditional permit for development and agreed to these conditions.

As it happened I saw Mr. Sherman Gardner, driving down Panay Way, close to his opening day. I flagged him down, and asked if those interested in the section eight housing should be refereed to his office in Culver City. He said that Mr. Horia would be the person to contact. So I went to the leasing office, Mr. Horia was not the proper reference, but Rhonda Harvey, the leasing consultant who over heard my inquirers volunteered that the developer had no intention of renting to low moderate income. She replied that it was highly doubtful. These units can be rented for 2,100 upward to 4,400 a month. She further told me that at, most two units would be available She had no application for such arrangements and told me, in an honest way that I was wasting my time. Mrs. Harvey gave me an application, at my request.

Since then I called Sam Day at Regional Planning. Mr. Day said that it was the policy of the BOS and Coastal commission that

mandated low-moderate income units. He also suggested that these promised or mandated units could be farmed out.

This is so completely disenguinious and outrageous. As I recall it Mr. Lesser thought it was unfair to impose this subsidy onto the developer. But I would argue one, they are given car trips for this arrangement has an incentive. Two it was limited to 20 years. And the most outrageous thing is that it is indeed the public that is subsidizing the developers.

First off this was voted to be a Small Craft Harbor, and recreation for the benefit of the public Not a prime real-estate deal for the county. No where, is this land use intended to be entitlement to the wealthy because it's on the coast. If the county insist on overdeveloping and urbanizing this 400 acres it should do so by serving the demographics of the county. Which by the way has a great shortage of affordable housing. If you represent the needs of the county the market value would not be for the entitled. But the county wants it both ways and is enforcing its agenda with an illegal Asset Management Plan that redirects public mandate for the revenue that they smell. All at a great loss to the public benefit and value. Its just away to bring in extra tax dollars, to a county so dysfunctional with money that they can not even keep hospitals open, let alone the other functions of government and serves' they are charged with. In fact if we could grade the county on it fiscal responsibity It would be a fat F. ~~[illegible] most two units would be available~~

Carla Andrus
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Small Craft Harbor Commission
June 8, 2005
Minutes

Commissioners Present	Excused
Harley Searcy, Chairman Russ Lesser	Vice-Chairperson Carole Stevens Joe Crail

Department of Beaches & Harbors:	Stan Wisniewski, Director Roger Moliere, Deputy Director, Asset Mgmt & Planning Bureau Julie Carpenter, Planning Division Dusty Crane, Chief, Community Services & Marketing Division
Other County Departments:	Thomas Faughnan, Principal Deputy County Counsel Lt. Greg Nelson, Sheriff's Department Deputy Paul Carvalho, Sheriff's Department
Also Present:	Beverly Moore, Executive Director, MdR Convention & Visitors Bureau

1. CALL TO ORDER, ACTION ON ABSENCES AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Searcy called the meeting of the Los Angeles County Small Craft Harbor Commission to order at 9:50 a.m. in the Burton W. Chace Park Community Room, Marina del Rey.

The Commissioners, staff and members of the public stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Since the Commission lacked a quorum, no action was taken on absences.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to lack of a quorum, the Commission did not take action on the May 25, 2005 minutes and Chairman Searcy proceeded to Agenda Item 3.

3. REGULAR REPORTS

a. Marina Sheriff

-- *Crime Statistics*

Lt. Greg Nelson reported a continued upsurge of vehicle burglaries at apartments on the Marina's west side. The Department has made a few arrests and hopes to resolve the problem soon.

Lt. Nelson also reported that a few boats anchored at the Marina's south entrance went aground at Dockweiler Beach. The Sheriff's Department is increasing its enforcement to ensure that boaters are lawfully anchored and possess the appropriate license.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Carla Andrus referenced, and submitted for the record, a letter she received from the Department of Public Works (DPW), which indicates that DPW's study of the intersection of the Marina City Club's main driveway and Admiralty Way revealed that traffic circulation could be enhanced by the installation of a traffic signal. The letter also states that DPW staff would share its findings with the Department of Beaches and Harbors. Chairman Searcy requested staff to report to the Commission after this information is received.

Ms. Andrus also reiterated her request from the May meeting that the Commission request a traffic count on a regular basis. Chairman Searcy responded that before it requests a traffic count, the Commission needs to receive information pertaining to DPW's Marina City Club area traffic study.

-- *Enforcement of Seaworthy & Liveaboard Sections of the Harbor Ordinance*

Deputy Paul Carvalho reported that there were no new Notices to Comply, warnings or citations for unseaworthy vessels or liveaboard permits issued during the month of May. He also reported that the master agreement that will create funds for disposal of the impounded vessels should be finalized next week. The Department will then proceed with the boats' disposal.

-- *Pedestrian/Bike/Vehicle Accidents*

Lt. Nelson informed the Commission that arrangements were made for a California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer to attend the meeting; however, the report is unavailable.

Although Lt. Nelson did not have the official accident report, he shared some information on bicycle accidents occurring in the Marina within the last three years. There were seven bicycle collisions in 2002, six bicycle collisions in 2003 and eight bicycle collisions in 2004.

The Commission requested that future accident reports include the number of bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicle accidents occurring on the roadways in the Marina that are within CHP jurisdiction. The report should also include the street location of the accidents and preferably month/year (or season/year if CHP doesn't have monthly data) that the accidents occurred. This information would help the Commission to discern whether there is a trend or problematic locations.

Commissioner Lesser suggested that Lt. Nelson request the information from the CHP and provide the report himself if a CHP officer is unable to attend the July meeting. The report at the July meeting would be considered the first of the quarterly reports.

b. Marina del Rey and Beach Special Events

Mr. Stan Wisniewski reported that the Special Events Report includes the Fourth of July fireworks, which the Department will sponsor. The report also includes information on the opening program of the MdR Summer Concert Series, the Fisherman's Village Weekend Concert Series and an upcoming event at Venice Beach.

c. Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau

Ms. Beverly Moore reported an increase in tourism, with hotel occupancy at approximately 72% and room rates at approximately $161. The bureau is looking forward to a very strong summer.

Further, Ms. Moore reported that a new public relations firm, Ann Flower Communications, located in Venice, was hired. The new agency is expected to bring fresh ideas and bold new approaches to the bureau's media outreach efforts, which have already been very successful within the last three years. The press release efforts have doubled, with five new press releases sent in the past two months alone. The bureau looks for every opportunity to do all it can to promote the community, including pitches to the media about boating safety week during the month of May, upcoming Father's Day, the arrival of summer in the Marina and reminders about special events that occur.

The bureau continues to make monthly improvements to its website, VisitMarina.com. In the past month, the hotel booking page was redesigned, the Calendar of Events page was reengineered and a very detailed boat slip map was added to the website's boating section. The bureau is in the process of developing a sophisticated interactive map, which would go on line at the end of the summer.

Lastly, the bureau has brokered a new relationship between hotel properties in the Marina and hotels in the LAX area. Hotels in both areas have now agreed to share hotel crime and fraud alert information, on practically a real time basis, which has proven to be a very valuable collaboration, which will hopefully result in a decrease in hospitality crime in the area.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ballona Creek Trash and Debris Control

Mr. Moliere informed the Commission that since there's been an interest in efforts to control trash and debris in the Ballona Creek watershed, staff invited Mr. Jim Daley, Principal Engineer, Department of Public Works' Watershed Management Division, to provide information on the subject.

Mr. Daley referenced a map of the watershed area that drains into Ballona Creek and informed the Commission that he manages the Imperial Yard, which is a maintenance organization that takes care of the south area of the County. His staff is responsible for cleaning and maintaining trash in the channels.

Mr. Daley discussed the methods used to collect the trash:

> Right now, we're about three years along in the 10-year program to eliminate all trash coming into the storm drains and the creeks. Most of that is going to be done by putting catch basin inserts for what we call our CDS units, which are large structures we put in the storm drains that separate the trash out and allow the water to pass, thereby keeping the storm drain working but hopefully getting all the trash out.
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> We also have other methods we're using. What we're trying to do, we have what we call our trash free contract. We have hired a contractor to go along the creek in the concrete area, they go into the creek beds...they go along the channel sides and pick up and collect the trash.
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> We're also working with the Corps to try and get them to be included in the contract, there's a portion of Ballona Creek that the Corps maintains. We're trying to get them to also include their area in the same type of contract.
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> As many of you may know, we also have a net that goes across Ballona Creek...every now and then it breaks and the trash comes down and gets into the Marina down at the outlet. With that trash net, one of the reasons it breaks...is a fuse...and after a storm of about a half-inch of rain, there isn't enough water and trash comes through that this will break.
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> One of the reasons for that is that if we don't have the fuse on there the net itself starts tearing apart. We're looking at getting a new net that will hopefully be a little stronger and will break less often. We're hoping to have that in by the end of this summer so that the next rainy season will have a stronger net in there.
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> We also, downstream of the net, make use of the Probation crews.... They typically take about 20 cubic yards of material, two large trucks of trash, out of the area every weekend. As much as we can we're going to continue to do that.

Mr. Daley referenced lines on the map that show storm drains that feed into the creek. He continued:

We're responsible for about 800 of those catch basins in the unincorporated County. We have protection on, probably almost half of them now, and we have contracts out to do more. The City of Los Angeles, Culver City and the other cities in the area also have responsibility to do the same thing on theirs. Culver City has put a CDS unit on one their lines, but I don't have the numbers on how many catch basins that protects.

What we're trying to do is collect it at the source by having property owners do things when new development comes in, collect it at the catch basins, collect in the drains and then clean it up in the channel when it does get there.

Chairman Searcy asked whether DPW is beginning to get ahead of the problem or is the problem increasing. Mr. Daly responded that the amount of trash hopefully is decreasing and the Department has made great trash collection efforts. DPW has noticed a reduction of trash in the L.A. River and San Gabriel River, but the difficult part is that the trash does not all go into the catch basins and is washing into the drains. People throw trash directly into the channel and the Department will always have to fight this battle. There are upcoming contracts to install more catch basin inserts and CDS units, which are like large manholes. Some of them are already designed, but the Department is waiting for funding to become available.

Commissioner Lesser questioned how often DPW cleans the catch basins. Mr. Daley responded that sometimes they're cleaned after complaints; however, the Department checks them after major storms. Every catch basin is inspected after each storm season and the CDS units are cleaned after major storms. Some of the catch basins are also inspected annually. Some units have baskets and some have gates that open automatically when the unit becomes plugged. There are also units that need to be opened manually.

Commissioner Lesser asked whether the decrease in trash could be attributed to people's recycling efforts and less trash in the landfills. Mr. Daley responded that he hopes that these are the reasons. In addition to collecting the trash before it travels into the ocean, the Department also makes an effort to educate people.

b. <u>Assignment of Leasehold Interest for Parcel 33 (Harbor House Restaurant) – Lease No. 10665 - Marina del Rey</u>

Chairman Searcy noted that since the Commission lacked a quorum, it could not take action on the Parcel 33 assignment. Mr. Wisniewski said that he discussed the matter with Mr. Faughnan and was advised that the Commission could receive testimony and express its position. The Board letter would indicate both that the Commission lacked a quorum and the feelings of the two Commissioners who were present at the meeting.

Mr. Moliere informed the Commission that the assignment transfers Parcel 33 (Harbor House Restaurant and Edie's Diner) from Marina Investment Company to Waterfront-Marina del Rey, LLC, which is owned by Edward Czuker. The assignment meets the criteria that the Department uses to judge assignments. The price, although higher than the Department's assessment, is within range and extra steps were taken to ensure there are enough cash assets to take care of long-standing maintenance deficiencies and future rent obligations.

Mr. Moliere said that the new owner has adequately capitalized the entity and has added another $956,000 in cash assets. The restaurant will be managed by one of the lessee's sub companies and run by an experienced restaurateur, Mr. John Wong, who has an interest in a number of restaurants in Los Angeles and has served as Chairman of the County Tax Assessment Review Board. The Department believes that the Waterfront-MdR has strong management and finances and staff is recommending approval of the transfer to new ownership.

Chairman Searcy asked whether the assignment would also involve a changed use. Mr.Wisniewski responded that the assignee proposes redeveloping the property into a rather extensive mixed-use.

Mr. Wisniewski mentioned that the Lessees Association sent the Commission a letter expressing its opposition to Parcel 33's development project. He noted that the assignee was the successful competitor for which the Board authorized exclusive negotiations for a development project and the Design Control Board has given preliminary concept approval for the project.

Further, Mr. Wisniewski said that the staff report indicates the lessee is paying more than the market rate. The Department believes that with the provisions, as described in the Board letter, appropriate precaution has been taken to ensure the County receives its fair value from the leasehold in the event that the lessee subsequently receives approval for a long-term lease extension. Mr. Wisniewski said that staff, along with the economic and legal consultants, have done a good job ensuring that the County receives the appropriate participation and proceeds in the event there is a refinancing or sale of the leasehold at a later time.

Mr. Moliere emphasized that the item before the Commission is not for the approval of a new development project, but for an assignment of the leasehold and the intent is to continue the restaurant operation for the time being. However, if the development project is approved, the plan is for it to be mixed-use, which would include a number of restaurants and other businesses.

Mr. Wisniewski reiterated that today's item is an assignment of leasehold interest from the current lessee, Marina Investment Company, to the assignee, The Waterfront-MdR, LLC, which also has a development project under negotiations.

Chairman Searcy asked whether the development project that's under negotiations would be submitted for Commission approval. Mr. Wisniewski responded that the lease would be submitted to the Commission, the Design Control Board, Regional Planning Commission, California Coastal Commission (since there is a water element) and the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Searcy asked whether the development project has received approval from any of the regulatory bodies. Mr. Wisniewski responded that the project has received conceptual approval by the Design Control Board. From a concept standpoint, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the Department to enter into negotiations with the assignee and return with a long-term lease extension to facilitate the development.

Commissioner Lesser commented that the Lessees Association's letter really got his attention, particularly the part about "the proposal to build an eight-story, 85-ft high building on the water, which is double the permitted height and which will block the views of all the surrounding parcels." He disapproves of such a height. Commissioner Lesser also noted that the Coastal Commission's LCP Review indicates that the Department should encourage visitor-serving facilities, not additional residential properties. As he understands it, the assignee proposes to build a substantial residential development and he asked whether this development would require an amendment to accommodate the proposed building height. Mr. Wisniewski responded that an amendment would be required.

Mr. Moliere offered to provide the Commission with the assignee's response letter to the Lessees Association's concerns since the letter would provide valuable information about the proposed development of Parcels 33 and NR. [Copies of the letter were obtained and distributed to the Commission.]

Additionally, Mr. Moliere said that the proposed development project is exactly what the Coastal Commission is asking for, which is a mixed-used project with shops and restaurants that improve the promenade area. The residential component above the street-level shops would provide customers an enlivening atmosphere for the entire area.

Chairman Searcy asked Mr. Faughnan what would happen if the assignee obtained approval of the assignment, agreed to the purchase price and then the assignee was required, after going through negotiations and the regulatory process, to make substantial changes to the project. Mr. Faughnan

responded that the assignor and assignee are proceeding at their own risk and their deal is not contingent upon possible County approval of a future project or lease extension.

Commissioner Lesser stressed the need to ensure the assignee is aware that if the Commission approves the assignment there is no guarantee that the Commission would also approve the development project.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Levine, president, MdR Lessees Association, speaking on behalf of the association, said that he wanted to make clear that the Lessees Association has no objection at all to the change of assignment as long as the change of assignment is not contingent upon execution of a development plan.

Mr. Levine also informed the Commission that since sending the letter the assignee has requested a meeting with the Lessees Association to discuss development plans and the association looks forward to the meeting.

Mr. Donald Klein, president, Coalition to Save the Marina, expressed his agreement with Commissioner Lesser's comments. Mr. Klein said that the assignment is premature and the Commission should not consider recommending it for Board approval. The coalition hasn't seen any development plans for Parcel 33 and the organization is concerned about issues pertaining to building height, density, etc.

Chairman Searcy clarified that the matter before the Commission is an assignment of Parcel 33. The Commission is not considering development plans at today's meeting and the assignee understands that he is proceeding at his own risk.

Mr. Klein commented that he understands the item before the Commission is an assignment of lease, but history has shown that most lease transfers usually involve a 20-year extension. He expressed his opposition to the Commission making recommendations without a quorum and approving the Parcel 33 assignment while the MdR Local Coastal Program Review hasn't been completed. Mr. Klein said that the coalition is categorically opposed to the development project.

Ms. Carla Andrus agreed with Mr. Klein that the Commission should not recommend the assignment without a quorum. She suggested that the developers give a presentation to the Commission so that laypeople have an opportunity to hear the proposed plan for Parcel 33. Ms. Andrus also requested copies of the Lessees Association's letter pertaining to the development project and the assignee's response to the letter.

Mr. Wisniewski suggested that Ms. Andrus obtain copies of the letters from Mr. Moliere after the meeting.

Ms. Patricia Younis, representing Pacific Ocean Management (POM), owners of The Admiralty Apartments (located at the intersection of Admiralty Way and Palawan Way), informed the Commission that Admiralty Apartments is kitty corner from the proposed new project. She expressed POM's opposition to the lease assignment because it is their understanding that the Parcel 33 lease assignment is core to the implementation of a development project that would be detrimental to POM's project. The Admiralty Apartment's project has taken over five years to negotiate and cost many millions of dollars. The proposed Parcel 33 project is not in conformance with the Local Coastal Plan and its construction would impede the Admiralty Apartment project's future value. Pacific Ocean Management has no problem with the assignment, providing that it is not in any way contingent on Parcel 33's development project.

Mr. Geoffrey Mitchell, attorney with Brown, Winfield and Canzoneri, Inc., speaking on behalf of the assignee, Mr. Edward Czuker, thanked the Commission for taking the appropriate approach by separating the issues of project approvals from the assignment.

On behalf of Mr. Czuker, Mr. Mitchell acknowledged that Mr. Czuker understands that the Commission's approval does not have anything to do with Parcel 33's proposed development project and that it is a separate matter. He also noted that Mr. Czuker has offered to meet with the Lessees Association to discuss its concerns, hear its ideas and work to see if concerns can be addressed as part of the planning and entitlement process, as well as any other parties that have concerns.

Commissioner Lesser asked Mr. Mitchell, given the amount of money being invested, whether the assignee would reconsider acquiring the parcel if he could not proceed with his development plans. He asked whether the project would be killed if the Commission approved of certain aspects of the project, but, for example, did not like the proposed building height.

Mr. Mitchell responded that the assignee understands the planning and entitlement process not only could result in changes to the project, but almost certainly will. The assignee understands that the plans may not be the same at the end of the process as what was proposed at the beginning. The assignee is prepared to examine the issues and work with Beaches and Harbors' staff, Regional Planning, the California Coastal Commission as well as gather public input to try to create a project that would benefit the entire community.

Chairman Searcy asked Mr. Faughnan to clarify how the Commission should proceed with voting on the Parcel 33 item, given there isn't a quorum.

Mr. Faughnan explained that, since there isn't a quorum, the Commission cannot take a formal action, but can express its personal vote on the matter. The Board letter would reflect the Commissioners' personal vote on the matter, along with the fact that there isn't a quorum at the meeting.

Chairman Searcy and Commissioner Lesser expressed approval of the assignment of leasehold interest for Parcel 33 (Harbor House) – Marina del Rey, with the clear understanding "this is no way an approval on the project. The project would have to come back and we look forward to seeing it after it goes through its various iterations."

For clarification purposes, Mr. Faughnan emphasized that the preceding act was not a formal action of the Commission.

c. <u>Joint Recommendation with the Chief Administrative Officer to Enter into Exclusive Negotiations for an Option and Long-Term Lease for Development of Parcels 52R and GG (Dock 52 Public Parking) – Marina del Rey</u>

Mr. Wisniewski requested that the item be tabled since the evaluation committee report was not finalized in time for the meeting. He anticipates that the item would be placed on the Commission's July agenda. In the interim, staff intends to meet with California Coastal Commission staff on the recommended project. The Department's staff would then return to the Small Craft Harbor Commission with a recommendation.

Chairman Searcy asked Mr. Faughnan whether it would be appropriate to take public comment and advise the public who wished to speak that the Commission has not received any material on Parcels 52/GG and would not take any action. Mr. Faughnan responded that it is the Commission's choice whether or not to hear public comment; however, opening the floor to the public would provide the opportunity for people to speak who might not be able to attend the July meeting.

Before receiving public comment, Chairman Searcy advised those wishing to speak that the Commission hadn't received any material on the subject.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Carla Andrus commented that she would like to see a full presentation on Parcel 52R and GG for the public's benefit.

Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commission that the Department anticipates presenting the Parcel 52R and GG item at the July meeting.

d. Consent to Assignment of Leasehold Interest and Amendment to Lease – Parcel 103 (Oakwood Garden Apartments)

Chairman Searcy noted that this item would not be discussed since documentation on the subject has not been completed. The item would be placed on the July agenda.

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. Ongoing Activities Report

- Board of Supervisors Actions on Items Relating to Marina del Rey

Mr. Wisniewski reported that on May 24, 2005, the Board of Supervisors held a de novo hearing on Fantasea Yachts and Yacht Club's Conditional use Permit to authorize the continued use of an existing banquet facility with the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption. The staff report identifies the Board's action on the matter, including instructing County Counsel to prepare findings and conditions for final approval.

- Design Control Board (DCB) Minutes

Mr. Wisniewski reported that the May 25, 2005 Design Control Board minutes weren't finalized and weren't available for the meeting.

- MdR Local Coastal Program Periodic (LCP) Review

Mr. Wisniewski reported that the California Coastal Commission (CCC) held a public hearing on its staff recommendations regarding the MdR LCP Review in San Pedro, which Beaches and Harbors' staff attended. Several members of the public gave testimony. The County, through its representative, indicated that it would take the time between now and the next hearing, which is anticipated in November, to work with CCC staff on the LCP recommendations. The Department received the report on the LCP Review rather late and staff hasn't had the time to fully analyze it. The Department will be prepared to respond to the draft LCP recommendations at the November California Coastal Commission meeting.

Mr. Wisniewski informed members of the public that copies of the report are available at the Department's administration building on Fiji Way, the MdR Public Library, the MdR Visitors and Information Center. Copies are also placed on the public information table.

- Response to Public Concerns

Mr. Wisniewski reported that there were a number of concerns raised at the May 25, 2005 meeting relating to floating homes. The Department is investigating the issue and anticipates submitting a report to the Commission at a future meeting.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Carla Andrus informed the Commission that a number of public concerns were omitted from the "Response to Public Concerns" section of the staff report, including Parcel 20's non-compliance with the affordable housing policy (which she inquired about at the May meeting) and development projects that do not serve the full range of the County demographics.

Ms. Andrus said that the Marina is not an entitlement for the wealthy. Hotels and housing should accommodate lower income citizens. She also suggested that the Commission review the Asset Management Strategy for its legality since various development projects are permitted without going through the bidding process.

Ms. Andrus said that Mr. Naftalin's suggestion at a previous Commission meeting for a moratorium on liveaboards was omitted from the staff report and the fact that there are pending lawsuits is no excuse for the Department to not address the matter. As she understands it, the Commission's role is to protect the small craft harbor and the liveaboards are a part of it. There is no protection for them and they are in a very vulnerable place. At Panay Way, people are being evicted because of the redevelopment.

Ms. Andrus said that another problem is the Conditional Use Permit. Goldrich and Kest said that they would be careful with boaters to ensure that the transition would be even-handed and construction would be one dock at a time. However, people are being evicted with no place to go. A friend of Ms. Andrus went to Parcel 20's management to inquire about affordable housing and was told they hadn't decided. Ms. Andrus said that there should be no pending decision to make since affordable housing is required per the Conditional Use Permit. Further, Parcel 18 was supposed to be a Board and Care facility, but it's being turned into active senior use. She requested a response to these issues.

Chairman Searcy asked whether Ms. Andrus meant that she wanted a response from the California Coastal Commission (CCC). Ms. Andrus responded that she already spoke to the CCC on the affordable housing issue and the CCC has expressed that the County is responsible for enforcing the affordable housing policy.

Chairman Searcy commented that, if Ms. Andrus has received any written response on the matter from the CCC, the Small Craft Harbor Commission would like to receive a copy. Ms. Andrus said that she also would like to receive a written response, however, it probably won't happen because the CCC has already told her that the County is responsible for enforcement.

Ms. Andrus asked whether the Commission could request the Department to investigate the issues that she mentioned. Chairman Searcy responded that the Department has already indicated its intent to follow up on certain matters. For example, staff is investigating the floating home issue in response to concerns that were expressed at the Commission meeting.

b. <u>County Counsel Investigation of Robert's Rules of Order Regarding Timing Motions by the Commission</u>

Mr. Thomas Faughnan reported that at the May 25, 2005 meeting, the Commission asked whether, according to Robert's Rules of Order, the correct order for introducing a motion is before or after receiving public comment. Mr. Faughnan researched the matter and found that Robert's Rules of Order does not address the order of public comment relative to a motion; however, the Commission's Rules, Section 11, addresses the order and states:

1) The general public is invited to comment upon agenda items after introduction of the item by a member of Commission or Department;

2) Individual speakers may be limited to specific time-periods of not less than three minutes, and are requested to present information not already provided. Speakers will be recognized only once on a given time; and

3) At the conclusion of public comments, the Commission will consider the item without any further comment or debate from the floor.

Chairman Searcy commented that the Commission already follows this sequence. He thanked Mr. Faughnan for his investigation of the matter.

c. Status of Marina del Rey Dredging

Mr. Wisniewski reported that the Corps of Engineers last dredged the Marina del Rey channel and its entrances in 2000. The Corps has continued annual soundings and has advised that approximately 800,000 cubic yards of material needs to be removed from the Marina's main channel at the north and south entrances and is prepared to do a project in March 2006, assuming that $7.99 million in federal funding is provided.

The Department has worked with the County's lobbyist in Washington, D.C., as well as the Board of Supervisors and Chief Administrative Officer. Unfortunately, the House of Representative's Energy and Water Appropriation bill did not include funding for the dredging. The Department hopes to get it in on the Senate side so that it would ultimately be provided when the bill is negotiated in the conference committee between the two chambers. Supervisor Knabe has sent a letter to Senator Diane Feinstein making sure that she was aware of the matter and requesting her assistance in obtaining funding for the MdR dredging project.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Eric Huff, Panay Way boat tenant since 2001, said that he received notification in March that there would be construction at his parcel. He spoke to the dockmaster and was told he would possibly be accommodated as far as relocation of the slip and that the previous notification was not an eviction notice. In May 2005, Mr. Huff received a 30-day Notice to Quit [he distributed a copy to the Commission]. He again went to the dockmaster to find out his relocation options and was told that there were no slips available and he would have to find one himself. Mr. Huff was also informed that at the end of the construction period he would be allowed to return but would have to reapply.

Mr. Huff said that he has tried to find a slip to accommodate his 42' foot boat, but has been unable to find either a temporary or permanent slip in the Marina. He believes there might be slips in the L.A. Harbor, but he would prefer not to relocate his boat.

Mr. Huff distributed an article regarding the Long Beach Marina Expansion, which mentions that boat tenants are accommodated at the visitor docks during construction. He said that one solution to the Marina's problem might be to temporarily relocate boat tenants to the Chace Park transient docks.

Chairman Searcy and Commissioner Lesser requested staff to obtain information and report back on how the Long Beach Marina is addressing the boat tenant relocation issue.

Mr. Donald Klein informed the Commission that the Marina Master Lease has a covenant pertaining to active public use that requires slips, once they become open to the public, to remain open. He said that he spoke to Peter Douglas, the California Coastal Commission Executive Director, regarding this issue and requested Mr. Douglas' definition of this provision in the lease. Mr. Klein said that Mr. Douglas informed him that slips are supposed to remain open in perpetuity.

Further, Mr. Klein said that he recently met with Coastal Commission staff and the issue of phasing dock construction was discussed. He said that dock construction should be phased and there are

efforts now to specify what the phasing would entail and whether it would include relocating tenants, etc.

Relative to the Goldrich and Kest senior citizen project, Mr. Klein informed the Commission that over a year ago he made a complaint to the Regional Planning Department's enforcement division pertaining to allegations about residents who are under 55 years of age. That Department was never able to obtain documentation to verify the residents' age.

Mr. Klein also suggested that it would be very helpful if the Department constructed a 3D table model of the Marina development projects and make it available for public viewing at the MdR library or Chace Park. This way, members of the public could gain a better understanding of the plans.

Mr. Jonathan Balfus informed the Commission that he wanted to focus in on a couple of issues regarding floating homes:

> I appeared at the Special Meeting on May 25 to discuss this and there was some discussion by the public and committee [Commission] afterward and it occurred to me that some of the issues aren't clear and I'd like to take this opportunity to focus on that.
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> The issue is not simply that there's a conflict in the definition of floating homeowner between the state and County rules. That was one of the things that was discussed. The County Counsel is already looking at that issue and Mr. Faughnan has been kind enough to keep me updated as to that progress.
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> There's a more important, fundamental discrepancy between the way that the lessees of the docks are administering their leases with the tenants. The point is that in the discussion, distinctions were being made between floating homes and liveaboards and people were talking as though the problem is only floating homes, 'there's a finite number of those,' 'how are they gonna be accommodated,' 'why can't they be considered liveaboards?'
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> G&K, which is the management company of Panay Way Marina, has taken the written position that neither a liveaboard or a floating home is going to be permitted after these renovations. That was something that wasn't clear at the last meeting. It was an issue that people thought, 'well, maybe they are floating homes, maybe they're liveaboards.' The position of the lessee is that nobody is going to be accommodated. All the comments of the Committee [Commission] were very encouraging, 'these evictions would cause major hardships,' 'they're inequitable,' 'this is a finite problem,' 'nobody is looking to expand,' 'there should be a way to accommodate these people.'
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> We appreciate that the Committee [Commission] is investigating what can be done to accommodate these people. That won't happen before the next meeting. There are people who are scheduled to be evicted in the next few days. The position taken by the lessee in writing is no one will accommodated. It doesn't matter if you're a liveaboard. It doesn't matter if you're living on a navigable boat. It doesn't matter if you're living in a permanent floating home that has no where else to go.

Commissioner Lesser asked Mr. Balfus whether he had a copy of the G&K letter available. Mr. Balfus responded that he previously provided Mr. Faughnan with a copy.

Mr. Balfus read the letter's sentence referring to floating homes:

> Once the reconstruction is complete, the Panay Way Marina will not be suitable for floating homes or liveaboards and therefore the option to temporarily locate them and them come back is not a possibility.

Mr. Balfus commented that the lessee has taken a very strong position while the County investigates the matter.

Mr. Balfus referred to page 10 of the May 25, 2005 minutes in which Mr. Wisniewski states, "The Department would look into the issue of mandating that a lessee keep a floating homeowner during the redevelopment process." Mr. Balfus said that this is a step in the right direction, but unless there is an interim measure while the County takes a position on how it will administer the leases, half of the tenants will be evicted without any recourse. Their boats will be impounded according to the lien holder's law.

Ms. Andrus commented that she also lives on Panay Way and might have to pack her bags soon. She said that the situation is depressing. Ms. Andrus expressed how much freedom she felt after becoming a liveaboard in the Marina, which is so different from the crime-ridden community in which she previously lived.

Ms. Andrus said that the lessees control the Marina and the Department doesn't have policies to protect the public or the boaters. The Department talks about valuing its liveaboards, but it doesn't behave like it does since it allows the lessees to run the show. Ms. Andrus strongly encouraged the Commission and the Department to take action to help the boaters.

Mr. Etter referred to his appeal [which the Board of Supervisors denied] of the Fantasea Yacht Club's Conditional Use Permit and informed the Commission that although the permit was denied:

> There was plenty of evidence from different government agencies, including the fact that he was indicted last year, December 17, for leaving welding on his boat. You would think that since the appeal was coming he would be concerned about not doing anything similar like that on his vessel prior to appeal to risk his 20-year Conditional Use Permit.
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> Between the 9th and the 12th, I complained several times to the Sheriff's Department and I videotaped them doing, again as usual, his reconstruction and remodeling of his vessel. This vessel is called, 'Admiral,' and it's located right across from the Sheriff's station. It's not hidden. It's in plain view of everybody who really cares about what's going on here.
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> The Sheriff's Department went out...and told him to stop doing his remodeling. This is an 80' vessel and...his worker had grinded off the whole side of the boat, which, again, is in violation of the County ordinance. He should have taken his boat into the boatyard like everybody else.
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> This was going on, even on the day, as predicted, his permit got approved. I called the sheriffs. They came out and subsequently a couple of days later when he was in the process of finishing off the vessel, I called again. They came out. I spoke to the deputy, I'm not going to mention his name. He went on the dock and he noticed the green in the water. When he back I asked him were they gonna ticket him. He said that he first had to speak to the harbormaster.
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> I just wonder why, when it comes to a corporate polluter and slumlord, the deputy has to speak to the harbormaster? But when it comes to everybody else in this Marina, you get ticketed if you sneeze in the wrong direction?

Also, with Pier 52, when those boats come in after they been out partying, since we can't trust the Sheriff's Department checking for drunk drivers at night when people leave those party vessels, I suggest that you ask the Highway Patrol to start enforcing sobriety tests on Pier 52 for the different party vessels. You're risking your life every night when you come home, there's drunk drivers and they're letting out maybe 100-150 people every time. They've been partying all night long...that just shows my argument and another side of the vessel...as usual the Sheriff's Department doesn't do anything and Beaches and Harbors is no where to be seen.

This morning when I came in, I went by the Sheriff's station. The Coast Guard cutter has a little flotation device sitting next to their boat. There's a Coast Guard standing...with a grinder grinding off the side of the boat and this is right next to the Sheriff's station. The County ordinance means squash, absolutely squash.

Chairman Searcy requested a response from the Sheriff's Department and he commented that enforcement is not an easy task; however, firm and equitable enforcement is necessary.

Lt. Nelson agreed with Chairman Searcy and informed the Commission that when a matter is brought to the Department's attention and the officers check into it and see a violation of the County ordinance, the officers issue a citation. He said that a citation was issued when the welding was brought to the Department's attention.

Lt. Nelson also said that he is unaware of the grinding situation that Mr. Etter mentioned, but Lt. Nelson will look into the matter and, if there is a violation, a citation will be issued. He will also discuss the matter with the Coast Guard's commanding officer.

Chairman Searcy said that water is precious and it doesn't matter who the polluter is or whether or not he/she has a $2 or $2 million dollar boat. He stressed the need for fairness when issuing citations irrespective of who is committing the violation.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Searcy adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Minor
Commission Secretary

Small Craft Harbor Commission
Special Meeting
July 7, 2005
Minutes

Commissioners Present	Excused
Carole Stevens, Vice-Chairperson Joe Crail Russ Lesser	Harley Searcy, Chairman

Department of Beaches & Harbors:	Kerry Silverstrom, Chief Deputy Director Roger Moliere, Deputy Director, Asset Mgmt & Planning Bureau Julie Carpenter, Planning Division Dusty Crane, Chief, Community Services & Marketing Division
Other County Departments:	Lt. Greg Nelson, Sheriff's Department Deputy Paul Carvalho, Sheriff's Department
Also Present:	Beverly Moore, Executive Director, MdR Convention & Visitors Bureau Richard Volpert, Munger, Tolles & Olsen Officer Blase Austin, California Highway Patrol

1. CALL TO ORDER, ACTION ON ABSENCES AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairperson Stevens called the meeting of the Los Angeles County Small Craft Harbor Commission to order at 9:35 a.m. in the Burton W. Chace Park Community Room, Marina del Rey.

The Commissioners, staff and members of the public stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Lesser moved and Vice-Chairperson Stevens seconded a motion to excuse Chairman Searcy from today's meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairperson Stevens postponed action on the May 25, 2005 and June 8, 2005 minutes since there wasn't a quorum of Commissioners present who attended those meetings.

3. REGULAR REPORTS

a. Marina Sheriff

-- *Crime Statistics*

Lt. Greg Nelson reported a continued upsurge of vehicle burglaries at apartments on the Marina's west side. He commented that there is usually higher incidence of crime when the weather gets warmer. The Department collared five or six grand theft auto suspects in stolen cars. The cars weren't stolen in the Marina, but the criminals were coming into the Marina and were caught. One of them was casing vehicles in the Tahiti Way area and had in his stolen car goods stolen from vehicles in Venice and the city of Santa Monica. The Department is trying to stop the crime spree in its tracks and is experiencing success.

Lt. Greg Nelson said that the Department followed up on concerns expressed by Hans Etter at a prior meeting pertaining to incidents involving "The Admiral" vessel and the Coast Guard. Mr. Etter gave the Sheriff's Department a DVD with footage of the alleged incidents. The Department investigated the area where Mr. Etter claimed workers were reconstructing and remodeling "The Admiral" and found that the site had been cleaned. There was no debris in the water and the deputies didn't find

any violations. The deputies provided copies of the pertinent ordinances to the workers on the boat. The Department viewed the DVD and saw that the workers working on the vessel were taking all necessary steps to prevent any sanding from falling into the water. The workers also did a complete cleanup after their work was done and no violation was captured on video.

As for the Coast Guard vessel, Lt. Nelson reported that the L.A. County District Attorney's environmental enforcement group and State Water Control Board investigated the area and the vessel and issued a notice of violation to the Coast Guard. Lt. Nelson said that there is a question as to whether or not the County has jurisdiction to issue a citation to the Coast Guard since it is a federal agency. However, Lt. Nelson spoke to the commanding officer, Lt. Chris Johns. The Coast Guards are good neighbors and have regulations regarding boat maintenance and vessels. They are very concerned about environmental pollution and are taking necessary steps to ensure they are in compliance and do not pollute the water.

Relative to the recent bombing of subway trains and a bus in London, Lt. Nelson reported that the Sheriff's Department is taking the terrorist threat very seriously and has activated its emergency operations center. Deputies are being placed on all the trains throughout the County today. The Department is also having a dialogue with some of the commercial transport outfits in the Marina to ensure that their security procedures are in place.

-- *Enforcement of Seaworthy & Liveaboard Sections of the Harbor Ordinance*

Deputy Carvalho reported that no new Notices to Comply or citations were issued for unseaworthy vessels. The Department is continuing its efforts to conduct random inspections and identify unseaworthy vessels. The owners will be issued Notices to Comply.

Further, Deputy Carvalho reported that the vendors signed the "Master Agreement for the Disposal of Abandoned and Impounded Vessels" and the Department is in the process of turning the vessels over to the vendors for disposal.

-- *Pedestrian/Bike/Vehicle Accidents*

Office Blase Austin, California Highway Patrol (CHP), West Los Angeles office, apologized for not attending the June meeting and explained that at the time he was caught in traffic en route from Palmdale. He distributed an MdR collision profile for January 2005 to June 2005, which provided a breakdown of traffic collisions, their causes, location and time. There were only two bicycle collisions within the last six months, one of which was due to a bicyclist falling off his bike and the other involved a bicyclist and vehicle. The bicyclist was at fault for riding the wrong way.

Officer Austin reported that between January 2005 to June 2005, the West Los Angeles office handled 2,500 traffic collisions, 46 of which occurred in the unincorporated area of the Marina. This accounts for 2% of the area's total collisions. There were at least 46 collisions, 12 involving injuries and 34 involving property damage only.

Officer Austin explained that the current report identifies the streets where the collisions occurred; however, he would provide detailed locations in the next quarterly report. The statistics reveal that as far as traffic collisions are concerned, the Marina is one of the safest communities.

Commissioner Lesser commented that the statistics show there was only one accident involving a pedestrian or bicyclist and there doesn't appear to be a problem with unsafe areas. There only appears to be a problem with people speeding in a couple of locations, but there doesn't seem to be any real problem areas that need to be addressed. Officer Austin confirmed that Commissioner Lesser is correct.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON STEVENS OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Carla Andrus commented that, given the small size of the Marina, there appears to be a substantial number of collisions and there are locations that are more dangerous than others. She mentioned that Vice-Chairperson Stevens, as well as many Marina City Club residents, have expressed concerns about the traffic safety in the Marina City Club area.

Ms. Andrus expressed her condolences for the Department Director Stan Wisniewski's recent loss of his wife, Dinny.

b. Marina del Rey and Beach Special Events

Ms. Silverstrom expressed apologies to meeting attendees who were unable to find a parking space. She explained that the very first concert in the Chace Park summer series is beginning tonight and, as typical, several parking spaces were reserved for the disabled patrons who attend the concert. Ms. Silverstrom said that next time a public meeting and concert are scheduled simultaneously the parking spaces won't be reserved until later in the day.

Ms. Silverstrom reported that the first concert begins this evening with Spanish dancers Miguel Bernal and Batista. Also featured in the concert series are nights of classical, country and jazz music.

In conclusion, Ms. Silverstrom noted that the report includes the Fisherman's Village concerts, Venice Centennial, Surfer's Walk of Fame and International Surf Festival.

c. Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau

Ms. Beverly Moore reported that the bureau just returned from a trade show in San Jose that targeted Northern California meeting planners that do business in Southern California. Staff met one-on-one with over 175 meeting planners. She commented that the bureau has to meticulously describe the Marina's geographic location to most people since many of them continue to believe that it is in San Diego or Orange County.

Ms. Moore said that hiring the new public relations agency has begun to pay off, with recent coverage about Marina del Rey in "Meetings West" magazine, which is targeted to group planners in the Western United States. Also, in mid-June, a television broadcast was aired three times on KCAL/KCBS just the week before Father's Day about dads and children taking fishing trips out of MdR as a way to celebrate the holiday.

In late July, another television feature is expected that focuses on the Catalina Island Marina del Rey Flyer service that leaves from Fisherman's Village. Ms. Moore further reported that the bureau's recent web work is also supporting tourism. As mentioned in the last month's report, the bureau redesigned the hotel-booking page in May and in June over $21,000 in room reservations was booked. This compares to the prior month's $7,900 in hotel room reservations. Since the implementation of on line booking through VisitMarina.com, approximately 700 hotel room nights have been reserved, worth over $95,000.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Joint Recommendation with the Chief Administrative Officer to Enter into Exclusive Negotiations with Pacific Marina Development/Almar Management, Inc. for an Option and Long-Term Lease for Development of Parcels 52R and GG (Dock 52 Public Parking) – Marina del Rey

Ms. Silverstrom informed the Commission that the Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for development of facilities at Parcels 52R and GG in 2003. Because of various concerns that were expressed about lack of clarification in the RFP, particularly with respect to responding to the parking requirements, the Department was requested to reissue the RFP to the three responsive proposers of the prior RFP, clarify that particular provision and request that the proposals be resubmitted, and return to the Board in 120 days. After the proposals were resubmitted, an evaluation committee reviewed them and recommended Almar as the proposer with which the Department would enter into exclusive negotiations.

Mr. Moliere explained that the evaluation committee was chosen so that it would have representatives from all the disciplines that would be appropriate to judge this kind of proposal. There was a marine engineer, Ron Noble, who heads one of the most respected marine engineering firms in the area. There was an architect, Richard Orne, to review the spatial relationships. The chief negotiator was Dick Volpert. There was also an economist, Robert Wetmore of Keyser Marsten, to evaluate the financial proposals. A member of the Chief Administrative Office's Asset Management Division was on the committee and a staff member from the Regional Planning Department served in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Moliere said the committee felt that in particular Almar's proposal offered a unique and appropriate use of the property because it would provide such wide view corridors from over the water construction. He said that concerns were raised as to the California Coastal Commission's (CCC) reaction to this type of construction. Before the evaluation committee submitted its recommendation, Mr. Moliere, along with the Department's CCC consultant, met with CCC staff members to review the current proposal and discuss issues such as navigability, sight lines, view corridors, building masses, over the water construction. The proposal was discussed in great detail. In the end, the CCC staff was pleased with the Almar proposal and the Department believes it has an excellent chance of receiving Coastal Commission approval.

Mr. Moliere pointed out that the Almar proposal is conceptual and it is not meant to be, or necessarily will be, the exact final product. Many projects have undergone drastic revisions from how they started. The committee believed that the proposal has much to offer and much to recommend it and there's been more progress than in the normal sense in checking with the Coastal Commission and with appropriate experts in the field of navigation, engineering, etc.

Mr. Moliere said that a chart is appended to the Board letter that compares the three proposals. All three proposals met the minimum criteria. One of the other proposals was also excellent but on balance, the Almar proposal stood above the others in every category and was the equal in one category in which another proposer was very similarly rated. The Department is pleased to recommend the Almar proposal and he informed the Commission that Almar representatives are at today's meeting to answer any questions.

Mr. Richard Volpert informed the Commission that the three finalists were the same that submitted the previous proposals. The finalists submitted modestly revised proposals. The Almar proposal took into account a number of the questions that were raised earlier and, he believes, somewhat enhanced its proposal. Mr. Noble, who is an expert in marine engineering, thoroughly analyzed the proposals and offered a lot of helpful information that the committee did not previously have.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON STEVENS OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Andrus requested a summary or written documentation of the Coastal Commission's comments relative to the proposals. Ms. Silverstrom responded that a summary is not available. Mr. Moliere explained that the staff discussions are not something that would be released in written reports. As a matter of policy, written reports are issued by the CCC only on items formally submitted to the Commission for final approval.

Mr. Moliere commented that in addition to meeting with Coastal Commission staff, the Department's staff also communicated with a number of Coastal Commissioners concerning the project and the Commissioners had positive things to say about the proposed Almar project.

Ms. Andrus commented that it appears a private meeting was held. She said that it would be nice for the Department to issue a written summary of the Coastal Commissioners' comments so that she could read their positive perception of the project. Ms. Andrus explained that this might help her to understand the project's positive aspects since she doesn't see any, particularly because it's an overlay on the water and doesn't make any sense.

Additionally, Ms. Andrus reminded the Commission that the public has expressed prior disapproval concerning this project and the public remains opposed to it.

Ms. Silverstrom informed Ms. Andrus that the public would have the opportunity to hear the California Coastal Commission's position on the Almar project, as well as provide comment, when the matter becomes before the Commission.

Commissioner Lesser asked Ms. Silverstrom to clarify what is being asked of the Commission today. He commented that, as he understands it, the Commission is being requested to recommend that the Board authorize the County to enter negotiations with Almar, which is the proposal that was selected by the evaluation committee. At some point in time, during the regulatory process, there will be more public hearings to discuss the project plans and the pluses and minuses will be discussed. The project will go before the Coastal Commission, which also will review the project plans. He asked how the project proceeds after the Coastal Commission review.

Ms. Silverstrom responded that there are two tracks that occur with respect to all projects in the Marina. The unusual aspect of Beaches and Harbors is that the Department functions from a proprietary standpoint and it is where the deal is made. Once a deal is made, the project goes through the entire regulatory process, which is when the Design Control Board, Regional Planning Commission and California Coastal Commission review it. The Small Craft Harbors Commission is not involved in the regulatory process. The project would not return to the Small Craft Harbor Commission until the lease documents are completed and are en route to the Board of Supervisors.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens requested that staff return to the Commission with the project once the deal and changes are made so that the Commissioners can judge for themselves what's happening with the project. She acknowledged that reviewing the plans is not normally within the Commission's jurisdiction, but the matter is of significant interest to the Commission and public to warrant this action.

Ms. Silverstrom responded that, while she can't say that the Department would submit the proposal to the Commission since it is not within the Commission's purview to opine on the actual development project, the Department would be happy to provide the Commission with a staff report once the project has gone through the regional planning process.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked whether the Commission could receive the staff report after the Design Control Board and before submission to the Regional Planning Commission. Ms. Silverstrom clarified that when the Design Control Board first reviews the project it gives conceptual approval. The project then proceeds to Regional Planning where many of the changes typically occur. The Department could provide the staff report after this point thus enabling the Small Craft Harbor Commission to have current information on the project.

Commissioner Lesser commented that it appears the public has three separate opportunities to comment and hear both the positives and negatives. Ms. Silverstrom explained that the public has even more opportunities than that. The public can also comment at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Once the lease documents are completed, the material will be submitted to the Small Craft Harbor Commission, at which time the public can again provide comment.

So that there would be no confusion or misunderstanding, Commissioner Lesser clarified that at today's meeting the Department is requesting the Commission to recommend that the Board authorize commencement of negotiations with Almar.

Mr. Steve Weinman informed the Commission that he has worked at Dock 77 for 6½ years and believes that he represents the majority of boat owners, who were somewhat taken aback and hurt by the money they would need to spend at the new dry stack storage facility. He said that neither he nor the other boat owners have seen the proposed fee schedule, but he doesn't think they would be able to keep their trailers at the facility.

Mr. Weinman said that he was speaking on behalf of Coalition of Save the Marina and would like to see the proposed fee schedule. His organization also wanted to go on record in opposition to the Almar proposal. He said that the project is not consistent with the Coastal Act or the MdR Local Coastal Program. Mr. Weinman also mentioned that he hasn't received any information as to whether a permit will be obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers since the project requires a change in the seawall and dredging might be needed.

Mr. Weinman expressed an interest in knowing how the Coastal Commission really feels about the Almar project and if it's happy with the over the water construction and intrusion on the basin. He questioned how much water is available to the boating public and how the project would affect the launch ramp.

Mr. Greg Schem, (The Boatyard) began, and Mr. Bill Anderson (Westrec Marina) completed, reading a prepared statement that detailed their concerns relative to the Almar proposal. Their statement is Attachment A to these minutes (per Vice-Chairperson Stevens' request to attach the material).

Commissioner Lesser mentioned that he noticed staff taking notes as the public expressed its concerns. He asked whether inaccurate statements concerning the Almar project have been made. Mr. Moliere responded that a lot of what was said was inaccurate and one inaccuracy he noted in particular was that the new facility would affect navigability. Mr. Moliere said that this is in fact incorrect and of the three proposals, Almar's has the least intrusion in terms of its distance from the launch ramp.

Mr. Moliere said that with the Almar proposal, the queuing is moved far back and there are clear sight lines. There is specific zoning in the LCP for dry stack storage, which says 70 feet. The view corridor is over 50% and that is one of the things that the CCC commented on most favorably. It allows not a long mass building as does the other two proposals that block the views from the street, but allows for half of the parcel to be open in the sense that you can see the water.

Further, Mr. Moliere said that the Department would like to start the process in terms of authorizing the negotiations so that the proposal can be fleshed out. Most of the questions have been answered and most clearly those questions from the Coastal Commission since there has been extensive conversation with them about all the proposals, most specifically the Almar proposal in great detail.

Mr. Rockwell Scharer, H basin slip tenant, informed the Commission that his slip is adjacent to the public launch. Mr. Scharer owns Ocean Pacific Mortgage Co. and he spent a year locating a boat slip that would make him happy, only to find out very recently that his slip would be encroached upon by the Almar development. He said that he will no longer have the shade or the view and he believes the safety of the public launch ramp is an issue. He expressed his opposition and said that he would do everything he could to try and understand why Almar has to encroach on the bay.

Mr. David Levine, president, MdR Lessees Association, requested that the Commission continue or delay taking action for 30-days on the Parcels 52R/GG item because of the proposal's complexity and controversial nature. Mr. Levine said that those who have been active in the community would like to see a diagram and understand the ramifications of the proposed project design before the Commission takes action.

Mr. Levine stated that the proposed structure over the water has great interest throughout the community and, given the nature of the project, more review is needed before its approval. He said that the Lessees Association is keenly interested in the provision of additional dry stack storage and feel it's an important element to the harbor's viability, particularly in the years ahead; however, the Almar design has raised concern from a wide range of people in the community who, because of the design's unprecedented nature, should be able to review the pictures before proceeding with the negotiation process. It should be determined whether there is a consensus to go ahead with the concept. Thirty days would provide an opportunity to review the design and understand what it means. Such a delay would be helpful to all concerned given the short amount of time that the community has had to react to the report.

Ms. Silverstrom explained that the Board of Supervisors ordered the Department to return within 120 days from the date of the Board order with a recommendation. She therefore could not tell the Commission that the Department would hold the item. The Department plans to proceed with submitting the item to the Board as instructed. To the extent that the community needs more time for comment and/or if the Commission would like to make individual comments, the comments will need to be made directly to the Board of Supervisors since the Department is under direct order to submit a recommendation to the Board and is not in the position to interfere with the deadline.

Ms. Silverstrom further explained that when it became clear that the Department would not be able to return to the Board within the 120 days as ordered the Department informed the Board that it would have the item available for the July 19 agenda, which is the date upon which the Board agreed.

Ms. Silverstrom suggested that the Lessees Association and members of the community address the Board when the Parcels 52R and GG item is before the Board and request a continuance at that time. Ms. Silverstrom added that, if the Commission wishes, the Department could indicate in the Board letter the Commission's request for a continuance.

Commissioner Lesser asked why the Commission is discussing the item if the Commission can't influence the Department's actions. Ms. Silverstrom responded that generally the Department brings an item to the Commission and has the latitude to hold the item if it believes more time is needed. The Department also includes in the Board letter the Commission's action on a particular item. Staff communicates what transpires at meetings with the Board offices. However, the Department must respond to Board orders within a specific timeframe. The Department is not in a position to refuse.

Commissioner Lesser commented that he understands the Department reports to the Board, but he just wanted to clarify that it doesn't matter what the Commission does with the Parcels 52/GG item since it will go before the Board on July 19 no matter what. Ms. Silverstrom said yes, but if the Commission wishes, the Department could communicate with the Board that the Commission would like the Board to hold the item.

Mr. Levine stated that he was told the Almar design that went through the current evaluation process differs from the design that went through the process two years ago and sparked the controversy about the feasibility and desirability of having an over the water structure. He hasn't seen any pictures and doesn't understand the differences between the current proposal and the previous proposal. Mr. Levine said that there are a wide variety of questions that he believes should be addressed before consensus is reached on the advisability of proceeding with the Almar proposal.

Further, Mr. Levine said that he understood the Department has a deadline with the Board but he hopes the community would have an opportunity as much as possible and as early in the process as possible to have a serious and intelligent conversation regarding whether this is the kind of structure it wants to have in the Marina.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens questioned whether there is a reason the Department could not request another extension given the tremendous interest of the Commission, public and Lessees Association, as well as the fact that it is an extraordinary proposition that hasn't previously been done and no visuals have been seen.

Commissioner Lesser suggested, and Vice-Chairperson Stevens agreed that, rather than have staff respond to Vice-Chairperson Stevens at this time, the Commission proceed with hearing public comment.

Ms. Angie Bera, basin H boat tenant, informed the Commission that she attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the boaters who are unaware of the Almar development. Ms. Bera expressed her opposition to the Almar project and explained that the proposed development doesn't meet many of the County's RFP requirements. She said that page one of the RFP states that the developments are to be developed as a regional draw serving the greater Los Angeles area, citizens of Marina del Rey and the recreational boating community. The Almar facility is designed to extend 160 feet from the seawall and block half of the public launch ramp in basin H. Basin H is the only public launch ramp in Marina del Rey and boaters outside of Marina del Rey heavily use it. Throughout the year, thousands of boaters use the ramp. Additionally, one of the three public pumpouts would be blocked and this is not a boater friendly choice.

Ms. Bera said that page one also states, "The County will also consider proposals for other related boater coastal dependent uses that enhance access to waterfront through recreational boating and encourage visitation to the nearby Marina attractions." She commented that the Almar development would cause increased boat traffic in basin H and near the launch ramp.

Ms. Bera questioned whether the County is aware of how much traffic currently exists during peak hours in the area of the proposed development. She said that she has taken pictures and has to push boats from her swim step because of the degree of traffic during peak hours. The traffic would be backed up along basin H and into the main channel. She expressed surprise that the County is unaware of the number of boaters that use the public launch ramp and a survey should have been conducted.

Ms. Bera also referred to page three of the RFP and said it states, "Some of the focus of the RFP is to improve access to recreational boating described as top priority in the Local Coastal Program. The County believes that this project explicitly addresses the needs of the boating community." She asked whether the Department asked the boating community whether the RFP addressed its needs and Ms. Bera commented that she doesn't think the RFP addresses the boating community's needs.

Ms. Bera said that the County is proposing 276 dry dock spaces compared to blocking half the public launch ramp available to millions of people in the greater L.A. area. She commented that building over the water would affect many sea lions and birds that inhabit the area, which Ms. Bera also has pictures of that she could supply to the Commission.

Ms. Bera expressed her opposition to the development and hopes the Commission and the County realize that the development would cause more harm to the boating community. She also said the Department needs a better method of notifying boaters about planned development.

Ms. Nancy Rich, H basin boat tenant, said that it's absolutely crazy to have a large building constructed over the water. Ms. Rich sits out there on the weekends and sees how everyone loves to come to the Marina during holidays and weekends. It's the only area where families without a lot of money can go. They can take their small boat and bring it to the public dock without paying an arm and a leg for fees having their boat dry docked. A lot of boats use the launch ramp and on the 4th of July, hundreds of boats used it to view the fireworks.

Ms. Rich questioned where the boats are supposed to go if 1/3 of the waterway is removed. She said that taking more of the waterway is not a good idea. The County is proposing something that most

people won't be able to afford and will make the Marina less accessible then it already is. She also expressed concern that the free parking at Dock 52 would be removed.

Mr. Moliere informed the Commission that there would be no loss of public parking since the parking would be replaced before the facility is built.

Relative to the concern about intrusion on the waterway, Mr. Moliere explained that the Marina was designed such that there is a 200-foot leasehold line running from the bulkhead to the water. The proposed construction is only about half way and is at the furthest end away from the launch ramp. The marine engineers, Coastal Commission and staff looked very carefully at the issue of navigability and determined that Almar's proposed design does not affect the navigability and use of the launch ramp. There also would not be a stacking problem. Any effect the construction might have is actually less than the other two proposals that were submitted.

Mr. Jerry Neuman, Almar Management, Inc., informed the Commission that the company had not planned to make a presentation; however, he felt that it would be important to address some of the speakers' comments. Mr. Neuman said that the company would be happy to meet at the proper time and appropriate process with the lessees and members of the Marina community to discuss the project. The company believes it is the right project for the area and believes that what it's done is refine a project that benefits boaters in all the ways staff has described. It is less impact from the water perspective and the public dock than any of the other proposals. The County has made the decision to have dry stack storage and Almar believes its proposal is most appropriate. Almar has been in the process for two years and has twice been selected as the winning proposer.

Mr. Neuman continued, stating that Almar believes that its operation stands firm and has done the best for the County and community. In terms of process, what the Commission is doing today is very important to the company because it isn't just going to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission has the ability to make decisions in terms of a recommendation to the Board. Almar is hopeful that the Commission chooses to support the Department's recommendation. The company has done everything it could in changing the project's profile to increase the view corridors, decrease the water impact and provide the best service possible with an operation that is proven and has proper utilization and the least impact to the waterway.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked whether there is an existing facility like Almar's proposed facility somewhere in California. Mr. Neuman responded that there is no existing facility at the scale Almar is proposing; however, in terms of the operation itself there is such a facility. Lake Arrowhead has an overhead crane system for dry stack storage that puts boats in the water. It is not at the scale of Almar's proposed facility, but it also is not within the same context as the Marina, which is an urban marina. This is a new way, in some ways, of doing dry stack storage. It is a way that people in the industry believe is the way of the future for urban impacted marinas. It may not be the way to do it in a coastal area where you might not want to have dry stack storage against the water, but it provides the most expedient methodology and gets boats in the water with the greatest comfort and security for the boaters. For that reason, Almar believes it is the most appropriate use. The crane itself that has been criticized is a crane that has been used for over 100 years in the industry and is a proven commodity. It has great operational stamina and the company has great confidence in it.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked the portion of the project that extends over the water and directly affects the public launch ramp. Mr. Neuman responded, "None." He explained that a portion extends over the water not quite halfway through the leasehold interest. It's about 2/3 less than what was in the previous proposal. The public launch ramp is not impacted. Each of the proposers proposed facilities that were in the waterway. The Almar proposal has less water contact than any of the other proposals. The other proposals had facilities in the water that were far closer to and had more impact on the public launch ramp. The Almar building would set high above the waterway so that it is visible through. Boaters going out would have a total view corridor through the Marina.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked whether a boat with its mast up could get through. Mr. Neuman responded that the boat couldn't go under the proposed building because the building would be in the

leasehold area. He reiterated that the building would extend about half of the lease area. The navigation ways in the Marina don't go through the actual leasehold area.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked whether the boats would go through the public area. Mr. Neuman affirmed that they would go through the public area. The building would be in a private area and would take up only half of the area that is within the leasehold interest.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked for clarification on an earlier comment involving a building height of 85 ft. Mr. Neuman responded that one of the speakers commented on the building height in reference to high tide and low tide and at high tide the building sets at 70 ft and at low tide there could be a differential from sea level to the top of the building at 85 ft. Mr. Neuman said that he doesn't know whether this is true and the company would have to review the matter. He doesn't know if Almar has done a low tide measurement relative to where the sea is at low tide vs. the building height. If the company has done such a measurement, he doesn't have the information at this time.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens commented that it would be important to have such information before moving forward. Mr. Neuman said that Almar has the building height and the height relative to where the grade is of the property now and relative to where the waterway is on its normal level. The company has high tide from where the water generally is and where the dock space is currently.

Commissioner Lesser asked whether Almar has done any other projects in the Marina. Mr. Neuman responded that Almar has not previously done any other projects in the Marina; however, Almar is currently working on acquiring another property in the Marina.

Commissioner Lesser questioned whether Almar is a member of the Lessees Association. Mr. Neuman responded that the company currently is not, but would become a member once it is a leaseholder.

Commissioner Crail commented that he opposed the previous Almar project because of its plan to build a facility over the water. He asked to what extent the planned construction over the water was reduced in the new proposal. Mr. Neuman responded that the previous proposal had two buildings extending over the water. In the new proposal, the smaller building is eliminated and the larger building is reduced 2/3 of the way of what had previously been extended.

Commissioner Crail asked for clarification on the 2/3 reduction. Mr. Neuman corrected his earlier statement and said, rather than 2/3, the reduction is actually one-half.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens commented that a visual was provided at the meeting but wasn't included in the Commission's mailing packets before the meeting. She said that visuals enable the Commission to actually see what is proposed and give a more clear perception than written words.

Mr. Neuman apologized for the oversight and said that now that the Commission has the visual it can see the proposed building. In the previous proposal, the building shown on the visual had extended out almost to the leasehold line. The new proposal cuts out one edge about half-way and the edge closest to the public launch ramp 2/3 of the way so that was is left is 1½ phased over the water now.

Commissioner Crail asked whether reducing both buildings back to 45 ft would impede the ability to use the overhead crane. He said, for example, what if the building that extends 105 ft was cut back 45 ft. Mr. Neuman responded that such a reduction would impact the amount of storage that is planned. This issue would be addressed during the design review as well as with Regional Planning Commission and California Coastal Commission.

Mr. Neuman explained that the proposed plan enables Almar to preserve the sight lines and preserve the line of sight from the launch ramp. By having it at an angle, no viewpoints will be cut off. In effect, the same view corridor you would see whether or not the back end or the most westerly end was cut back to 45 ft., it would make almost no difference from the view driving down the road westerly. Whether than losing spaces just for purposes of having less over the water on one side seemed

irrelevant to Almar because its plan produces the most optimal number of spaces with the least visual impact and the least intrusion to the public ramp.

Commissioner Crail asked whether the view line is the view that drivers would see as they drove down the street. Mr. Neuman clarified that he meant it is the view while driving down the street or coming around from off Mindanao Way.

Commissioner Crail said that his concern pertains to the view line for the people in the slips and boaters going throughout the Marina. Mr. Neuman said that from this perspective the separation of the 60 ft between those two minimizes that visual impact from the person coming out of the slips or from the public launch ramp. Almar conducted extensive studies on the view impact of boaters coming through the Marina, which resulted in the most optimal proposal in the way that it is currently proposed.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens commented that she understands the view line, but doesn't understand the practice of moving the boats through and not creating a stacking problem. Mr. Neuman said that if the Commissioners viewed the other proposals, they would see facilities that extended further out in the water than Almar's proposal. He explained that just because a facility extends over the water doesn't in and of itself mean it impacts a boater who is navigating through the Marina. It is the actual intrusion in the water that is at the surface of the water that makes an impact happen. The Almar proposal is the least impactful.

Commissioner Lesser referenced a map that showed the proposed building and slips. He pointed out that concerns were expressed about a building extending over the water and the encroachment of water space when the slips themselves extend far into the water.

Mr. Moliere showed on the map the location of the proposed public launch ramp. Commissioner Lesser noted that the launch ramp is a distance from the new facility. He commented that the dry storage facility would have zero impact on the public boat ramp and it appears that a massive amount of misinformation is being spread about the project.

Mr. Craig Purcell, H basin boat tenant, informed the Commission that he is concerned about accessibility, safety and navigability. He said that the company representatives at the meeting tend to be the "money guys" and the guys that want to complete the project. The boaters at the meeting, on the other hand, are somewhat, or very much, opposed to it. The reason for this opposition is safety.

Mr. Purcell explained that parking a boat is like parking a car and there are no brakes on a boat. He used an analogy of a parking lot with 260 or 300 cars trying to exit or enter the lot at the same time and must wait for the cars ahead of them to be moved by a valet. Mr. Purcell said that this is the situation, with boats being taken up and down a ramp. With approximately 200-300 boats coming in, waiting for valet service, H basin would be backed up. Unfortunately, a boat can't be forced to stay in one spot. Tide and wind are some of the factors involved in moving a boat around. There is not enough room to have everyone moving in a circle because on top of those people trying to get into or out of dry stack, there are people coming out of the boat ramp, the people who can't afford the dry stack storage.

Mr. Purcell said that not everyone who is in a boat on the water has the experience or ability to handle it in a high traffic area. There will be a lot of problems in H basin if a facility is constructed with such a large number of dry stack units. It isn't true that the facility won't impact the public launch ramp. Mr. Purcell said that he hasn't studied the new proposal, but he believes the boat owners would be impacted. He and his wife sit on the back of their boat while having cocktails and watch people who've been drinking while fishing all day try to back up their trailers and take the boat out of the water. The pump out dock won't be available to the bigger boats, which are the boats that need the pump out docks rather than the boaters with 18 feet runarounds who go outside the breakwater to fish.

Commissioner Lesser asked how many boats could use the public ramp at one time. Mr. Moliere responded that there are three ramps. Commissioner Lesser asked what would happen with the hundreds of boats mentioned by an earlier speaker. Mr. Moliere responded that some of the speakers presume that the 4th of July influx of boats is the typical traffic. Counts have been taken and Almar is aware of the amount of boat traffic.

Commissioner Lesser asked if there are 300 boats in dry storage on an average weekend the number that would be used in any one weekend. He commented that it doesn't appear that 95% of the boats are ever taken out in the Marina. Mr. Moliere responded that there is a 300-space mast up storage facility in the area. He recalled doing specific studies on weekends and Wednesday nights when the boat races were going and the Commission would be shocked at the low number. To presume that all of the boats that are in storage would be taken out and used at the same time is not realistic.

Mr. Tom Hogan, Pacific Marina Development, which is partnered with Almar in the transaction, informed the Commission that there is no influence into the navigable channel. All of the proposals have docks. Almar happens to have docks in a building that sits out over a portion of the water. There is no intrusion into the water over a navigable channel; in fact, there is quite a bit less since the docking space does not cover the entire site. Secondarily, he noted that none of the spaces on the docks would be rented to anyone else. Approximately 120 boats can be queued at any one given time on docks themselves that will be pertinent to Almar's operation and no one else's operation. There won't be any intrusion into the public waterway.

Commissioner Lesser asked whether 1/3 of the boats in dry storage could be queued up at any point in time. Mr. Hogan responded that in the water approximately 120 boats could be docked at any one given time.

Commissioner Lesser asked whether the only purpose for the docks is to take care of the boats in dry storage. Mr. Hogan responded, "Exactly." He said that not all of the boats get used at any one given time. Historically, it's a 10-15% use at any one given time with some additional uses during peak periods. This information is included in the parking analysis.

Mr. Jeff Pence, co-owner of Pacific Marina Development, addressed some of the earlier comments pertaining to the project height. He said that the Boatyard proposed a 52 ft high dry-stack boat storage facility. Almar proposed a 65 ft high facility with a 5 ft well for the mechanical.

Relative to the over the water construction, Mr. Pence said that Almar reduced from its original proposal 70% of the overall down to 30%. There are 24 trailer facilities where people with boats can have their trailers stored.

Mr. Pence mentioned that there are two other over the water projects that will go before the California Coastal Commission sometime this year or next year. His company is involved with one of the projects. The over the water concept is really growing and becoming viable.

Relative to the gantry crane, Mr. Pence said that gantry cranes have been in business over 100 years. The issue is the stacking forks that they put in the mechanism. There is a project with the same system in Connecticut. There are three projects in Florida and one project in Hong Kong. All of these gantry cranes have been in business from 1989 to 1993. Within all these years, only two have been down, one because of a hurricane in Florida. The other crane was down for one day. It cost three times as much to develop this technology and use it.

Ms. Jeanne Linville, H basin boat tenant, said that her boat is on an end tie. She informed the Commission that she has watched children playing in the area and she is amazed that they will no longer be able to do it. She questioned who would benefit from the proposed project. Ms. Linville said that something is being taken away from the community and, particularly, from the children living inland in places like Norwalk, which is not near the water. They are able to come to this little small area that they've been given in this big Marina to ride in boats. Ms. Linville said that she doesn't mean that they're at the beach, but here in the Marina where they can go in a boat and fish, or pretend to fish, or canoe or learn to sail. Ms. Linville also expressed concern for the children in their tiny boats and their safety while boats are being lifted on cranes.

Ms. Silverstrom said that she wanted to comment on the community's concern relative to accessibility for boaters, particularly in the area of basin H. She explained that the Department is currently undergoing a periodic review of the Local Coastal Program by the Coastal Commission. One thing

that is particularly apparent is that there is no more space to construct docks. The Department has been mindful of that and tried to bring opportunities for people to have boats in the Marina outside of a wet slip, which is no longer possible. In the Coastal Commission's staff report, the Department was encouraged to consider alternatives. One alternative that was specifically identified by the Coastal Commission as providing an opportunity for people to have boats in the Marina is a dry stack facility. The Department is aware that there are people who use the launch ramp and that's why it will remain here and untrampled on.

Ms. Silverstrom continued, stating that the Department is providing an additional opportunity for people that either do not have access to boat slips because there aren't anymore or don't have enough money for wet slips and will have a lower cost alternative, which is the dry stack storage facility. This was the goal of the County in releasing its RFP for a dry stack storage facility in the Marina.

As for the basin H location, Ms. Silverstrom explained that the area is what is considered the public area for boats to go out. There are no other areas in the Marina for this sort of public facility. The Department believes that what is recommended in the Almar proposal is an appropriate response. Having a managed system where boats are put into the dock and ready for owners is a way of appropriately handling that kind of public incursion into the water.

In terms of other public areas available to children and other recreators, Ms. Silverstrom informed the Commission that in addition to keeping the launch ramp, an aquatic center will be constructed at Chace Park, which will be expanded to provide more recreational opportunities where the community will have the opportunity to be involved, with a particular focus on children. Almar has appropriately responded to the RFP and Almar has indicated its willingness to share its plans and, hopefully, relieve the community of some of its concerns.

Ms. Silverstrom expressed her agreement with Vice-Chairperson Stevens' comments about graphics. She extended her apologies to the Commission and members of the public for the omission of the graphic. Ms. Silverstrom said that Vice-Chairperson Stevens' point was well taken and the Department will try to do better in the future.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens said that it would have been helpful if Almar had provided pictures of an existing facility that is similar to Almar's proposed facility. Ms. Silverstrom commented that the Almar proposal contains visuals.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens commented that the Commission is not sufficiently aware of what is being proposed and she recommended that whatever motion the Commission makes include a request that the Board of Supervisors, given the tremendous contention within the community, including the lessees and boaters, postpone taking action on July 19 and return the item to the Commission.

Commissioner Crail expressed his opposition to the Almar proposal and said that he would rather "see it put back to 45 ft. length over the water. I'd rather see nothing over the water, but 100 ft. is too much for me."

Commissioner Lesser said that the situation is complicated. The original goal, as Ms. Silverstrom well stated, was to enhance the boating experience for people who can't find a slip but want to keep their boat located close to where they're going to use it and the Almar proposal provides the most effective way for them to do it. Almar proposes the most cost and space effective way for people to accomplish this goal. The goal is to allow more people to enjoy boating. The concept of the project doesn't take away from the public launch ramp or anything else.

Commissioner Lesser commented that the proposed project is very creative and that is part of the problem. Because the project is creative, it means a big change with something new and different. It's been his experience in life that change brings resistance and fear of the unknown.

Further, Commissioner Lesser commented that the Almar project is one of the few projects in which he's been contacted by "certain powers that be." He said that he doesn't want it taken the wrong way,

but the fact is that one of the "good ole boys" was not selected and did not get the project. An outsider (Almar) was chosen and there are sore losers.

Commissioner Lesser said that the County organized an incredible team of independent evaluators who selected the best project. He said that everyone should keep in mind that the project has not been finalized but would go through a lot of review, public input and some design changes. The County has nothing to gain by doing a lousy job and is making an effort to do what is best for the community and boaters. Commissioner Lesser said that the project should proceed to the next step.

Commissioner Lesser made a motion recommending that the Commission authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors to enter into exclusive negotiations with Pacific Marina Development/Almar Management, Inc. for development of Parcels 52R and GG, subject to all regulatory and public input reviews. The motion did not receive a second and failed.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens announced that the motion failed and she strongly recommended that the Department educate the Commission and the public, particularly the lessees and boaters, more on the Almar project since they are integral to the Marina's operation.

Ms. Silverstrom suggested that the Commission consider making another motion that would include either a request that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Department to continue the item so that the Department could obtain more public comment or request the Board to postpone taking action on the item on July 19 and wait 30-days in order to allow more public comment. Ms. Silverstrom indicated that, as it currently stands, the Department planned to proceed with the Board letter, which would either indicate the Commission's disapproval or the fact that it did not take an action.

Commissioner Crail commented that he didn't believe the Commission needed to make another motion. Although the Commission did not endorse the Department's recommendation the Department could still move forward to the Board, which will act as it chooses.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens proceeded to the next agenda item.

b. Consent to Assignment of Lease and Major Sublease and Approval of Amendment to Lease --Parcel 103T (Oakwood Apartments) – Marina del Rey

Ms. Silverstrom informed the Commission that this item is an assignment of the Oakwood Apartments to Archstone. Archstone will become the lessee; however, the apartments would continue with the existing Oakwood management for seven years.

The Department is also proposing a lease amendment and Ms. Silverstrom apologized for the delay in its submission. The amendment was provided to the Commission at today's meeting rather than prior to the meeting. She asked Mr. Moliere to provide details regarding the lease amendment.

Mr. Moliere commented that the amendment is by-and-large, with one exception, very pedestrian. The amendment, among other provisions, provides a more clear definition of gross receipts and restatement of the law in terms of prohibitive uses. He pointed out that one substantive provision is that the current lease has a dual rent structure because Oakwood has apartment units and corporate service units, which are furnished units that operate somewhat like a hotel and provide maid service and other services. It is Archstone's intention to phase out the corporate service aspect and eventually become solely an apartment complex. One of the unique features of the corporate service is that the County requires a furniture and fixtures sinking fund. Since such a fund will no longer be necessary, the County will allow Archstone to stop contributing to this fund. The existing money in this fund will pay the cost of furniture and fixtures for the next seven years.

Further, Mr. Moliere said that the lease will function as an apartment lease and all of the rents would be converted to the 10½% rate. There will no longer be a 9% rate for a different kind of unit. If Archstone chose to continue operating corporate service units, Archstone would be vastly overpaying since it would have to pay the County 10 1/2% for the apartment, plus 5% for any other services that

are rendered. Instead of the Department getting the benefit of the 9% rate for the corporate services unit, the Department is taking Archstone at its word that the corporate service will be discontinued.

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Mr. David Naftalin, representing the Marina Tenants Association, expressed the association's opposition to the Parcel 103T assignment. He said:

> At this stage, in working out these deals, "the proprietary stage," is not a public process at all. So now, we suddenly open up to the public and I think the distinction between the regulatory period and the proprietary period is an interesting one because, in my opinion, there's a real connection between the regulatory process and the proprietary process because the value of these leaseholds is determined on what the uses are and what the regulatory body says and a lot of other things that happen down the line.
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> There is no information on the price paid by Archstone to the Oakwood. There's no information on the profit that's being made by the Oakwood now. You talk about a net proceed share, which I assume is based on a percentage of the price paid by the assignee to Oakwood, but that's not revealed either. Without this information, how do you gauge whether or not the County is getting a fair deal?
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> I said the same thing at the time of the Kingswood transfer and it came out later. I said, 'there's no information here.' It came out later that Archstone is paying $87 million to the selling lessee. My point is that these values, paying $87 million for that leasehold is like taking the value of this land and valuing it as if we're out in Lancaster.
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> The County takes care of all of this dredging and making this a nice area and the percentage rentals we're getting are 10%. We should be getting 35%.... Thirty-five percent would be a fair percentage rental for the County. That's what my experts tell me.
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> The Marina Tenants Association proposes basically three things: 1) that the sale not be approved. Every sale is an opportunity to scale back on the big business aspect of the Marina. This relates to all of these things, all of the questions about development of the Marina. Do you want to just make it the biggest and most profitable or do you want to run it for small boaters?; 2) More information is needed; 3) I strongly urge you to get an independent appraiser outside the County, not anybody from staff, not anybody from the appraiser's office downtown.
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> All of the money spent in sanitizing this report would be enough so to speak. By sanitizing, I mean making it so it doesn't reveal the essential financial information but does apparently make it look legal. I don't think it is legal but that's just one lawyer's opinion. Your County Counsel thinks it's a legal transaction I would assume. I think an outside appraiser...if in fact the role of this Commission, as I believe it is, is to be a watchdog. This would be a good opportunity to get some outside input on the values involved in this transaction.

Mr. Moliere commented that he believes Mr. Naftalin might be confusing a lease extension and a pure sale. There was a Parcel 103 lease extension a number of years ago. The current transaction actually is one of a number of transactions that are regular in nature and in which the County consented without any contract participation.

Mr. Moliere explained that the criteria upon which extensions are based, as identified on page 3 of the Board letter, are: 1) the financial condition of the assignment; 2) the price to be paid for the leasehold as it relates to the improvements or potential development thereon; and 3) the management of leasehold by the new lessee being in the best interest of the Marina as a whole. He said that Parcel

103 is one of the leases that were renegotiated. With new leases, there is a profit participation, which had previously not existed. The current transaction will give the County a $4.2 million net proceed share. This amount has nothing to do with the property's value per se, the Parcel 103 assignment is just a sale from one private party to the other and there is no change to the underlying interest of the County.

Mr. Moliere added that there is no physical change of the property. Vice-Chairperson Stevens commented that the Department said the same thing about Kingswood.

Ms. Andrus commented that Kingswood was afforded an illegal lease extension, which needs to be addressed. She said that the Asset Management Strategy also needs to be addressed.

Ms. Andrus expressed her hope for Supervisor Don Knabe to attend the Commission meetings and share his vision of the Marina that doesn't include the eviction of a number of residents.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens referred to the Department's criteria for recommending or denying an assignment, which is listed in the "Purpose/Justification of Recommended Action" section on page 2 of Parcel 103 Board letter. One of the criteria, Item C, states, "The management of the leasehold by the new lessee being in the best interest of the Marina as a whole." Vice-Chairperson Stevens commented that she doesn't believe the Commission has had as much grief concerning any lessee as it's had from Archstone. She doesn't believe that it's in the best interest of the Marina that Archstone be given another parcel in the Marina.

Ms. Silverstrom said that for the first seven years the property would continue to be managed by Oakwood. The Department has found generally in its investigation of the complaints pertaining to Archstone that the company is doing a good job in the Marina. Many of the complaints pertaining to Archstone's improper management were unfounded. There were anecdotal complaints that the Department investigated and, on a regular basis, was unable to confirm the particular complainant's issue. The Department disagrees with the assessment that Archstone is unfit to manage residential properties in the Marina.

Commissioner Lesser noted that when Archstone acquired Kingswood it was assumed that many residents would be upset. It was known that a large amount of money would be invested in renovating the complex and the rents would be increased. The prior owner had kept the rents artificially low and below fair market value. He said the statistics reveal that a large number of residents chose to remain at the Archstone complex after the renovation and despite the rent increases. Almost all of the residents who moved left the Marina because they could not find as nice of an apartment in the Marina for the same amount of money that they paid at Kingswood.

Commissioner Lesser said that Archstone is not doing a bad job. He acknowledged that dealing with increased rent and having to move is traumatic, but it is a fact of life. Everyone had a good deal for a long time.

Mr. Geoffrey Mitchell, attorney for the current Oakwood Marina del Rey lessee, informed the Commission that a few years ago Oakwood underwent an approximate $12 million renovation and upgrade. This was part of the lease extension that was granted in 2001. Under the terms of the Oakwood master lease, the existing management will continue. From the tenants' perspective, there will be no change. The rents won't change other than in the ordinary course. The current rents are at fair market value. The Oakwood situation isn't the same as what occurred at Kingswood with below market rents. At the end of the seven-year lease term when management of the property reverts to Archstone, the rents are expected to be at fair market value. There should not be any rent increase at that point and time other than in the ordinary course as rents may increase in the market place.

Additionally, Mr. Mitchell said that this project and the operation of it is one of the things that contributes to the highest possible percentage rents for the County, which is what the objective of the County is in its proprietary function, or at least that's part of the objective, which is to earn the highest possible rents. Mr. Mitchell commented that he didn't believe the Commission would hear any

problems from tenants. He said that, in addition, as Mr. Moliere pointed out, there would be a $4.2 million net proceeds share paid to the County in connection with this transaction.

Commissioner Crail moved and Commissioner Lesser seconded a motion endorsing the Department's recommendation that the Board approve the consent to assignment of lease and major sublease and approval of amendment to lease for Parcel 103T (Oakwood Apartments) – Marina del Rey. The motion passed with Commissioner Crail and Commissioner Lesser voting in favor. Vice-Chairperson Stevens opposed.

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. Ongoing Activities Report

Ms. Silverstrom reported that June was an active month for the Board with respect to items relating to Marina del Rey, many of which were considered and recommended by the Commission.

Ms. Silverstrom pointed out the staff report's inclusion of an update on the MdR Local Coastal Program Period Review. Since the last Commission meeting, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) met and continued action on the periodic review report until the November 2005 meeting. The report is 144-pages with 54 recommendations by the CCC. What the CCC staff heard was that the Commission would like less recommendations and a more condensed, focused product. The Commissioners particularly commented on environmental, recreational, water quality and public access issues.

Ms. Silverstrom said that the Department is working on a response to the report and will meet with CCC staff to try to fashion a report that the Department could support. The Department intends to meet with the CCC staff around August. She explained that the meeting was deferred because the CCC staff wanted the meeting at an L.A. location and the next time the CCC meets in Los Angeles is in November. The Department feels positive about the report and feels that it has a lot of opportunity to tell about the good things that are being done in the Marina. Much of the report has acknowledged that the County is doing a good job.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens questioned why the periodic review report uses the word, "shall," almost on every sentence or recommendation. She commented that "shall" is not typical CCC terminology. Ms. Silverstrom responded that she doesn't know why "shall" is used; it might indicate the CCC's interest in the Department following the recommendations.

Ms. Silverstrom explained that the CCC can't require the Department to follow the recommendations. In a periodic review, the most that the CCC can do is make recommendations. The Department has one year to respond and has the freedom to say, "thank-you very much. We have no comment on your report."

Commissioner Lesser commented that, if the report has some good ideas, the Department should consider them. Ms. Silverstrom agreed and said that the Department is working toward a report that both the Department and CCC can feel comfortable about.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens said that given the fact that the Department and CCC staff have met and the Small Craft Harbor Commission is not privy to the comments, she wondered if the Commission has any input to the Department's response to the periodic review report. She commented that it would be wise not to keep the Commission out of the loop of information. A lot was brought to the surface today that reflected the lack of information provided the Commission and it isn't fair to ask the Commission to make decisions under such circumstances; even though the decisions are almost meaningless because the Commission doesn't have authority to make them.

Commissioner Lesser commented that he doesn't believe the Small Craft Harbor Commission's decisions are meaningless since major changes in projects have been made as the result of input at Commission meetings.

Ms. Silverstrom explained that the Department's staff would meet with CCC staff to discuss the Department's response. After the Department receives the report in November, it will have one year to make comment. Vice-Chairperson Stevens requested that the Department involve the Commission in this process.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens questioned how Ms. Silverstrom could state that the CCC has no right to direct the Department's actions when the CCC managed to get the Broad Beach residents to put the sand back on the public beach. Ms. Silverstrom responded that she might have miscommunicated before. She explained that there is a certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) and there is nothing in the Coastal Act that allows the CCC to instruct the Department to amend the LCP. This is something that the CCC cannot do.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked whether the Department could request exceptions to the LCP. Ms. Silverstrom responded that the Department could request amendments to the LCP in connection with individual projects. This occurs when the Department itself requests the Coastal Commission to amend the certified program. The CCC doesn't have the ability in the periodic review to require the Department to amend the LCP.

Commissioner Lesser asked what would happen if the CCC found that the County is not in compliance. Ms. Silverstrom responded that what generally has come out in connection with the periodic review thus far is that the Coastal Act allows the CCC to review under the periodic review whether the Department has implemented the LCP as it was written. The CCC has also gone beyond that to review changed circumstances and new information. It makes recommendations on these two additional features. The CCC has said in connection with this particular periodic review that the County generally is implementing the plan but there are changed circumstances and new information that the CCC would like the County to consider in coming forward, if it is willing to do so, with an amendment to the LCP. Ms. Silverstrom said that, in general, the CCC is not finding problems with the Department's implementation of the LCP.

Commissioner Lesser expressed his appreciation to staff for the Ongoing Activities Report. He commented that it was neat to read staff's follow up concerning Eric Huff, who, as it turns out, is not being evicted from Panay Way. Mr. Huff is being given a temporary slip during Panay Way's reconstruction and will have the option to return after construction is completed.

b. Update on Floating Home Issues

Ms. Silverstrom informed the Commission that the report responds to concerns expressed at previous meetings pertaining to floating homes and a request that lessees be required to accommodate existing floating homes during dock reconstruction and to provide tenancy to the same upon reconstruction completion. She said that the Department does not agree with such a requirement.

Ms. Silverstrom explained that at the time the ordinance change occurred the Board of Supervisors had considered allowing a period of beyond 10 years. She said that the current law is that if a floating home was in existence at the time the ordinance change occurred, the owner of the floating home is allowed up to ten years within which to transfer his/her ownership. After the ten years, if there is a transfer of ownership, the floating home has to leave the Marina. The Board was requested to consider a longer term and the Board chose not to consider a longer term.

Commissioner Lesser clarified that the Commission didn't say a lessee should be required to accommodate the floating homeowner during a dock's reconstruction. It's just that it didn't seem right that in a certain few cases in which the homeowner is legal, has done nothing wrong, and his/her floating home is in great shape, he/she can't be accommodated. Commissioner Lesser commented that he was somewhat bothered that the floating homeowner didn't do anything wrong, but was being kicked out during renovations.

Commissioner Crail commented that he can't state that a floating homeowner didn't do anything wrong, it's just that a decision was made ten years ago to settle the matter in the way it was settled.

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Ms. Andrus commented that she agrees with Commissioner Lesser and said that it just seems unfair to the floating homeowners and the community in general. The community is not being enriched by the way that many members have been eliminated because of high rent. There is no value to the community when members are lost in this way. She expressed her hope that the floating homeowners could remain.

Mr. Naftalin, representing the Marina Tenants Association, expressed his understanding that the Department's floating home report is a follow up to Mr. Wisniewski's comment at the May 25 meeting that staff would look into the issue of mandating that a lessee keep the floating homeowners during the redevelopment process. Mr. Naftalin said that his issue pertained to liveaboards and he, in fact, wrote a letter in May 2005 to the Commission about the displacement of liveaboards, specifically mentioning Dr. Hoffman as an example of a legal liveaboard who is being displaced.

Mr. Naftalin said that Dr. Hoffman is a legal liveaboard and the same principal [relative to floating homes] is true with regard to throwing people out. It's highly unfair. He said that Dr. Hoffman was told by the anchorage dockmaster that applications would be taken from people in the community and then tenants would be selected. The anchorage asked what method could be fairer than its method.

Mr. Naftalin told the Commission that what would be fairer would be to give Dr. Hoffman, a guy with a vested interest who has lived here for a long time, and whose boat is losing all its value, precedence.

Mr. Naftalin commented that the floating home report is a litany of negativity about how bad floating homes were. The report says that Chapter 19.12 of the County Code was amended to limit floating homes; however, at the time of 1994/95, there was a big fight, not really over floating homes, but over liveaboards. Floating homes are being phased out and have a few years left because of the amendment, but liveaboards are fully legal.

Mr. Naftalin said that the May 25, 2005 minutes include Mr. Wisniewski's comment about it being in the lessees' interest to phase development because they need good tenants. Mr. Naftalin stressed that what is needed are regulations. If the Commission has any power, this is an area that cries out for regulation, just as the landside lessees were regulated. He said that Dr. Hoffman was removed summarily and the exact description of the legal process by which Dr. Hoffman was removed is a difficult one to describe. Mr. Naftalin urged the Commission to continue fighting for the liveaboards.

Ms. Silverstrom explained that prior to the ordinance, one of the lessees contemplated building floating homes or having an arrangement with a developer to construct more floating homes at the Marina docks. This idea created a lot of concern from recreational boaters, other lessees and community members and a series of meetings were held as well as a public hearing conducted by former Small Craft Harbor Commission Chairman Herbert Strickstein. A follow up committee of interested community members was created and the ordinance resulted, which was created specifically with respect to floating homes. It did not deal with liveaboards. That is not to say that comments were not made about liveaboards; however, liveaboards are not precluded in Marina del Rey.

Mr. Jonathan Balfus, representing Robert Weinmeier, informed the Commission that he wished to comment on the floating home report, which Mr. Balfus said is legally and factually inaccurate. He said that the Commission was approached over the past couple of months about legal liveaboards and legal floating homeowners who were grandfathered in tenants of Panay Way Marina. These tenants are being evicted and don't have any other place to go. It was proposed that the Commission intercede or look into the matter so that the lessees could discuss their tenants' rights, not that the County take any particular position. The reason that the staff report is inaccurate is that it's an analysis of the 1995 ordinance that prohibited the expansion of floating homes. No one is interested in preventing any more floating homes from coming in, it's decided, it would be against the law. The issue is what to do with the floating homes that are already there. The rights of the floating homeowners who are there legally is not decided by the 1995 ordinance, but by the state law and by the 1999 amendments to the 1995 ordinance.

Mr. Balfus said that the Department's floating home report is a perfectly good analysis that would make sense if it was ten years ago but it is not the state of the law in 2005. Further, Mr. Balfus said that, while he addressed the reason why the update is not legally correct, which is because it does not take into consideration the present state of County Code 19.12 as amended in 1999, it is important for the Commission to know that the report is also factually incorrect because it seems to imply that all of the issues with the tenants have been resolved and that the dockmaster interceded and that there are no other problems.

Mr. Balfus noted that the staff report is dated June 30, 2005 and since that time Mr. Weinmeier received another eviction notice and must vacate in less than 60 days. Mr. Balfus said that not everything ended up happily ever after and it is not the case of the appropriate people being spoken to and now realize the error of their ways.

Mr. Balfus offered to discuss with Ms. Silverstrom or anyone else his analysis of the law. He said that, while the issue isn't complicated, it is an important issue. He offered to answer any questions about why he believes the staff report is not up-to-date.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked Ms. Silverstrom to communicate Mr. Naftalin's and Mr. Balfus' comments to Mr. Faughnan (County Counsel) and request his legal opinion. Ms. Silverstrom responded that she would be happy to, but she also wanted to state on the record that no tenant in the Marina, whether they are liveaboard or a floating homeowner, has an automatic right to be in the Marina. They have a month-to-month tenancy that can be terminated by the lessee. The amendment to the floating home ordinance disallowed any new floating homes from coming in and legitimized those that were here so long as they continued to have a slip, but the ordinance did not require them to be given a slip.

After expressing her understanding of Ms. Silverstrom's statements, Vice-Chairperson Stevens reiterated her request for a legal opinion on the information that Mr. Naftalin and Mr. Balfus brought to the Commission's attention. Ms. Silverstrom indicated that she needed to receive more of an understanding of the legal issues that were raised. Vice-Chairperson Stevens requested that Ms. Silverstrom speak with both men after the meeting to clarify the issues.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Naftalin, representing the Marina Tenants Association, informed the Commission that the association is primarily composed of tenants, but also a fair number of boaters. One of the directors is a liveaboard. One issue that came up is the issue of whether the Marina Tenants Association could engage in litigation at the same time it brings a matter before the Commission. The issue brought up in the suit regarding Dr. Hoffman was that one of the reasons the preliminary injunction should be denied was because Mr. Naftalin had written a letter to the Commission and the County and the association was trying to engage in the political process and should, therefore, not engage in the legal process.

Mr. Naftalin said it had been indicated at a meeting that since Mr. Naftalin is one of the people involved in the lawsuit, the Commission should be careful in its response to him. Mr. Naftalin commented that it might be a good strategic idea not to make statements that might hurt your case, but he believes that anything you say is subject to that.

Mr. Naftalin said that another point is that the historical record makes it very clear that the Commission was started as a watchdog Commission. In the early days of the Marina, there were allegations that none of the original lessees were brought in by public bidding and that at the last moment there was an idea to build 6,000 apartment units with 10,000 tenants, which would help repay the bonds. Now, certificates of participation have replaced the bonds.

Mr. Naftalin said that as tough as the Commission's job is, he urges it to be a locus where the community can come and argue for various kinds of changes and contribute input. He said that the mere multiplicity of public meetings and opportunity for input is not always a good thing and is

sometimes more confusing than it is helpful. The Small Craft Harbor Commission is really a good place with helpful people who are responsive and nice, which he appreciates.

Ms. Andrus informed the Commission that she wished to discuss the affordable housing issue in the Panay Way area. Ms. Andrus said that there are 99 units at Parcel 20 and 10% were set aside for affordable housing; however, she has been told that the units are being restricted to seniors 62 years of age and older. Ms. Andrus said that she spoke to Pam Emerson at the California Coastal Commission (CCC) office to discuss the issue. Ms. Andrus also commented that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) should be informed of how the County, particularly Regional Planning, interprets affordable housing.

Ms. Andrus said that affordable housing is one thing and senior housing is another and Capri is restricting its affordable housing units to seniors. The conditional use permit designates its affordable housing as being for seniors and justifies this by saying that a majority of seniors are displaced in the Marina, which Ms. Andrus doesn't believe to be the case. She said that affordable housing should address the public that lives here first, which is not being done.

Ms. Andrus also said that the apartment across the street is for active senior citizens, aged 55 years and older. HUD would be interested in knowing that there is a new category of active senior citizens. She questioned whether inactive seniors could live there. Ms. Andrus said that the apartment complex is quite different than was initially proposed, which was a senior board and care with a nurse on site and this was part of the conditional use permit.

Ms. Andrus said that as residents are being displaced, the demographics of the Marina do not justify placing senior housing before affordable housing. Affordable housing is supposed to serve the community in which the housing is built. There appears to be serious violations by the Panay Way properties of the conditional use permits and this should be investigated. She said that there currently are no residential units reserved exclusively for low-income seniors. That's what #39 says in the conditional use permit. There should be an investigation of the housing situation, which she brought up with the Coastal Commission staff. Ms. Andrus said that per Pam Emerson's suggestion, people were sent to the Parcel 20 complex and they well documented their reception.

Mr. Moliere clarified that the Parcel 20 permit predated the Marina's affordable housing policy. Regional Planning granted the lessee a permit on the condition that 10% of the parcel's housing is designated for low-income seniors. The units are currently in the process of being rented. He commented that the Department is not the enforcement agency, but does work closely with the Community Development Commission and Regional Planning Department, which are the enforcement agencies.

Commissioner Lesser requested that staff investigate whether Parcel 20 has complied with the affordable housing requirements and update the Commission within the next 30 or 60 days. Ms. Silverstrom responded that staff would follow up on this request and report to the Commission. She mentioned that a concern was expressed at a prior meeting that units weren't being rented to senior citizens at Parcel 18. Regional Planning conducted an investigation and found no violations.

Ms. Maryann Weaver informed the Commission that she personally, along with several other people, visited the Capri to inquire about the availability of affordable housing. One of Capri's employees told Ms. Weaver that the complex has 10 one-bedroom affordable housing units and the residents have to be at least 62 years old.

Ms. Weaver is 61 years of age and is permanently disabled. Ms. Weaver asked the Capri employee about people with disabilities and was told that it didn't matter. The employee did not ask Ms. Weaver her age. When Ms. Weaver told the employee that she was retired and disabled, the employee assured Ms. Weaver that she was qualified. Ms. Weaver then completed an application and submitted it, along with other required paperwork and a check for $200, and reserved a specific unit. Approximately 4 days later, the employee contacted Ms. Weaver and informed Ms. Weaver that she did not qualify for the unit because she was not 62 years old. Ms. Weaver explained to the employee that she completed the application, etc., because the employee told her that she was qualified. The

employee responded that she assumed Ms. Weaver was 62 years old because Ms. Weaver had told her that she was retired.

Ms. Weaver said that she contacted the Department of Regional Planning and an employee referenced the Mello Act, which is the Affordable Housing Policy for Marina del Rey, and read the following to her:

> For all new housing development projects constructed in County owned Marina del Rey, ten-percent of the newly constructed units consisting of a mix of all unit sizes contained in the project shall be reserved for low-income households for a period of thirty years.

Mr. Moliere informed the Commission that he is very familiar with the policy, having contributed to its drafting. He clarified that there was no affordable housing policy for Marina del Rey at the time the Capri project began. Its permit was issued before the policy was established. The permit is governed generally by the Mello Act, which states in general that when new housing is built, some units, an undetermined number, must have affordable housing. On an ad hoc basis, for the first projects that went through, the Regional Planning Commission, which has the responsibility for issuing permits and determining how they comply with the Mello Act, issued permits variously to Parcels 12 and 15, Parcel 20 and one other parcel. Any new parcels that are built and that obtain permits after the affordable housing policy's implementation must comply with the policy.

Ms. Weaver said that the Regional Planning employee referred her to the Community Development Commission (CDC) and suggested that she request its staff to check whether there are special provisions set aside for the parcel. Ms. Weaver contacted the CDC employee and gave him the Capri's address. The employee checked and then told her that there are no different provisions made for the parcel and it appears that the Capri's management is trying to keep a certain class of people out of the complex. The complex is only allocating 10 one-bedroom units for affordable housing; however, affordable housing allows families. The complex should allocate every type of unit available.

Mr. Moliere commented that he is knowledgeable about the issue and the CDC employee was misinformed.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens requested Mr. Moliere to investigate Ms. Weaver's concerns and report to the Commission.

Mr. Tim Riley, Executive Director, Marina del Rey Lessees Association, informed the Commission that the association followed up on the Commission's request to address issues related to the temporary displacement of boaters during dock reconstruction. The association met on the matter and is planning a smaller follow-up meeting with dockmasters. He will provide an update at a future Commission meeting.

Mr. Riley asked how often the anchorage vacancy report is updated on the Department's website. Ms. Silverstrom responded that the report is updated on a monthly basis. Mr. Riley commented that the report wasn't easy to find and suggested that staff make it easier to locate.

Ms. Julie Schaller expressed appreciation to Vice-Chairperson Stevens for her comments about Archstone. Ms. Schaller said that since Commissioner Lesser thinks Archstone is doing such a wonderful job, she would invite him to come visit her apartment so that he can see the "wonderful" job they are doing. (She commented that she was speaking facetiously.)

Ms. Schaller said that some of the building problems are: elevators being routinely turned off, disabled smoke alarms, inoperable doorbells, overhead hallway lighting that's been removed. Cables...with work lamps hanging over, tied up to where the old fixtures were. Apartments have the balconies removed. The apartments are often left unlocked so that anyone can wander in. A child can wander in there and just fall off a balcony. There is no hot water. Ms. Schaller explained that one day the hot water pipes broke on a Friday and management released a memo on Saturday morning saying they would not be able to fix it until Monday. Miraculously the hot water came on Sunday afternoon. She

said that when there is water, it's orange. Ms. Schaller offered to show the Commission some samples that she has.

Ms. Schaller continued, stating that workers are walking around in masks and there are dust clouds everywhere. She has congestion and knows of a number of people who are congested like that. There's debris in the hallways. The ceilings, which have asbestos in them, are opened up. She offered to show the Commission pictures. Washers and dryers are unplugged so that construction workers can use the outlets. Tennis courts are taken so that there can be parties for the construction workers.

Ms. Schaller said that approximately 50% of the residents are relocating and, by the end of August, there will not be 50% of the original tenants in that building. She said that she knows for a fact that 50% of these people are not staying.

Ms. Schaller said that she doesn't begrudge granting anyone a rent raise, but when residents presented information to the Commission last year, it was 62% to 80%. Since Archstone added washers and dryers, the rent has been increased by $150 more. So, it's higher than 80%. Ms. Schaller said, "I would like you to think about that when you say they're doing a great job."

Ms. Dina Novak, Archstone resident, informed the Commission that she hadn't planned to speak until she heard a staff person say earlier that the Archstone complaints were anecdotal and that the County, allegedly, was unable to check the complaints. She said that none of the Department's staff members contacted her. At a previous meeting, she provided pictures of the conditions at her complex. Trash was routinely thrown right in front of her balcony. She contacted the Department of Building and Safety and told an inspector that dust clouds were in front of her balcony. He was appalled and told her that he visited the property on a daily basis and he told her to contact him the next time it happened. Ms. Novak said that thereafter the construction workers stopped throwing the trash.

Ms. Novak said that since September 16 she hasn't been able to do anything in her apartment because of the construction and sandblasting. She has to leave her apartment at 7:00 a.m. in the morning. She has to eat out and can't return until about 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.

Further, Ms. Novak said that Archstone had initially claimed that the apartments would be constructed building by building and the management would keep the tenants informed. Archstone, however, has failed to keep the tenants informed. The practice of renovating building by building has been thrown by the wayside and the company is renovating two buildings at one time.

Ms. Novak said that, anecdotal as it is, she's dealing with issues such as her mother's hospice situation, her own stolen identity, which is a hell of a job to resolve. She can't work in her apartment because of the noise, etc. Ms. Novak said that she asked management whether she could relocate to the apartment next door or across the hallway so that she can have two months of quiet until she could at least get an apartment and she was told, "No, they're doing a great job."

Ms. Maryann Weaver, Archstone tenant, informed the Commission that she experienced serious problems in building one. She received a Notice to Terminate Tenancy, which is given to tenants when they have to relocate from one building to another. Ms. Weaver moved out before the deadline because she had a problem with the tenants who lived above her. They continuously flooded out her apartment and the management was unresponsive to the problem. These neighbors constantly fought and she contacted the Sheriff's Department twice. One of the deputies suggested that she take the neighbors to court. Ms. Weaver took the neighbors to small claims court and the Archstone manager testified, lying under oath, that Ms. Weaver was a nuisance and that the Sheriff's Dept. considered Ms. Weaver a nuisance and that Ms. Weaver even complained when she was a Kingswood resident. The judge believed the Archstone manager even though what she said was hearsay, which Ms. Weaver said is not admissible in court. Ms. Weaver said that she would have to redo the whole case because the manager lied under oath.

Further, Ms. Weaver said that she has a friend who is a pilot who lives in the tower and Archstone gave her an eviction notice while she was away three weeks in the Reserves. While the pilot was

gone, construction was done on the building and the construction workers burst threw the pilot's apartment wall while working on another apartment. Some of the pilot's possessions were stolen from her apartment and she is now suing Archstone for breaking and entering and theft.

Ms. Weaver said that these are the "good" things that Archstone does. Ms. Weaver moved to her current apartment on March 7 and just received another eviction notice to move by August 31. She said that there is no place for the building six and seven residents to move. These are the last two buildings to be renovated. She has to move and this is the reason that she is trying to find another complex to relocate. Ms. Weaver commented that Archstone does not care about its tenants and the complex is a disaster because they have no consideration.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Stevens adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. in memory of Mrs. Dinny Wisniewski (Director Stan Wisniewski's wife).

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Minor
Commission Secretary

Good morning. My name is Greg Schem and I am the lessee for parcel 52 known as the BoatYard which is immediately adjacent to the subject RFP parcels. As you may know, I was also a respondent on this RFP and came in second. Although I am disappointed about loosing, I am even more concerned about the impact the Almar plan will have on my business and on the boating community. I am also very upset about the broken evaluation process which has paid lip service to the objective measures on RFP selection and placed subjective measures of "creativity" over functionality and implementability.

Let me first comment on the process. As of this morning, I and members of the public have had only three business days to review the department's recommendation and less than one day to review our competitors proposal. Notwithstanding the fact that the evaluation committee had completed their review over thirty days ago, the report was only made public on the County's web site late last week. My team and I have spent more than two years working on this RFP and we, and the public, should be allowed sufficient time to review the results.

It is my understanding that the recommend Almar proposal includes a 70-foot structure extending 105 feet from the sea wall. Given average tide heights, that puts their building approximately 85 feet above sea level! This creates an unimaginably large, night lit, structure immediately adjacent to 105 boat slips at the BoatYard. The design also includes an industrial overhead crane moving back and forth over the water, hauling boats up to 40 feet long. This will severely impact each of these boat slip tenants and cause shading issues, wind issues, and further restrict the staging area in front of the public boat ramp.

As compared with conventional dry stack boat storage facilities, the proposed technology is not only unproven, it is used by less than 2% of dry stack facilitates world wide and has never been successfully utilized in a structure of this height. Further, this design relies on a single overhead crane which, should it fail, would close down the facility.

* I have with me a petition signed by 54 Marina del Rey boaters objecting to this design. I am certain that many more would have voiced their opinion had the results of the evaluation committee been released earlier. Some of these people have been in the marina for over 20 years and currently live aboard their boats in our marina. They are very upset at the prospect of losing their privacy and views and by the unavoidable noise, shading and wind effects which will accompany this over the water design.

In terms of the objective criteria used to evaluate the RFP responses there has been several incorrect conclusion based upon pure facts. Without having the opportunity to review the Almar proposal in depth, it is clear that the following conclusions are simply wrong:

1. Almar provides greater revenue enhancement to the county- Not true, especially since their proposal provided the least number of dry stack spaces of the three respondents. Our analysis indicates that we provide $2.0 million verses Almars $1.6 million in ground rent without the BoatYard increases and we provide $2.8 million with the BoatYard, on a net present value basis over ten years.

* Petition Excluded from SCHC mailing To protect addresses + phone #s.

2. Almar provided greater than required view corridors—Not true, they only provided the code required view corridor in exchange for additional building height.
3. The regulatory requirements would make the implementability of an over the water design equal to that of a conventional building—Impossible. Due to the additional regulatory agencies involved alone, this can't be true.
4. Almar has the most qualified in depth project team—Westrec/BoatYard has experience operating six dry stack facilities for over 15 years with over 2,000 spaces. To our knowledge Almar does not own or operate any.
5. Almar had stronger financials—This is not likely, however, our proposal demonstrated our ability beyond any shadow of doubt by reserving 120% of the total development costs in cash.
6. The mobile forklift we proposed was less environmentally acceptable than the overhead crane—Not true, especially since it can easily operate on natural gas.

These are only a few of the obvious errors, which jump out after a preliminary review of the recommendation.

In regard to the Coastal Commission, the recommendation also state's that the Department has met with several Coastal Commissioners regarding the Almar proposal and that it is confident that obtaining a coastal development permit is "highly achievable". This is distressing since it is the Commission's policy not to comment on matters until they are before the commission. In addition, I wonder if the other two proposals were given equal opportunity to be presented to the commission. It seems clear which proposal would create more concern for the Commission.

So in summary, the proposal being recommend to you today is more creative, but unproven; contains fewer boat storage spaces but somehow produces the same revenue; requires additional regulatory review, but is judged to be equally implementable; and is being proposed by the most qualified in depth project team, which has no dry stack experience.

You as Commissioners are being asked to recommend this unprecedented proposal of building out over the water to the Board of Supervisors, if not today, than at some point in the future. I simply ask that before you accept these recommendations on their face value that you grant the public and the other RFP respondents the additional time necessary to review the findings and to investigate more closely the factual errors contained in the recommendation. If you do nothing else, I urge you to perform an independent analysis of the financial viability and the true dry stack experience of the recommended proposer.

Thank you.

* The following individuals hereby voice their objection to the Almar dry stack proposal being recommended by the Department of Beaches and Harbors for exclusive negotiations with the County.

It is the undersigned opinion that the Almar design is flawed and will cause substantial impacts to the boating community in Marina del Rey through their over the water design. We urge you to re-consider and deny approval to any design, which will reduce staging area in the water and permit the construction of a 70 to 85 foot structure over the water.

Thank you for your consideration.

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BOAT CENTRAL

Proposal Comparison

Total Ground Rent - Boat Central Only

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	TOTAL	Discount @ 8%
WESTREC	-	-	220,311	340,381	434,734	447,777	461,210	475,046	489,298	503,976	3,372,733	2,007,102
ALMAR	-	-	104,691	194,798	328,711	408,924	421,192	433,828	446,843	460,248	2,799,235	1,624,558

Total Ground Rent - Boat Central and Incremental Increase in BoatYard

Boat Yard (1)	-	8,500	99,473	164,007	168,928	173,995	179,215	184,592	190,129	195,833	1,364,673	821,539
Boat Central	-	-	220,311	340,381	434,734	447,777	461,210	475,046	489,298	503,976	3,372,733	2,007,102
Total	-	8,500	319,784	504,388	603,662	621,772	640,425	659,638	679,427	699,810	4,737,406	2,828,641

Incremental Increase in Ground Lease after BoatYard Improvements

After	316,587	334,584	435,340	509,950	525,249	541,006	557,236	573,953	591,172	608,907
Before	316,587	326,084	335,867	345,943	356,321	367,011	378,021	389,362	401,042	413,074
Difference	-	8,500	99,473	164,007	168,928	173,995	179,215	184,592	190,129	195,833

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Commissioners Present	Excused
Harley Searcy, Chairman Carole Stevens, Vice-Chairperson Joe Crail	Russ Lesser

Department of Beaches & Harbors:	Stan Wisniewski, Director Roger Moliere, Deputy Director, Asset Mgmt & Planning Bureau Joe Chesler, Chief, Planning Division
Other County Departments:	Lt. Greg Nelson, Sheriff's Department Deputy Paul Carvalho, Sheriff's Department Deputy Michael Carriles, Sheriff's Department
Also Present:	Beverly Moore, Executive Director, MdR Convention & Visitors Bureau

1. CALL TO ORDER, ACTION ON ABSENCES AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Searcy was delayed; therefore, Vice-Chairperson Stevens called the meeting of the Los Angeles County Small Craft Harbor Commission to order at 9:45 a.m. in the Burton W. Chace Park Community Room, Marina del Rey.

The Commissioners, staff and members of the public stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens moved and Commissioner Crail seconded a motion to excuse Commissioner Lesser from today's meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Searcy postponed action on the May 25, 2005, July 7, 2005 and June 8, 2005 minutes since there wasn't a quorum of Commissioners present who attended those meetings.

3. REGULAR REPORTS

a. Marina Sheriff

-- *Crime Statistics*

Lt. Greg Nelson reported a continued upsurge of theft, with boat theft being a particular problem. He commented that the increase is seasonal and typical during this time of year.

Lt. Nelson introduced Deputy Michael Carriles, the new Asst. Harbor Master who is replacing recently retired Sgt. Gary Thornton. Deputy Carriles will implement a dock watch program, which was done years ago and was effective in both establishing a rapport with the boating community and enlisting additional eyes and ears to assist in preventing theft.

Lt. Nelson continued, reporting that there's been a rash of large SUV third row seat thefts in the surrounding area. The seats are worth approximately $5,000 -$6,000 to replace. Although the thefts have occurred in the area surrounding the Marina, Lt. Nelson expects them to filter into the

Marina. He advised the meeting attendees who own large SUVs to install an anti-theft device in their vehicles.

Commissioner Crail asked would it help for a lessee to place cameras at the anchorage entrance. Lt. Nelson responded that this action would be up to the lessee.

Lt. Nelson further reported that the buoys primarily at the entrance to the main channel are in a sorry state. Staff is making an effort to correct the problem, but it has come about for a number of reasons, one being that the Department hasn't had a maintenance worker for over one year. The employee quit and replacing him has been difficult. The workboat was down for approximately one year because of maintenance problems and funding for the effort was held up for a number of months as well. There is funding now, however, to redeploy the buoys. Lt. Nelson requested the boating community to exercise caution and not go anywhere near the shoals and buoy lines because boaters could run into problems.

Mr. Joseph Chesler expressed appreciation to Lt. Nelson and Deputy Carvalho for giving a tour of the Marina's entrance channel to the Chief Administrative Office-Intergovernmental Relations Division staff. This tour helped to show the staff members the importance of dredging and they were able to gain a keen understanding of the problem.

-- ***Enforcement of Seaworthy & Liveaboard Sections of the Harbor Ordinance***

Deputy Carvalho reported that no new Notices to Comply or citations were issued for unseaworthy vessels. He said that since the implementation of the master agreement there's been disposal of ten boats that were at the Sheriff's docks (and had gone through the lien sale process but not sold).

The Department is continuing to dispose of vessels that were illegally moored throughout the Marina. The Department will also continue to dock walk, identify unseaworthy vessels and issue Notices to Comply.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Donald Klein asked whether the inspection of unseaworthy vessels is conducted at the docks or on navigable waters. Deputy Carvalho responded that inspections are conducted all of the time. For example, vessels are stopped for traffic violations and during the stop a safety inspection might be conducted, at which time the boater would be advised of the violation or issued a citation. Additionally, at the request of the owner, vessels are inspected for liveaboard permits and at such time the vessels are also inspected for safety equipment required by federal and state laws.

Deputy Carvalho said that he believed Mr. Klein's inquiry pertained to inspecting vessels that are in their slips. Deputy Carvalho explained that there are cursory inspections to see whether there are indicators of an unseaworthy vessel. He mentioned that plugged exhaust ports, for example, indicate that a vessel is inoperable.

Mr. Klein asked the criteria for issuing Notices to Comply to unseaworthy vessels. He wondered whether the current seaworthiness ordinance is used. Deputy Carvalho responded that the criteria falls within the purview of the ordinance itself.

Relative to Mr. Moliere's comment at the July meeting that the California Coastal Commission (CCC) had positive things to say about the Almar project, Mr. Klein informed the Commission that he contacted the CCC and spoke to several people who expressed concerns about Almar's

proposed over-the-water construction. Mr. Klein said that the CCC's positive comments to the Department might have been because the CCC did not receive alternative views from other people on the subject. He has arranged a meeting with CCC staff to provide information about the opposing views and he also plans to contact the CCC.

b. Marina del Rey and Beach Special Events

Mr. Stan Wisniewski reported that the Summer Concert Series is drawing to close. The staff report includes the Fisherman's Village concerts and beach events. He encouraged the Argonaut reporter attending the meeting to obtain the report from the public information table if details are needed for inclusion in the newspaper.

c. Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau

Ms. Beverly Moore reported that tourism is thriving this summer. The reported June hotel occupancy is 77%, which is up from 68% a year ago. It is believed that the hotel tax revenues generated for Los Angeles County from hotels in the Marina will top $5 million for the 2004/05 fiscal year.

Ms. Moore also reported that the Catalina Ferry now offers sunset cruises from the Marina to Malibu on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The boat leaves Fisherman's Village around 6pm and passes by Venice Beach and Santa Monica Pier all the way to the Malibu Colony. It is a narrated tour and returns to Fisherman's Village around 8pm. The tour gives visitors and residents a fantastic vantage point from the ocean. The bureau is optimistic about this new service and plans to promote it aggressively.

In conclusion, Ms. Moore reported that the bureau installed an interactive map at VisitMarina.com. By pressing the interactive map, the user will see a full color map of the Marina with embedded global positioning software that enables users to locate businesses, facilities, etc.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Contract for Parking Lot Management Services at County-Operated Public Beaches and Marina del Rey

Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commission that the Board letter is not available at this time and he requested that it be postponed until a future meeting. Chairman Searcy affirmed that the item would be tabled until a future date.

b. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Lease No. 8106—Parcel 50T (Waterside Shopping Center) – Marina del Rey

Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commission that this item is an amendment of the Parcel 50T (Waterside Shopping Center) lease agreement that provides for the addition of Parcel 83S, which is a County-owned parcel on the northeast corner of Admiralty Way and Fiji Way that is currently an unused area. A significant amount of landscaping on the corner is planned and the area will accommodate additional parking for the Waterside Shopping Center. The amendment involves a minor minimum rent increase.

Mr. Roger Moliere commented that the merger's benefits include an increased sidewalk width to 8 ft and space for a monument sign should it be needed at a later time.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Carla Andrus commented that it doesn't appear to matter what the Commission or public thinks about a particular item, and that it was very clear at the July meeting that the agendas are being pushed forward. She expressed her wish to see the new Fourth District deputy, Steve Napolitano, at the meetings. Ms. Andrus commented that he might help to bring about an overview of the proposals since it's time for it.

Chairman Searcy asked Ms. Andrus whether she objected to the Parcel 50T amendment and, if so, what were her objections. He asked whether she specifically objected to the increased sidewalk width, additional parking spaces or the monument sign. Ms. Andrus responded that she knew very little about how the plans would look; however, she supported the plan to expand the sidewalk since she believed it was long overdue.

Ms. Andrus asked for a presentation, including visuals, about the project, particularly the monument sign and where the parking spaces would be placed.

Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commission that the plans, visuals, etc., would be available at the Design Control Board meeting. He commented that there isn't a design for the monument at this time, however.

Mr. Wisniewski explained that at one time he had considered greening the entire parcel with appropriate monument signage, but the benefit of having additional restaurant space at the Waterside Shopping Center, which has become a major element of the catalytic project for the Eastside, outweighed the need for landscaping the entire corner. The Department wanted to reserve the right to put in an entryway and identification for the Marina should it be needed at some future time. Mr. Wisniewski said that he isn't convinced it is needed, but he does think it's needed on the opposite corner, which is more visible to the public as it enters Marina del Rey.

Relative to the July meeting, Mr. Wisniewski commented that, although he wasn't there, he has heard concerns expressed about the comments Ms. Silverstrom made pertaining to the need to submit the Parcels 52R/GG letter to the Board of Supervisors by the July 19 deadline. He explained that the Department was under deadline to submit the item to the Board by this date. At the July SCHC meeting, Ms. Silverstrom expressed her intent to ensure that the Department complied with the deadline and report the Commission's action to the Board. Mr. Wisniewski said that Ms. Silverstrom's comments have been taken out of context and the perception was that regardless of the Commission's position on the item staff would do as it chose. He clarified that the Commission could not agree at the meeting on what action to take and staff indicated that the item would be forwarded to the Board in order to comply with the Board's deadline. Mr. Wisniewski emphasized that the Department is obligated to meet these deadlines and he takes them seriously.

Chairman Searcy asked whether staff knew when Parcel 50T would be discussed by the Design Control Board. Mr. Wisniewski responded that the item would be on the August 18, 2005 Design Control Board agenda. The meeting is at 2:00 p.m. in the Chace Park Community Room.

Commissioner Crail moved and Vice-Chairperson Stevens seconded a motion to endorse the Department's recommendation that the Board of Supervisors approve Amendment No. 1 to Lease No. 8106-Parcel 50T (Waterside Shopping Center) – Marina del Rey. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Lease Amendment No. 1 to Lease No. 8042--Parcel 76 (Trizec Towers) – Marina del Rey

Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commission that the Department negotiated several years ago the option to use surplus parking at Parcel 76 (Trizec Towers) if needed for development in the Marina. The option expired and an extension was negotiated under the same terms and conditions. The Department is requesting that the Commission endorse the Department's recommendation to approve the lease amendment for Parcel 76.

Mr. Wisniewski commented that he thinks parking capacity would be needed at the Trizec building. The rate that was negotiated is a very good rate at $12.90 per space per month and he envisions the day that once Chace Park is expanded and there are public events that need parking in close proximity, the parking capacity at Trizec will be needed. He said that the Department is basically preserving its right to the additional parking should it be needed in the future.

Mr. Moliere said that the parking is extended through 2011 at the same rate should the Department choose to exercise its right of use. If the parking rights are extended to the end of the lease term, which is 2063, there would be a Consumer Price Index adjustment to the rate. The Department thought it beneficial and could be particularly useful once Chace Park is expanded. There is no current cost to the County and the amendment only extends the option on the same terms as are currently in force. The Department has the right to use between a minimum of 250, to a maximum of 860 of the 1,062 spaces that are there.

Mr. Wisniewski commended Mr. Roger Moliere and Mr. Paul Wong for negotiating the deal. Mr. Wisniewski commented that the arrangement won't cost the County anything and the lessee realized that the County did not need to pay for something that would also be to the lessee's advantage.

Chairman Searcy clarified that there is no cost involved in the actual amendment; however, once the amendment is exercised, there will be a per stall space rental rate of $12.90, which is the same rate that exists under the expired option.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Donald Klein, president, Coalition to Save the Marina, commented that Regional Planning requires a certain number of spaces at the Trizec building. He questioned how the County could use the building's parking spaces when the building was approved with a specific number of parking spaces.

Mr. Wisniewski responded that the businesses that lease the office building generally operate Monday-Friday. The County would use the parking spaces on evenings, weekends and holidays during off peak hours when the offices are traditionally not used. Regional Planning will not have a problem with the arrangement since it involves off-peak use.

Ms. Andrus asked whether parking is available because of the building's vacancies. Mr. Moliere responded that, with the exception of approximately 4,000 square feet, the building is fully leased. Mr. Wisniewski said that the building is almost fully occupied, but it's always been a challenge to keep the retail space occupied.

Ms. Andrus commented that since the Department of Beaches and Harbors' existing offices are on valuable land, it might be a good idea to relocate the offices to the Trizec building. Mr. Wisniewski informed her that with all due respect he didn't believe the County would be interested in subleasing offices from a lessee. He said that the Department's existing offices aren't leased

and, if they're relocated, the new location won't be leased either. This way, there would not be a view by the public that there's a conflict of interest.

Ms. Andrus commented that she didn't think the public would view the relocation to a leased building as a conflict of interest. She added that a lot of businesses haven't done well at the Trizec building because people have difficulty entering and exiting the parking area.

Commissioner Crail moved and Vice-Chairperson Stevens seconded a motion recommending Board approval of lease amendment no. 1 to lease no. 8042--Parcel 76 (Trizec Towers) – Marina del Rey. The motion passed unanimously.

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. Ongoing Activities Report

Mr. Wisniewski reported that Board actions relating to Marina del Rey included: 1) August 2, 2005, the Board authorized the Department and Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with exclusive negotiations with Pacific Marina Development/Almar Management for development of boat dry-stack facilities on Parcels 52R and GG; 2) July 19, 2005, the Board approved the assignment of Parcel 103T lease from Oakwood to Archstone and a master sublease by which Oakwood would continue to manage the property for Archstone. He commented that the assignment generated $4.2 million for the County; 3) July 12, 2005, the Board met in Closed Session and provided the Department with negotiating instructions relative to Parcels 83 and 50 (Marina Waterside Center); and 4) July 12, 2005, the Board approved a revised budget for the Marina Beach Water Quality Improvement Project.

Mr. Wisniewski continued, informing the Commission that the report also includes a response to Mr. Jonathan Balfus, who is the attorney representing floating homeowner Robert Weinmeier. Mr. Wisniewski said that, as he understands it, Mr. Weinmeier must vacate while the dock undergoes construction; however, Mr. Weinmeier would be able to return once construction is completed and he can then rent a slip at the market rate. Mr. Wisniewski said that the issue appears to be resolved but staff would continue to monitor the matter.

Relative to affordable housing concerns expressed at the July meeting, Mr. Wisniewski reported that staff reminded the Capri Apartment's lessee of its requirement to provide ten low-income units. Staff requested the Department of Regional Planning and the Community Development Commission, which are both responsible for administering lessee compliance with the requirement, to ensure the provision of the units. Mr. Wisniewski said that Beaches and Harbors would continue to monitor the situation and keep the Commission informed.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Pat Phillips submitted a prepared statement for the Commission's review concerning her experience trying to obtain an affordable housing unit at the Capri Apartments. Chairman Searcy requested that copies be distributed to the Commission.

Relative to affordable housing at Capri Apartments, Ms. Andrus said:

> There was an amendment we asked for. I think that's an update that the Commissioners would be very interested in that I'm sure Mr. Wisniewski can share with you. I asked for it and couldn't get a copy of it yet, but it is a public document.

It's an amendment to get out of the affordable housing aspect at the Capri. As you pour over the Coastal Commission recommendations and permits, you'll see that Goldrich and Kest (G&K) got everything. Not extra traffic and parking, which they got, and extra density for traffic and parking, but the whole top floor of the Capri was given along with the zone change. All the deals that could be made were made and Goldrich and Kest got everything, all over the objections of the public and Coastal Commission staff that recommended against the project with several sound reasons that still hold validity.

I can't understand why after all of this G&K will not just simply give up gladly affordable housing. I want to see the amendment that we applied for. We have five new developments with Parcels 12 and 15 to open on August 2006 all offering senior housing...the housing element law, which I understand is what requires that housing address the needs of the community.

Everyone here has seen that mass evictions created by the department and their partnership with these lessees has displaced hundreds and hundreds of residents, both landside and seaside. There is no way we can assume that it's been seniors 62 years and over that have been disproportionately displaced or demographics of board and care 55 and over or active senior citizens 55 and older, whatever that means. None of that has been supported by the housing element law.

Ms. Silverstrom said that Parcel 18 was investigated and she said that in the minutes. Parcel 18 is out of compliance with its Coastal Commission permit. They are all market rates and the promised affordable aspect has not been delivered on the Monte Carlo at all. This permit should be found in default and pulled and a public hearing held. We are entitled to that and it's outrageous that we are going through this process and we go back to these things and we have not been given the affordable housing. We need a strong investigation. I hope the Commissioners are very interested in this.

Mr. Moliere informed the Commission that the Department does not have knowledge that the Capri filed an amendment. He clarified that if the Capri lessee wanted to amend the affordable housing component, the lessee would submit a request for a Regional Planning Commission hearing on the matter.

Ms. Andrus commented that the Community Development Commission director told her that an amendment is forthcoming. Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commissioners that staff would follow up on the matter.

Chairman Searcy reiterated that the Department does not have information concerning the Capri lessee's request to amend the affordable housing component at this time; however, staff would apprise the Commission if such information is received. He suggested to Ms. Andrus that if she obtains the information prior to staff's receipt of it, she should submit it to staff for forwarding to the Commission.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

As follow up to her comments at the July meeting, Ms. Julie Schaller, Archstone-Marina resident, submitted bottles of tap water taken from her apartment's faucets over approximately a one-year period. [She had informed the Commission at the July meeting that her faucets' water is orange.]

Ms. Schaller also submitted pictures showing some of the violations committed at the complex and its hazardous and unlivable conditions.

Chairman Searcy thanked Ms. Schaller and asked her to leave the material with the secretary. Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commission that staff would follow up and provide a report to the Commission.

Ms. Maryann Weaver said that since the July meeting, she has spoken to Mr. Babcock with the Community Development Commission (CDC) and they discussed whether Mr. Babcock had given her incorrect affordable housing information during their previous conversation. Ms. Weaver told the Small Craft Harbor Commissioners that Mr. Babcock confirmed that the information he had previously given her was factual. He also told Ms. Weaver that the Capri lessee had filed an amendment to pull out of the affordable housing program. When Ms. Weaver asked Mr. Babcock was this possible, he told her that it was a possibility if the lessee paid the County a fee.

Ms. Weaver said that she asked to be sent the policy that governs the type of program that Capri offers. Mr. Babcock told her that he was unaware of such a policy but, if there was one, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) would probably have it. Ms. Weaver said that she has spoken to the CCC several times and she also sent the CCC copies of the policies she received from the State Department in Washington, D.C. and the housing department in Sacramento. Both agencies sent her an identical policy that governs senior housing. She forwarded the material to the CCC and was informed by CCC staff that the CCC does not get involved in the type of program offered by the lessees. Ms. Weaver told the CCC staff member about Capri's filing of the amendment but the staff member was unaware of it. The staff member took information about the person that Ms. Weaver had spoken with. Ms. Weaver said that she took the Coastal Development Permit and compared it with the types of policies that she had presented to the CCC and the CCC decided that she has a substantial claim and that what the Capri is doing is a violation of the state and federal law. The Coastal Development Permit that authorizes the Capri states that the Capri is to offer senior housing and it doesn't mention low income affordable senior housing, just senior housing. What the Capri offers doesn't fit into either category. Ms. Weaver said that the CCC staff told her about another woman who had the same problem, filed a lawsuit and won.

Ms. Weaver said that she spoke to staff at the Department of Housing in Washington, with whom she has communicated several times, and she informed the staff that Marina Harbor offered the same particular affordable housing program, the only difference being that Marina Harbor is offering a combination of different size units while the Capri is only offering one-bedroom units. The staff person suggested that Ms. Weaver apply at Marina Harbor, which Ms. Weaver attempted to do. When Ms. Weaver told the Marina Harbor manager that she was referred by the Department of Housing, the manager offered her an application and showed her an apartment. The manager then decided to put the apartment on hold, explaining that she needed prior approval from her boss before allowing Ms. Weaver to rent it. After three weeks, the manager left a message on Ms. Weaver's voice mail telling Ms. Weaver that the County advised the manager that Ms. Weaver could not participate in the program because of her age.

Ms. Weaver said that she telephoned the Department of Housing and advised the staff of what she had been told and played a recording for the staff person, who was appalled. The staff

person asked whether Ms. Weaver filed a complaint with the Department. Ms. Weaver informed him that she had. Ms. Weaver also spoke to Ms. Jones, a Capri employee, who told Ms. Weaver that the County advised Ms. Jones that Ms. Weaver did not qualify for a unit because of her age. Ms. Weaver said that, as it currently stands, the Capri still holds the $200 deposit for the apartment.

Ms. Weaver said that she also forwarded a letter regarding the matter to Governor Schwarzenegger. His office responded that it would forward the letter to the Board of Supervisors. She also received a call from the governor's office and was told that it would monitor the situation.

Ms. Weaver informed the Small Craft Harbor Commissioners that she has also corresponded with the American Civil Liberties Union because she believes the Capri and Marina Harbor are violating the state and federal laws.

Mr. Moliere informed the Commission that the answer to Ms. Weaver's concerns are in the Ongoing Activities Report "Response to Public Concerns" section. Mr. Moliere said that he would follow up on Ms. Weaver's statement that her $200 deposit was not returned since he understood that the money had been returned.

Mr. Moliere referenced the "Response to Public Concerns" section of the report, which explains that the Capri project is authorized under the Coastal Development Permit granted by the Department of Regional Planning. The permit authorizes the lessee to construct a 99-unit apartment with ten units set aside for low-income tenants 62 years of age and older. Ms. Weaver is 61 years of age and does not qualify for a low-income unit.

Mr. Moliere said that federally subsidized housing under federal statutes has different rules and regulations than apply here. The Capri project predated the County's policy on affordable housing and its permit was issued prior to the policy's implementation and was issued under the state Mello Act by the Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Wisniewski suggested inviting the CDC and Regional Planning Department representatives to a meeting to discuss their plans for administering the low-income units at the Capri, Marina Harbor, as well as other upcoming developments in the Marina. Chairman Searcy requested that they cover the age requirements. He mentioned that one of the problems he's having is that there is no set age; some programs identify 55 years of age as a requirement while others identify 62 years of age. Chairman Searcy requested staff to place the matter on a future agenda and allow ample time to notify the public of the meeting.

Mr. Wisniewski affirmed that the Department would try to schedule CDC and Regional Planning Department representatives for the September meeting. Additionally, Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commission that the Department is planning to submit the contract for parking services to the Board of Supervisors early in September and is trying to reschedule the September meeting to the first week in the month.

Mr. Fred Newman asked why the Commission approved the Parcel 33 (Harbor House) development without a quorum at the June meeting. He also asked whether a mixed-use project is planned. Mr. Moliere responded that the Parcel 33 item had nothing to do with the development project but pertained to an assignment of lease from an old owner to a new owner for the continuation of the Harbor House restaurant.

Chairman Searcy stated for clarification purposes that the Commissioners at the June meeting did not take an action, but expressed their feelings about the assignment of Parcel 33.

Mr. Newman asked whether there are plans to change the lease and build a mixed-use project at Parcel 33. He expressed his disbelief about plans to construct apartments at Admiralty Way and Palawan Way without any arrangements for traffic and road improvements in the area. He also questioned why the Department would continue with the development plans when residents and the Lessees Association oppose such plans.

Mr. Moliere responded that the Department received Board authorization to negotiate with the potential developer for development of a mixed-use project that would include retail space, improving the streetscape with restaurants and apartments. The project is in the negotiation process. He explained that as part of all of the projects there are required traffic studies so that the traffic that is created in any project is subject to environmental impact reports, etc. No project is ever done without regard to traffic improvement.

Chairman Searcy commented that Mr. Newman raised an interesting question pertaining to traffic mitigation measures. He said it would be a good idea to update the Commission on the issue. Mr. Wisniewski agreed and said that staff would schedule a Department of Public Works presentation on the matter at the September or October meeting.

Ms. Carla Andrus asked the status of plans to put a traffic light in the Marina City Club area that the Department of Public Works (DPW) recommended. She said that the last status she heard came from Joe Chesler, who indicated there might not be enough funds.

Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commission that DPW would report on the matter when it makes a presentation to the Commission.

Relative to Ms. Kerry Silverstrom's comment at the July meeting that the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) investigated Parcel 18 and found no violations, Ms. Andrus requested a copy of DRP's findings. Ms. Andrus explained that she wants to see something in writing because she believes the lessee is not in compliance. As Ms. Andrus understands it, the lessee is required to designate a large percentage of affordable units; however, Parcel 18 only has market units. Any changes to this requirement should be presented to the CDC. Ms. Andrus said that she would like to know how the investigation was conducted and she would like the issue placed on the September agenda.

Mr. Wisniewski said that, as he understands it, Parcel 18 has senior units that are market rate. There is no low-income requirement. Ms. Andrus offered to show the requirement that's identified in the permit. Mr. Wisniewski asked Mr. Moliere to review the permit.

Ms. Dina Novak, Archstone-Marina resident, informed the Commission that she lives in building six, which is right next to the construction. Initially, she was told that her building was scheduled for renovation in November and she made plans to look for an apartment to relocate. Then, Archstone started doing two buildings at the same time but didn't notify residents even though they were expected to move sooner than planned. She received her notice at the end of June.

Ms. Novak commented that it's not enough that she's being thrown out onto the street but, to add insult to injury, she has to make plans now rather than later. Ms. Novak reminded the Commission that she lives right next to a construction zone with daily hammering, sawing and throwing of things from the second floor onto her balcony, making it impossible to use her apartment six days a week. Ms. Novak said that on Sunday, August 7, which is the one day she looks forward to reading the LA Times, she heard construction even though no construction was supposed to have been done on Sunday. When Ms. Novak located four workers and inquired what they were doing there, she was told that their boss authorized the work. She also found out that their boss's phone number is in Atlanta. Ms. Novak told them the permit doesn't allow work on Sunday and they would have to leave.

Ms. Novak said that she is supposed to move at the end of August but her new apartment might not be ready at that time. She requested the Commission to ask Archstone to treat its tenants like human beings rather than objects. Ms. Novak said that she asked Archstone to relocate her from her apartment to the next door apartment for 60 days so that she wouldn't be bothered by the noise, but they answered her with an unequivocal "no." Ms. Novak said that she's tired of this response and would just like to have human treatment.

Mr. Steve Weinman commented that when Mr. Klein addressed the Commission he left out a request to see both the permit for work done at the Sea Scout Base and permit for work done at Dock 77 where the containers are being put in. Mr. Wisniewski told Mr. Weinman that Mr. Moliere would provide this information.

Further, Mr. Weinman said that at Dock 77 he is short approximately 70ft of his yard where the containers are being placed. Mr. Weinman said that he's speaking on his behalf as well as that of other boaters who feel the County is encroaching on Dock 77. Their understanding was that Dock 77 would remain Dock 77 with the footprint not to be cut into. He added that, perhaps, there's some misunderstanding and he asked to be enlightened.

Mr. Moliere explained that Mr. Weinman is a sublessee at Dock 77 and the Department obtained permission from the lessee. There hasn't been an encroachment on Mr. Weinman's space. Chairman Searcy informed Mr. Weinman that staff would verify whether the lessee told the Department that it could use the space. Chairman Searcy suggested that Mr. Weinman discuss the matter with him and Mr. Moliere after the meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Searcy adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Minor
Commission Secretary

Small Craft Harbor Commission
Special Meeting
October 12, 2005
Minutes

Commissioners Present	Excused
Harley Searcy, Chairman Carole Stevens, Vice-Chairperson Russ Lesser	Joe Crail

Department of Beaches & Harbors:	Stan Wisniewski, Director
Other County Departments:	Thomas Faughnan, Principal Deputy County Counsel Lt. Greg Nelson, Sheriff's Department Deputy Paul Carvalho, Sheriff's Department
Also Present:	Beverly Moore, Executive Director, MdR Convention & Visitors Bureau

1. CALL TO ORDER, ACTION ON ABSENCES AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Searcy called the special meeting of the Los Angeles County Small Craft Harbor Commission to order at 1:35 p.m. in the Burton W. Chace Park Community Room, Marina del Rey.

The Commissioners, staff and members of the public stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Lesser *moved and Vice-Chairperson Stevens seconded a motion to excuse Commissioner Crail from today's meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. REGULAR REPORTS

a. Marina Sheriff

-- *Crime Statistics*

Lt. Greg Nelson reported a crime decrease in every area but grand theft. He noted that the Department doesn't see any patterns or trends.

Chairman Searcy opened the floor to public comment. Hearing none, he proceeded to the next agenda item.

-- *Enforcement of Seaworthy & Liveaboard Sections of the Harbor Ordinance*

Deputy Carvalho reported that no new Notices to Comply or warnings have been issued. The Department continues to work on the disposal and processing of illegally moored vessels. Currently, 19 vessels are either going through the lien sale process or are ready for disposal.

b. Marina del Rey and Beach Special Events

Mr. Stan Wisniewski reported that the report includes the Fisherman's Village concerts. There are no upcoming beach events to report.

c. Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)

Ms. Beverly Moore reported that the bureau has heavily promoted the connection of Marina del Rey to boating and this theme is used in the newest version of the bureau's ads. She distributed copies of the ads and a magazine article.

Ms. Moore said that last year when she first showed the Commission the ads targeted to meeting planners, she mentioned the need to remind travelers that Marina del Rey is located near Los Angeles. This is necessary because Marina has low name recognition. The bureau adopted the tag line, "Marina del Rey, the other L.A." in order to make the connection to the L.A. region.

Ms. Moore referred to one of the ads, which shows the sailing regatta with the tag line, "Our version of an L.A. traffic jam" and another ad that shows sailors grouped together on a boat with the tag line, "Our version of ride sharing." The ads appear this fall and winter in Southwest Airlines' "Spirit" magazine, "Travel and Leisure," "Food and Wine, " and "National Geographic Traveler" magazines.

Further, Ms. Moore shared an article, which resulted from a recent travel writer tour the bureau hosted last month in the Marina. The article is titled, "Unique Travels Await in Marina del Rey, Venice Beach" and recently appeared in a Bakersfield magazine. The writer's positive comments include, "If you've never visited this timeless gem, it's time to ask yourself, why not?"

Ms. Moore commented that this is not paid advertising, but the view of a writer who visited the Marina. She asked the Commission to compare this writer's comments to comments appearing in the Foghorn's Outdoor California Beaches guidebook, which states, "A night on the town in Marina del Rey begins with a fruitless search for a parking space. The way they've got it rigged, there's nothing, next to nothing in the way of legal parking here." The guidebook includes rambling descriptions of Moose McGillicuddy's restaurant, which has been closed for several years.

Ms. Moore also mentioned another guidebook titled, "Hidden Southern California," which wrote, "Marina del Rey is an artificial, inferior community, a completely fabricated place. With its endless condominiums, pretentious homes and overpriced restaurants, Marina del Rey is an artificial limb appended to the coast of Los Angeles." Ms. Moore commented that the writer is wrong and rude. She explained that the bureau's public relations program works to reverse this type of inaccurate portrayal of the Marina.

Ms. Moore commented that there's a way to go to boost the Marina's image, but that's what the bureau is here for. Its efforts have already paid off handsomely with the type of positive coverage that Ms. Moore has shared with the Commission for the past four years. She said that sharing information about the Marina with the traveling public would result in visitors who are more inclined to come and spend their money here.

Commissioner Lesser commended and thanked Ms. Moore for all of her efforts to promote the Marina.

Chairman Searcy also commended Ms. Moore and expressed appreciation for her presentation.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hans Etter commented that money shouldn't be spent on creating illusions about the Marina and propagating things that are far from the truth. He said that the Marina has overpriced apartments, boats are being seized and evicted, landlords are not keeping their promise relative to the master lease, and they are not maintaining the docks.

Mr. Etter informed the Commission that he just returned from a Regional Planning hearing where he protested the Parcel 20 (Capri Apartments) lessee's plan to pay an in-lieu fee rather than offer affordable housing. He questioned why the CVB is being funded when its promotions don't reflect the truth.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. None

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Expansion of Service Hours at Lloyd Taber Marina del Rey Library

Ms. Susan Baier expressed appreciation for the opportunity to address the Commission. She announced that the Lloyd Taber Marina del Rey Library has expanded service hours beginning September 19, 2005. The library will now open on Mondays and have nine additional service hours per week. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in its 2005/06 fiscal year budget provided funding for the expanded service.

The new library hours are as follows:

Mondays	-	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tues-Thurs.	-	11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	-	12:00 p.m.-- 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	-	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	-	Closed

Ms. Baier commented that there was a time when the library's future didn't look good, but things are looking better now with the additional funding. Members of the community have responded enthusiastically and wait with anticipation on Mondays for the library to open.

Further, Ms. Baier commended the Department of Beaches and Harbors for its organization of the "Discover Marina del Rey" event. The MdR library had a booth, which provided staff with a great opportunity to speak to families and share information about the children's programs that are available at the library.

b. Traffic Mitigation Measures within the Marina del Rey

Mr. James Chon, Department of Public Works' Traffic and Lighting Division, informed the Commission:

> Since the approval and inception of the Local Coastal Plan (LCP) there have been a couple of transportation improvements that have been made that were identified in the LCP to provide necessary mitigation and transportation

circulation improvements to accommodate developments that were approved in the LCP. One of them is the automated traffic surveillance and control system that is implemented throughout the traffic signals in the Marina. That system helps the traffic signals to work more efficiently, work together so that it's not working independently, but it's working together. It's coordinated and much more efficient.

You've probably noticed that there's been some construction related work at Mindanao and at the library. We've just installed a pedestrian crossing at those two locations and...traffic signals. We've also constructed, or are under construction, the Lincoln northbound right turn, which is also identified in the LCP as a Category 1 improvement. Category 1 improvement is the improvement that's needed that's directly related to the Marina projects that were entitled in the LCP.

There are four projects that have been conditioned on the individual developments that were reviewed and approved by the County. These four are also identified in the LCP as four of the nine Category 1 types of projects.

Lastly...the County is currently administering and preparing necessary environmental documents for the Admiralty Way widening project that is also identified in the LCP as a Category 1. It may be proposed as a Category 3 depending on what the study shows. Currently, it's recommended as a Category 1 type of project.

Those seven projects, two that have been either implemented or are being implemented and four that have been conditioned and pending out of nine Category 1 projects in the LCP are being constructed or designed and programmed.

There are the Category 3, which are the sub-regional type of improvements that are identified in the LCP. One of the Category 3 types of projects that we're looking at right now and we're providing environmental documents and necessary technical documents is the SR-90 connector road to Admiralty Way. That's also being analyzed together with the Admiralty Way widening project. There are two separate projects but one environmental document is prepared for both projects. One can go without the other.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked how the Cal-trans work being done on the 90 Freeway is going to intersect with and affect Admiralty and other Marina streets.

Mr. Chon responded that the proposed extension of the 90 Freeway to connect with Admiralty Way is administered by the County and relates to Category 3 improvements identified in the LCP. The Department of Public Works is in the preparation stage of the environmental document and notices of preparation and intent should be issued by November 2005. The environmental documents should be completed 1½ to 2 years from the November 2005 date.

Mr. Chon commented that the project is a very complicated project that involves the City of L.A., County of L.A., Cal-trans, Culver City, Santa Monica.

Chairman Searcy asked whether it is the biggest traffic mitigation project currently planned. Mr. Chon responded that it is one of the two biggest projects, the other being the light rail system.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked how the 90 Freeway would impact the Marina. She specifically asked would it come through at Bali Way or Mindanao Way. Mr. Chon responded that four alternatives are being proposed in the SR90 extension environmental document. The connection would bring traffic directly into the Marina.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked whether it would be fair to state that the horrible congestion on Lincoln Blvd. would be redirected to Admiralty Way. Mr. Chon responded that the connection would ultimately result in a huge benefit to the Marina, granting direct access to the community. However, there would be additional traffic.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked whether the Lincoln Blvd. traffic would be moved to Admiralty Way. Mr. Chon responded that he could not respond to the question until the study is completed.

Mr. Wisniewski commented that one benefit of the 90 Freeway entrance to the harbor is that the Marina would finally have a front door. Some people driving to the area either from the Marina Freeway or the San Diego Freeway don't know really where the Marina is. With the new freeway alignment ending right at Lincoln Blvd., there is a proposal to have an entrance coming onto Admiralty Way.

Mr. Wisniewski said that one thing that would be facilitated is the lightening of the congestion at Washington Blvd. and Lincoln Blvd. because drivers would be able to come through the Marina faster to access the 90 Freeway rather than going the circuitous route through the Washington-Lincoln intersection. It will not only make the Marina a lot easier to get to and a more attractive venue, but also facilitate regional traffic by easing the burden of traffic on Lincoln Blvd. by making the traffic that alright exist in the area move better.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens commented that it's understood that there will be easier access to the Marina, but she questioned whether the environmental report would show the impact of the increased Admiralty Way traffic, diminished Lincoln Blvd. traffic, and include the positive aspects of direct access to the Marina. Mr. Chon responded that this type of information would be known when the study is completed.

Mr. Chon commented that another benefit of the connection is a safer pedestrian access to the Marina from the eastside of Lincoln Blvd. Currently, there isn't a good pedestrian access from the eastside to the westside.

Mr. Wisniewski suggested that the Department of Public Works' (DPW) staff give the Commission a quarterly update on the traffic mitigation measures. He suggested that at the next quarterly meeting Mr. Chon bring a map of the traffic mitigation measures and summary that includes information about where the DPW is in the process and the projected completion dates for each measure.

Chairman Searcy agreed with Mr. Wisniewski and commented that the Commission would welcome a quarterly report. Commissioner Lesser added that visual diagrams would also be very helpful.

Mr. Wisniewski mentioned that Beaches and Harbors hired a retired DPW employee, Barry Kurtz, on a 120-day a year basis to facilitate coordination with DPW.

CHAIRMAN SEARCY OPENED THE FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Fred Newman commented that Mr. Chon's report is an insult to the meeting attendees and the Marina. There is no traffic mitigation. Changing a few lights is no good. The streets are

overcrowded because of the decade of development with no change in the road situation. Unless there is a change in the roads, there will be no traffic mitigation. He said that the traffic on Admiralty Way and Lincoln Blvd. is bumper to bumper. The corner of Washington and Lincoln is worse than Westwood.

Mr. Newman asked what is planned to improve the roads. He questioned whether changing signals is considered to be traffic mitigation.

Mr. Wisniewski responded that the summary document planned for the next quarterly meeting would answer Mr. Newman's questions. Mr. Wisniewski commented that this information was given to Mr. Newman in the past but Mr. Newman remains unconvinced.

Mr. Wisniewski said that Beaches and Harbors staff would be happy, along with DPW staff, to meet with Mr. Newman and walk him through the status of each of the measures.

Chairman Searcy informed Mr. Newman that the Commission shares his concerns; however, there is no easy answer to give him today. Chairman Searcy commented that alternatives, such as additional roads, should be explored.

Mr. Wisniewski said that what could be done has been done. DPW has been a good steward of tracking the traffic improvement projects, not only throughout Marina del Rey, but the region. It's important for the Commission to see the summary document so that members can see that much more is planned than changing traffic signals.

Mr. Wisniewski expressed his concerns about timing, explaining that he would like to see the estimated time to do the environmental document reduced to 1½ years and construction reduced to 1½ years. The faster the projects can be completed, the faster there will be additional mitigation measures impacting the regional community. He said that there is a responsibility to people in the outlying areas to help facilitate their flow in and out of the harbor.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens requested that the Commission be given a summary report. Mr. Wisniewski responded that he has requested DPW staff to provide a summary report at the quarterly meetings. He would like DPW staff to identify on each report the changes that have occurred so that the Commissioners can see the progress that's been made.

Chairman Searcy commented that with the influx of people relocating here, traffic is not just bad in the Marina, but throughout Southern California. He said that travel time in the L.A. basin has greatly increased throughout the years and it takes much longer to drive from one place to another. People need to be innovative and creative when considering ways to address this problem. He said that L.A. is designed for cars and the city has the worst mass transportation system that he's ever seen, although it is getting better.

Mr. Newman commented that there are too many apartments and shops being constructed without any regard to their impact on traffic and population. He said that not much can be done about development elsewhere in Los Angeles, but something could have been done about the development in the Marina.

Mr. Hans Etter commented that apartments should not have been constructed in the Marina and the only reason developers are here is because of greed; they have no concern for the public.

Mr. Etter expressed his belief that the Commission rubber stamps the development projects and doesn't pay attention to the public. He hasn't seen any of the Commissioners oppose a

development project and Mr. Etter questioned why the Commissioners are wasting their time if they don't have any power to oppose projects.

Further, Mr. Etter said that the Commissioners have an opportunity to do something for boaters, which the Marina was designed for. He said that the Marina is meant for recreation. Apartment construction should be done elsewhere, such as in the desert.

Mr. Etter questioned why development is allowed to proceed before the completion of traffic studies.

Ms. Rhoda Rich reminded the Commission that several meetings ago Mr. Roger Moliere reported that the Admiralty Apartments would be demolished and rebuilt. At that meeting, it was mentioned that the apartment structure had 69 units. When Ms. Rich asked how many units would be constructed in the new building, Mr. Moliere responded that there would be approximately 179 units. At the time, Ms. Rich suggested the need for a traffic mitigation plan before proceeding with the new construction.

Ms. Rich expressed her agreement with Mr. Newman that the traffic situation must be addressed. She said that there is already bumper-to-bumper traffic and it will worsen after the construction of development projects, such as the condominiums planned at Lincoln Blvd. and Maxella Street, which, although Los Angeles City jurisdiction, will affect all of the community, including MdR residents.

c. Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 73267 By and Between the County of Los Angeles and the Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau

Mr. Wisniewski informed the Commission that the Department has worked with the MdR Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) for many years under a contract. The Department cooperatively developed a non-profit organization that would promote Marina del Rey and Ms. Moore was hired as its first, and only, director.

Mr. Wisniewski continued, stating that the contract is ending and the Department is proposing the third contract amendment, which would extend the County's participation in the promotion effort for up to an additional five years. The Department is currently providing approximately 31% of the budget funding, plus funding a staff person and providing office space. The Department's 31% participation works out to approximately $177,000 per year. In fiscal year 2004/05, the Marina hotels contributed 69%, which is approximately $392,000, to the CVB budget.

Mr. Wisniewski explained that the amendment authorizes the Department to increase its annual funding to the CVB to $10,000 in each of the additional five years to maintain the 31% participation should the hotels gross dollar increases. At the end of five years, the cumulative additional contribution would be $50,000.

Ms. Beverly Moore said:

> It is hard to believe that only a few years ago there wasn't much to say about the Marina's competitiveness in tourism. We thank you very much for your support, particularly that of the Department of Beaches and Harbors. We also have...an absolutely involved and incredibly wonderful Board of Directors, of which Carole Stevens is also a part. Today, we have a professional destination marking organization that generates a lot of traveler interest in our community. I think that our enhancement of the marketing program for tourists is being noticed and there is a lot of excitement right now and optimism in the air.

We have an incredible website where people can actually book their hotels on line. It's booked $125,000 in hotel rooms in fact since it started just a little over a year ago. Meeting planners can now contact the visitors bureau for resource information and we assist them in making decisions from thousands of miles away to how to book a facility in the Marina.

Videos and images of the Marina can be instantly and electronically transmitted to the media upon their request. Brides-to-be access banquet facility information on line. Trained traveler counselors answer questions from visitors from all over the world in person and on phone, by e-mail and fax seven days a week. Bureau staff, as small as we are, spends a lot of time with local businesses helping to teach the ins and outs and ropes of travel marketing. We think the partnership is working. The hotels, participating through a percentage of their gross room revenues, don't take anything away from the millions of dollars in ground lease revenues, property taxes and hotel bed taxes that they generate for the County.

Hotels in the Marina have pledged themselves another five years of commitment to this effort, with the same commitment of a percentage of their gross revenues. With the $177,000 that we have received plus the visitor center reimbursement support that the Department has provided for the last four years, we really have created an inclusive marketing program. By that, I mean that I'm not just doing work for the hotels. Every tourism-related and non-tourism related business is benefiting from the work that we do, are directly involved with us, and are very much a part of our partnership.

In 2006, we would like to go a little step further with a modest expansion. We have an opportunity, for instance, to partner with...other Westside CVBs (Beverly Hills, W. Hollywood and Santa Monica) and create a new promotional coalition. Just today, we've agreed that each of us would shoulder a minimum of $10,000 each...to that in addition to whatever promotional projects that we'd like do together. We'd like to be able to expand the website. We want to put a local service business directory on there so that a broader range of businesses can be represented on the website. We want to create a section called "Local Living" where we can really pay more attention to the residential living amenities and commodities available in the Marina. We get a lot of requests for things like history, census, and economic information that I think that we could add and would be very useful for folks looking at the Marina.

We would like to develop a resource guide for group planners trying to make tour stops for meals in our local restaurants. We want to do more for our restaurants that are here and need more business. Again, we very much appreciate your consideration of the extension of the relationship with the County, which we think has been fruitful.

By the same token, we're a little disappointed and confused about the language, about the formula, inserting this new formula into our funding. We recognize the need for modesty. We...take any contribution from public sources very, very seriously. I guess we just don't understand how the math formula would work and how it would be reconciled in future years based on past performances.

What I can say is that the hotels are entering a very crucial phase right now. It's very possible that a number of properties may be changing ownership in the very

> short future and others are just now beginning to reinvest millions of dollars into their properties to make them better. While contributions are going up and are expected to continue to go up, there is some temporary instability while floors of hotel rooms, sections of hotels may have to come off line and be closed temporarily while improvements are being made. It seems a little strange to diminish the effectiveness of the bureau's marketing program, which benefit all businesses in the community with this formula just because the hotels are finally starting to reinvest and make their property better.
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> We would appreciate an extension of our contract. We appreciate this partnership that Stan has offered us and maybe you would be willing to consider adding no less than $10,000 per year on a cumulative total over the next five years.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens said that she has been a member of many public and private organizations and has truly never seen one work as effectively as the MdR CVB. She believes that this says a lot about the County, the CVB's director and the board. She commented that the CVB board members' enthusiasm is truly inspiring.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens commented that the City of L.A. is doing an incredible job of providing tax benefits, etc. for the development projects in the downtown Los Angeles area. The city grasped the idea that the public/private partnership is a really good thing. She suggested that the County also take this into consideration.

Further, Vice-Chairperson Stevens gave an anecdote that exemplifies how the CVB benefits the County. She said that a friend of hers, who she hadn't seen in years, was flying in an airplane and read an ad about the Marina and its concerts. The friend contacted Vice-Chairperson Stevens and told her she wanted to come down and spend a weekend. The friend stayed at one of the Marina's hotels, which benefited from the bureau's promotional activities.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens and her friend also went to dinner for two nights in two different restaurants in the Marina. They also went shopping one day in the Waterside Shopping Center and purchased several items. All of these businesses benefited from the bureau's Marina promotion. Vice-Chairperson Stevens said that she has a problem with the County's 31% participation because it doesn't take into account how much is received from restaurants, stores, etc.

Mr. Wisniewski commented that in the event there is a hotel that temporarily closes, the Department would want to make sure the CVB isn't penalized for not achieving an increase in the gross. He said that perhaps a clause could be included in the contract stating that if a hotel were to temporarily close, the County would freeze what the last year was and proceed as if it were still in existence. Mr. Wisniewski said that this provision doesn't exist in the current contract, but it certainly can be added. Mr. Faughnan commented that if there is such a change, it could be brought back to the Commission.

Mr. Faughnan added that there were some last minute changes that he didn't have a chance to review and will require additional provisions in the contract, most are boilerplate, standard County provisions pertaining to appropriation limitations and the fact that the contract was previously renewable on a year by year basis and is now converted to a five-year term. He perceives these as material changes to the agreement.

Commissioner Lesser asked whether the $177,400 is a floor. Mr. Wisniewski responded that it is his intent to make it a floor. Mr. Faughnan affirmed that the amendment as it is currently written creates a floor of $177,400.

Commissioner Lesser asked why, if $177,400 is a floor and the County has the discretion of the additional $10,000 annually, there is a need to change anything. Mr. Wisniewski responded that he wants to ensure the contract language gives the Department the discretion to increase the funding up to $10,000 annually. Mr. Wisniewski commented that if the Department runs into problems down the road, he'll bring the matter back to the Commission and work it out.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens asked whether there is a way to extract increased revenue from stores and restaurants. Mr. Wisniewski responded that when, for example, a hotel patron visits the Marina there is no way of knowing the economic generator on other businesses, there is no way to track it. The Department has asked its economic consultants to make such estimates in the past, but they only made estimates and it was guess work.

Vice-Chairperson Stevens noted that the contract contains a 365-day escape clause for both the hotels and County in case it's needed. Mr. Wisniewski explained that one of the boilerplate provisions requires the County to give a shorter termination. The contract is on a calendar year basis. If the County, with a 365-day notice, eliminated the contract, the Department would give it until December 31. If notice is given on June 30 and the Board doesn't appropriate funding for this contract for the ensuing calendar year, there is effectively a 6-month termination provision. This action, however, would only occur as a result of a catastrophe.

Commissioner Lesser moved and Vice-Chairperson Stevens seconded a motion to approve the renewal of and third amendment to the Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau Agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Searcy noted that there weren't any requests from the public to speak and he proceeded to Agenda Item 4d.

d. Appointment of a Member and Alternate to the Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau (MdR CVB) Board of Directors for 2006

Chairman Searcy made a motion nominating Vice-Chairperson Stevens to serve as a member of the MdR Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors for 2006. Commissioner Lesser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Searcy made a motion nominating Commissioner Lesser to serve as an alternate member of the MdR Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors for 2006. Vice-Chairperson Stevens seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Ongoing Activities Report

Mr. Wisniewski commented that the report includes information pertaining to affordable housing at Parcel 18 (Dolphin Marina) and Parcel 20 (Capri Apartments). He informed the Commission that the Parcel 20 lessee applied to the Regional Planning Commission for permission to pay an in-lieu fee instead of provide ten on-site low income senior units in its new 99-unit apartment building. Before the Regional Planning Commission would hear such a request, the directors of the Community Development Commission (CDC), Department of Regional Planning (DRP) and

Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) were required, per County policy, to submit a report that included their recommendation and evaluated the lessee's request.

Mr. Wisniewski said that DBH staff worked diligently with the CDC and DRP to develop a joint report, which was endorsed by all three departments. The departments do not recommend that the Parcel 20 lessee be given the opportunity to pay an in-lieu fee.

Chairman Searcy asked what the Commission could do at today's meeting to support the departments' position. Mr. Faughnan responded that no action is needed since the three department directors signed the report and a Regional Planning Commission hearing on the matter has been held. He commented that the Regional Planning Commission continued the matter to a future hearing. Mr. Wisniewski said that he believes the hearing was continued for one-week. He commented that the directors' report was released last week.

Chairman Searcy expressed his support for the DBH, CDC and DRP directors' joint report. He asked, since the Parcel 20 affordable housing issue is not agendized as an action item on today's agenda, what the Commission could do to show its support for both the joint report and that the Parcel 20 lessee to be required to provide the affordable housing units.

Mr. Faughnan responded that the Commission could individually express its support or agendize the matter for the November meeting if members wished to take a formal vote.

Chairman Searcy requested that staff agendize the item for November to allow the Commission an opportunity to take a formal position that the Parcel 20 lessee be required to provide affordable housing units.

Chairman Searcy noted that there weren't any requests from the public to speak on Agenda Item 5a and he proceeded to the next agenda item.

6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. David Lumian invited Commission members to the Fairwind Yacht Club's party to celebrate its 40th anniversary on October 23, 2005. The club's twelve original founding members will attend the event. The club's honorees include Chairman Harley Searcy and State Senator Debra Bowman.

Mr. Fred Newman commented that nothing has been done about the Lincoln Blvd. barrels that reduce the lane space.

Mr. Newman commented that he has never seen any traffic report done for any development project in the Marina and requested to be shown a report if it exists. He said that the population is increasing and congestion occurs with the Marina's expansion, which shouldn't be allowed to proceed. The Marina used to be wonderful, but is no longer. He suggested a ban on all development. Mr. Newman also mentioned that he read an Argonaut article about the lessees' lawsuit "against some of you people here."

Mr. Newman suggested that the meeting attendees read the October 13, 2005 Argonaut, which may include his letter.

Mr. Newman questioned how the Commission, whose members aren't elected, could make decisions that affect Marina residents. He doesn't believe the residents have any input on the decisions being made about the Marina. The situation is a mess and is getting worse each day. Mr. Newman questioned whether the Commission is going to do anything about it.

Mr. John Rizzo, president, Marina Tenants Association, informed the Commission that it's taken him seventeen years to get management at Oakwood Apartment (where he is a resident) to open the exit, which was kept shut. He thanked the Commission and the Department's director for helping to get the exit opened.

Mr. Rizzo requested assistance about some plants at Oakwood that were cut, but are now growing back. He said that the plants pose a safety problem and he would like them removed. Mr. Wisniewski thanked Mr. Rizzo for bringing the matter to his attention and suggested that Mr. Rizzo contact Mr. Wayne Schumaker, Chief, Facilities and Property Maintenance Division, whose staff is responsible for conducting inspections and will follow up on the problem. Mr. Rizzo informed Mr. Wisniewski that he would contact Mr. Schumaker on Thursday.

Mr. Rizzo also commented that the Oxford Flood Basin is in horrible shape and looks like a dump. Mr. Wisniewski explained that the basin is within the Department of Public Works' jurisdiction. Beaches and Harbors added staffing hours in its current year budget to improve trash pickup in the area. The Department of Public Works has indicated that its staff will work to improve the basin's water quality and collect the trash.

Ms. Patricia Raye informed the Commission about the treatment she continues to receive from Jose Mata, Burton Chace Park Manager. Ms. Raye believes the treatment is unfair. She also objected to Mr. Mata's restraining order against her boyfriend, Johnny Lucero.

Mr. Hans Etter said that he attended the Regional Planning Commission hearing on Parcel 20 (Capri Apartments) and there were several people protesting the lessee's plan to pay an in-lieu fee rather than provide affordable housing. Mr. Etter said that he believes the lessee is required to provide affordable housing units with multiple bedrooms on all the floors, not only one-bedroom units on the first floor. He commented that the lessee gave up a lot when he constructed the building. The lessee received a variance on the height limit and gave up hundreds of parking spaces that were used by boaters and visitors and the lessee also gave up facilities that would provide boaters with restrooms.

Mr. Etter questioned where affordable housing would be built if it weren't allowed on public land, such as the Marina. He expressed his belief that all people, including those with lower incomes, should have access to the Marina.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning, Chairman Searcy thanked Mr. Wisniewski and expressed appreciation for the CDC and DRP directors' joint report recommending that the Parcel 20 lessee not be given the opportunity to pay an in-lieu fee for affordable housing.

Chairman Searcy adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Minor
Commission Secretary

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

MARINA DEL REY STATION

PART I CRIMES- OCTOBER 2005

Part I Crimes	MARINA AREA (RD'S 2760-2763)	EAST END (RD'S 2764-2768)
Homicide	0	0
Rape	0	2
Robbery: Weapon	0	4
Robbery: Strong-Arm	0	1
Aggravated Assault	5	1
Burglary: Residence	5	9
Burglary: Other Structure	3	2
Grand Theft	11	1
Grand Theft Auto	3	6
Arson	0	2
Boat Theft	0	0
Vehicle Burglary	1	4
Boat Burglary	1	0
Petty Theft	0	2
Total	29	34

Note- The above numbers may change due to late reports and adjustments to previously reported crimes.

Source- LARCIS, **Date Prepared – November 1, 2005**
CRIME INFORMATION REPORT - OPTION B

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
MARINA DEL REY STATION
PART I CRIMES- OCTOBER 2005

	West Marina 2760	East Marina 2761	Lost R.D. 2762	Marina Water 2763	Upper Ladera 2764	County Area 2765	Lower Ladera 2766	Windsor Hills 2767	View Park 2768	TOTALS
Homicide										0
Rape								2		2
Robbery: Weapon								3	1	4
Robbery: Strong-Arm									1	1
Aggravated Assault	4	1					1			6
Burglary: Residence	5				1	1	4	2	1	14
Burglary: Other Structure	2	1					1	1		5
Grand Theft	9	1		1	1					12
Grand Theft Auto	3					1	3	2		9
Arson					1				1	2
Boat Theft										0
Vehicle Burglary	1						1	3		5
Boat Burglary				1						1
Petty Theft								1	1	2
REPORTING DISTRICTS TOTALS	**24**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**10**	**14**	**5**	**63**

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CRIME INFORMATION REPORT - OPTION B

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Stan Wisniewski
Director

Kerry Silverstrom
Chief Deputy

November 3, 2005

TO: Small Craft Harbor Commission

FROM: Stan Wisniewski, Director Stan W.

SUBJECT: **MARINA DEL REY AND BEACH SPECIAL EVENTS**

MARINA DEL REY EVENTS

43rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

"Preview Parade" - Friday, December 9, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
And
"Main Parade" - Saturday, December 10, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Friday evening preview boat parade will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the Saturday evening boat parade will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The "Preview Parade" is an informal parade on Friday without judges, entry fees or fireworks, where boaters can light up their boats and test their displays in the main channel for the "Main Parade" held the next evening.

Fireworks kicking off the start of the parade will be shot off the south jetty at 5:55 p.m. on Saturday, December 10. It is estimated that more than 70 beautifully lighted and decorated boats will participate in the event that is free to the public. The theme of this year's parade is "Star Light, Star Bright." Boat owners will compete for numerous prize packages on Saturday evening with the "Best Overall" winning a trip to Tokyo, Japan to judge the illuminated boat parade and contest of Tokyo Bay.

Best spots for viewing the boat parade are Burton Chace Park, located at 13650 Mindanao Way and Fisherman's Village on Fiji Way where spectators can see and hear the parade free of charge.

Parking is available in County lots throughout the Marina del Rey.

For event information call: The Holiday Boat Parade at (310) 670-7130 or visit their website at www.mdrboatparade.org.

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FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE WEEKEND CONCERTS
Sponsored by Pacific Ocean Management, LLC
All concerts from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 12
Chris Smith & Hammersmith, playing Blues & Boogie

Sunday, November 13
Nick Pyzow, playing Folk Rock

Saturday, November 19
Dee Lavell Gilbert & Simply Divine, playing R&B and Soul

Sunday, November 20
Moondance, performing Big Band and Swing

Saturday, November 26
Javid, performing Modern Flamenco

Sunday, November 27
Michael Haggins, playing Smooth Jazz on guitar

For more information call: Dee Lavell Gilbert at (310) 822-6866.

BEACH EVENTS

SAND SNOWMAN CONTEST
City of Hermosa Beach
Hermosa Beach Pier
Saturday, December 3
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The weatherman says it's nothing but Sand! Sand! Sand! Bring your family and friends, shovels, scarves and mittens because in Hermosa Beach they are making SAND SNOWMEN! This unique holiday tradition is open to all ages and abilities. Come early and mark your spot for the best Sand Snowman! Join in holiday games and trivia. Event takes place north of the Hermosa Beach Pier at the shoreline and check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. with sand sculpting beginning at 9:00 a.m.

For more information call: The City of Hermosa Beach Community Resources Department at (310) 318-0280.

PIER LIGHTING
City of Manhattan Beach
Manhattan Beach Pier
Saturday, December 3
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Join Manhattan Beach Parks and Recreation at their 16th Annual Pier Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 3. Event is free to the public and will include live entertainment beginning at 4:30 p.m. and a special visit from Santa. So come and enjoy the music with family and friends.

For more information call: The City of Manhattan Beach Parks and Recreation Department at (310) 802-5420 or visit their website at www.citymb.info.

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Stan Wisniewski
Director

Kerry Silverstrom
Chief Deputy

November 3, 2005

TO: Small Craft Harbor Commission

FROM: Stan Wisniewski, Director Stan W.

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM 6a - ONGOING ACTIVITIES REPORT**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS ON ITEMS RELATING TO MARINA DEL REY

At its November 1, 2005 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved and instructed the Chair to sign a lease amendment to the Parcel 50T (Waterside Shopping Center) lease that merges the formerly County controlled Parcel 83S (corner) premises into that of Parcel 50T, which will allow for construction of additional parking spaces for the shopping center and facilitate expanded restaurant seating in connection with the center's complete renovation and expansion. This item was previously considered and recommended by your Commission.

On October 11, 2005, the Board approved a cooperative agreement with the cities of Culver City and Los Angeles, whereby $1,515,942 of monies remaining, plus interest accrued, in Culver City's Costco Regional Traffic Mitigation Fund may be transferred to the County to be used toward construction of the proposed Marina Expressway (State Route 90) Connector Road project.

DESIGN CONTROL BOARD MINUTES

The minutes from the October 20, 2005 Design Control Board meeting are attached.

LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM PERIODIC REVIEW UPDATE

Consideration by the Coastal Commission of the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program periodic review staff report will not occur at the Coastal Commission's November meeting due to the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the lead staff person's family and other projects that have competed for her attention. We understand Coastal staff is aiming for consideration of its report at the January 2006 meeting, which will be held in either Los Angeles or Orange County, but this scheduling has not been confirmed.

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Attachment

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MINUTES
OF
MARINA DEL REY
DESIGN CONTROL BOARD

October 20, 2005

Department of Beaches and Harbors
Burton Chace County Park
Community Building – 13650 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Members Present:	Katherine Spitz, Third District, Vice-Chair David Abelar, Second District Peter Phinney, Fourth District
Members Absent:	Susan Cloke, First District, Chair Tony Wong, Fifth District
Department Staff Present;	Stan Wisniewski, Director Kerry Silverstrom, Chief Deputy Director Julie Carpenter, Planner LaTrina Perry, Secretary
County Staff Present:	Tom Faughnan, Principal Deputy County Counsel Sam Dea, Regional Planning Department
Guests Present:	Sgt. Rick Petty, MdR Sheriffs Department Hans Etter, MdR resident Richard Hamlin, Attorneys, legal counsel for Marina Properties, LLC, Thomas W. Henry, Pacifica Hotel Investors Jonathan Watts, Cunningham Group, MdR Victoria Pakshong, Place Landscape Shannon Seuss, Cunningham Group, MdR Daniel Batress, Capri Apartments Greg Dallal, Caruso Affiliated Darren Stoltz, Arko Signs T. Keith Gurnee, RRM Design Group David Levine, MdR Lessees Association Ines Arnold, Fog Horn/Cheesecake Factory Beverly Moore, MdR Convention & Visitors Bureau Pat Younis, Westchester/LAX/MdR Chamber of Commerce

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1. **Call to Order, Action on Absences and Pledge of Allegiance**
Ms. Spitz called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Mr. Abelar led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to excuse Ms. Cloke and Mr. Wong from today's meeting.

2. **Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2005 and September 15, 2005**
Minutes for July 21, 2005 and September 15, 2005 were held for approval until the November 2005 DCB Meeting.

3. **Design Control Board Reviews**

A. **Parcels 111/112 – Marina Harbor – DCB #05-013-B**
Approval of the record of the DCB's September 2005 action for conditioned approval of two additional signs and the continued approval of July 2005 approved signs #2 and #4, all until February 1, 2006, and requiring removal of any other temporary signs.

Held until staff finds out the hours of operation for the leasing office and whether a condition can voluntarily be added "after-the-fact". The DCB prefers the permanent leasing office sign only be lighted during business hours. As this item was already approved, Mr. Faughnan advised that staff could only ask the applicant if they are agreeable to this condition.

B. **Parcel 103 – Oakwood Apartments – DCB #05-019**
Approval of the record of the DCB's September 2005 action for approval of the relocation and replacement of a monument sign.

Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

C. **Parcel 50 – Waterside Marina – DCB #05-021**
Approval of the record of the DCB's September 2005 action for conditioned approval of two entry identification signs, the lighting of both required to be consistent with the hours of operation of the center.

Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

D. **Parcel 50 – Waterside Marina – DCB #05-022**
Approval of the record of the DCB's September 2005 action for conditioned approval of tenant signage for Brighton Collectibles, Cold Stone Creamery, White House/Black Marker, Le Marmiton, Beyond Scents, Chipotle, M. Fredric and Fredric Man. The border around the Fredric Man sign must be eliminated. All signage lighting must be consistent with the hours of operation of the center.

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Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Old Business**

A. **Parcel 27 – Jamaica Bay Inn – DCB #05-020**
Reconsideration of major renovations, including a new main entrance, 69 additional rooms, demolition of the function room, additional parking spaces and enhanced landscaping.

- Mr. Tom Henry gave a brief description of the project.

- Mr. Jonathan Watts explained the height of the building had been lowered, the porte cochere had been changed and the footprint of the building was now smaller than the prior submittal.

- Ms. Shannon Seuss gave a more detailed explanation of the style and design of the building as well as the proposed color and materials boards.

- Ms. Victoria Pakshong explained the landscape pallet that was chosen for this project, which included three main landscaping themes. Plants were chosen that have a variety of color and texture. She noted four access points to the beach. At the entrance of the project there will be seasonal planting with lots of color. The tropical garden has lots of plants with different colors and textures, and "broader leaf" plants will be mostly Mediterranean. The promenade is mostly a border of bougainvillea with groupings of fan palms.

Public Comments

- Hans Etter likes the project but was concerned that a traffic study was not submitted.

Board Comments

- Mr. Abelar asked the applicant if it has other buildings in a marine environment with a similar design.

- Mr. Henry responded all of the applicant's hotels are in California, with the exception of one, which is located in Florida. Most of the hotels are in beachside environments in which the applicant attempts to provide a project compatible within its setting. In this case, the name Jamaica Bay Inn suggests an island theme so the applicant let the architecture be driven by its name and location.

- Mr. Abelar asked the applicant to explain the public access for its project.

- Mr. Henry advised the public would be able to access the garden and the beach, but that a level of security is required for the hotel guests. The outside doors will have card key access at certain times of the day.

- Mr. Phinney was concerned regarding how access will be handled. He suggested the applicant explore a way the public will be able to traverse (parallel to the future promenade) the entire site. If this can be done 24 hours a day without signaling any kind of security concerns, it would be great. He also asked how the public will distinguish when and where they can enter the project. If more of the site can be made publicly accessible, then he would be happy.

- Mr. Henry advised there will be hours of operation for the pool, but it will be guest card key access only.

- Mr. Phinney suggested the cobble walk can be reoriented so that it skirted the pool patio and reconnected with the pedestrian way on the beach.

- Mr. Henry advised Mr. Phinney's suggestion could be easily incorporated.

- Mr. Phinney was also concerned about the existing roof and suggested the applicant explore the possibility of adding dormers or other decorative roof elements.

- Mr. Watts explained the roof is being renovated. One of the options being considered is making changes to the rafters.

- Mr. Phinney suggested looking for opportunities to install front work, almost like a clear story level that you drive under, with a lot of exposed horizontal elements.

- Mr. Henry commented they do not want to create a bird roost at the front of the location.

- Mr. Phinney commented that he hoped there would be more than one chimney pot throughout the project. If so, six chimney pots would be enough; the key is breaking the scale down into smaller elements embellishing various components. The jeweled aspect of the porte cochere is wonderful. He encouraged the applicant not to make the box behind it blank. The Bahamian shutters are good and it is suggested they be large enough to appear as if they close the windows.

- Ms. Spitz commented the project is much improved from the last version. She suggested the applicant make sure the materials are of the highest quality,

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noting the shutters should be made out of wood grain, not vinyl or plastic. Ms. Spitz suggested depressing the parking lot for drainage and revisiting the view corridors.

- Mr. Watts advised all of the Board's suggestions would be considered.

Mr. Phinney (Abelar) moved to approve DCB #05-020 as conditioned. The applicant must explore public access issues, embellishment, and grade site plan issues as discussed. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **New Business**

A. **Parcel 62 – Sheriff's Department – DCB #05-024**
Consideration of one temporary banner for a six-month period.

- Sgt. Rick Petty explained the banner is a way of recruiting applicants for the Sheriff's Department and is encouraged at every station.

Board Comments

- Ms. Silverstrom advised the Department of Beaches and Harbors had been informed the Sheriff's Department is posting a similar banner at all Sheriff stations due to a shortage of deputies, so this is part of a Countywide recruitment effort.

- Mr. Phinney asked if staff or the Sheriff's Department explored the possibility of lowering the banner and placing it on the wood section below the railing.

- Sgt. Petty advised lowering the banner was considered and rejected due to possible vandalism at the lower height.

- Mr. Abelar asked if the banner was in conformance with the sign specifications.

- Ms. Carpenter confirmed the banner is compatible with the scale of the building.

- Ms. Silverstrom also agreed the banner is compatible with the building.

- Mr. Abelar asked if the banner would last six months.

- Sgt. Petty advised it would last.

Public Comments (none)

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Mr. Abelar (Phinney) moved to approve DCB #05-024 as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Parcel 20 – Capri Apartments – DCB #05-025

Consideration of one temporary banner for a six-month period. During the presentation, Ms. Carpenter noted the applicant currently has three unauthorized banners and four unauthorized signs.

Public Comments

- Hans Etter advised this is the second time he reported illegal signs at this location. The lessee also uses non-permitted trailers with billboards at entry points to the Marina.

Board Comments

- Ms. Spitz asked staff if the Board ever reviewed signage for this Parcel.
- Ms. Carpenter advised the Board that the applicant has not submitted permanent signage for this location, only temporary banners, which have since expired.
- Ms. Spitz asked what kinds of banners have been approved.
- Ms. Carpenter advised they had vertical banners approved in the past.
- Ms. Spitz asked staff to investigate alleged billboards on trailers throughout the Marina.
- Ms. Silverstrom advised the Board that staff would look into the allegations.
- Ms. Spitz asked the applicant why only one banner is being requested.
- Mr. Daniel Batress explained after reading the rules and the regulations for signage in Marina del Rey, he thought he could put signage up for a grand opening for 45 days. Mr. Batress explained the grand opening was planned for October 24, 2005, but there have been problems with the caterer and the DJ, so the date has been pushed to the first part of November.
- Ms. Spitz asked staff if the applicant is allowed grand opening signage.
- Ms. Carpenter advised grand opening signage does not have to go before the Board, but the Department does have a temporary banner or signage request process.
- Mr. Phinney asked if the process is clear in the ordinance.

- Ms. Carpenter advised the ordinance is not as clear as it could be.

- Mr. Tom Faughnan added that this type of signage does not fall under the temporary decoration provision, which provides for the use of temporary flags and pennants or similar devices commonly used for grand openings. These appear to be temporary leasing signs, which fall under section 7, the temporary sign provision of the sign guidelines.

- Ms. Spitz advised that the Board's role is to prevent unsightly signage clutter in the Marina. Could the applicant have requested more signs?

- Ms. Carpenter advised the applicant could have requested additional signs and/or banners.

- Mr. Batress responded he was aware that more signage could have been requested but advised he did not need more signs. He also advised he misunderstood the sign rules.

- Ms. Carpenter advised the applicant is a long-time lessee aware of the rules and regulations.

- Mr. Phinney asked if staff has any enforcement mechanism when signs are illegally posted.

- Ms. Silverstrom explained the Department makes immediate contact with the lessee and advises that all illegal signs must be removed. If the Department has to remove the signs, the lessee will be charged. Illegal temporary signs or banners have been a constant ongoing problem in the Marina.

- Mr. Phinney asked if the Department has the ability to confiscate the unapproved signs.

- Ms. Silverstrom advised the signs can be confiscated, but the Department likes to give the lessees a warning before actually going on-site and removing the signs. If the lessee has been warned one time, a second violation will result in the removal of all illegal signs.

Ms. Spitz (Abelar) moved to approve DCB #05-025 as submitted. The applicant must remove all other illegal signs and inform its staff not to post the signs without approval. For the existing grand opening signage, the applicant must contact the Department for approval to continue to post the signs. The applicant must return to the Board with a permanent signage request prior to the

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expiration date of this temporary banner, April 2006. Motion passed unanimously.

C. **Parcel 50 – Maison d'Optique at Waterside Marina – DCB #05-026**
Consideration of signage.

Mr. Greg Dallal gave a brief explanation of the signage request, in which this sign along with another sign (Chico's) had to be placed on a canopy as opposed to the building because of the brackets on the building.

Public Comment (none)

Board Comments

- Mr. Phinney asked Regional Planning if there is an ordinance that prohibits roof signs or signs being on a canopy as opposed to the building face.
- Mr. Sam Dea advised there is no ordinance that would prohibit this type of signage.
- Ms. Spitz asked about the material of the backing board.
- Mr. Darren Stoltz stated the backing board will be aluminum painted to match the building, and there is a reflection that creates a halo effect.
- Ms. Spitz asked if Maison d'Optique is a chain.
- Mr. Dallal responded yes.

Mr. Phinney (Spitz) moved to approve DCB #05-026 as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**Mr. Abelar was excused from the meeting for personal reasons at 3:18 p.m.*

6. **Staff Reports**

A. Marina ("Mother's") Beach Strategic Plan – Briefing by T. Keith Gurnee, RRM Design

- Ms. Silverstrom introduced Mr. Gurnee and advised that this is the second briefing for the public, this one to comment on the initial draft of a conceptual plan for public improvements in the Marina.
- Mr. Gurnee explained the Marina Beach Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan) is primarily focused on developing a public improvement plan to unify the various leasehold improvements being made overlooking Marina ("Mother's") Beach. Mr. Gurnee advised he would discuss the goals of this

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effort, the existing conditions, and give a brief overview of some of the concepts that have been explored.

The goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan are to provide the strategy for improving the public realm in a way that will synergize the economic development of the catalyst projects in the Marina ("Mother's") Beach area; result in real improvements in support of beach activities for beach and boater user groups; resolve the design of the waterfront promenade that will tie all waterfront improvements together in a unified way; improve the pedestrian activity between public streets in the Marina ("Mother's") Beach area; provide more cohesion between public improvements to Marina ("Mother's") Beach and the private leasehold improvements that abut them; resolve how the leasehold view corridors should be treated in terms of providing visual and physical access from the surrounding road network to the beach; and provide no net loss of public parking and a clearer way of finding public parking areas.

Public Beach Improvements

- 20' Wide Waterfront Promenade
- 28' Wide Waterfront Promenade (along Parcel GR)
- Relocated ADA Access Ramp
- Vertical Accessways to the Beach
- Picnic Shelters
- Retain Existing Lifeguard Tower
- Stairs and Seatwalls
- Palapas
- Beach Volleyball Venue
- Exhibition Beach Volleyball
- Remove Blockhouse
- New Palm Tree Clusters
- New Rowing Shell Racks
- New 20' Wide Elevated Promenade with Beach Storage on the Palawan Way side

Public Landside Improvements

- New Public Plaza Areas
- New Public Restrooms
- Refurbished Public Restroom
- New Landscaped Areas
- New Water Feature Entry Monument
- One Way Valet/Drop-off Access
- New Dry Dinghy Stack Storage
- New Boaters Storage Lockers
- New ADA Beach Parking
- New Traffic Table

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- Retain Pullout Lane
- New Vendor Spaces
- New Parking Structures

Public Waterside Improvements

- New Pier Floats
- New Pier End Concession Buildings
- New Non-motorized Boat Side Tie Floats
- Water Taxi Landing
- New 30' Slips for Transient Boaters and Dinghies
- New Motorized Boat Side Tie Float
- New Buoy Line for Swimming Area

Private Leasehold Improvements

- Jamaica Bay Inn Hotel
- Marriott Residence Inn
- Foghorn Hotel
- Cheesecake Factory
- Czucker Project

Board Comments

- Ms. Spitz's concerns: Reconfiguration of Admiralty Way & Via Marina is a bad idea, a loss for the Marina, and it would separate the public from the beach; the reconfiguration would cause a change in the purpose and public access of the beach; there is a loss of net green space caused by the "T'ing" of the streets and by the number of lanes of traffic, which seem needless; the fountain on the corner should speak to the public rather than to cars and the public should be able to engage in it; the project should not relegate green space with a fountain as a traffic island between the drop off and the road. Ms. Spitz asked Mr. Gurnee if he could give his professional recommendation/opinion regarding the T-intersection and widening of Admiralty Way.

- Mr. Gurnee replied that his focus has been on Marina ("Mother's") Beach and the surrounding leaseholds.

- Mr. Wisniewski advised the Board that there must be a fundamental misunderstanding of the proposed widening, which will be clarified at the next meeting regarding the Strategic Plan.

- Mr. Phinney asked why the Board was left out of the key stakeholder meetings.

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- Ms. Carpenter and Mr. Gurnee explained that the DCB was invited to the stakeholder meetings. Ms. Cloke, Chair of the DCB, declined. Mr. Phinney, District 4 representative, initially confirmed, but then cancelled.

- Mr. Phinney questioned the palapas being on the landside and not the waterside.

- Mr. Gurnee explained the promenade width will consume additional beach area and chose to keep the palapas out of the line of traffic, which will also help keep most of the beach open for beach activities.

- Ms. Spitz noted the park and green space, not the driveway, should be the privileged component.

- Mr. Gurnee explained the next phase of the Strategic Plan will be to concentrate on a more refined plan, with more attention paid to detail; treatment of the promenade; plant materials; and design of some of the features, including buildings, sidewalks, lighting and a full identity package.

Public Comments

- Richard Hamlin expressed his concern regarding the loss of Cheesecake Factory parking on Parcel GR and on a portion of Parcel 22. The project will severely impact the commercial viability of Parcel 22.

- Mr. Gurnee responded to the parking issues for the Cheesecake Factory and suggested other alternatives.

- Mr. Wisniewski also assured Mr. Hamlin that staff will meet with the lessee for Parcel 22 with alternatives for the project.

- Mr. Etter expressed concern regarding the proposed floating docks, whether there will be a pump out station and the need for parking for boaters. He was also concerned that the loss of parking at the Cheesecake Factory and Foghorn Hotel might put them out of business. He was against the proposed corner fountain and the proposed "seven" lane freeway.

- Mr. David Levine was concerned with the traffic circulation and the distance from the proposed parking garage to the public improvements, and asked about the timing and cost issues for the project. He also commented Coastal Development Permits have not been submitted.

- Mr. Wisniewski suggested that Mr. Levine put his concerns and questions in writing and submit them to the Department for a response.

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- Ms. Ines Arnold was concerned with the loss of parking at the Cheesecake Factory. She suggested providing parking with beach access in close proximity. She was also concerned about the water quality at Marina ("Mother's") Beach.

- Mr. Wisniewski explained the water quality issues are being addressed through a Capital Improvement Plan for Marina ("Mother's") Beach. He advised Ms. Arnold to contact him after the meeting for a more detailed explanation.

- Mr. Gurnee and Mr. Wisniewski addressed the parking issue, in which the project is providing replacement parking for each parcel involved in the Strategic Plan.

- Mr. Phinney advised staff to publish information on the website regarding the parking that is being removed and replaced. He also advised the applicant that public parking must be clearly marked for the public.

- Mr. Gurnee reminded all the project is not a finished product, but a beginning project that will be refined.

- Ms. Beverly Moore suggested posting this presentation on the County website or making it available by email so that it can be studied in more detail. She was concerned about the parking issues at the Cheesecake Factory and the possible detriment to that business. Excited about the possibility of a modest public boat rental opportunity, she also thanked the Department and Mr. Gurnee for the consideration of adding dinghy and transient docks. She expressed concern about the public safety and air quality issues that may arise as a result of the grills being placed in the picnic shelters, and asked if there is a need for as many picnic shelters as were proposed.

- Ms. Pat Younis advised Staff that no one at the Chamber of Commerce was aware of the Marina ("Mother's") Beach Strategic Plan briefing. She suggested placing items like this on the DCB Agenda under New Business and making sure they are fully vetted to the public.

- Mr. Hamlin commented the parking that is on Parcel 22 now, even if left in place, is inadequate to service the Cheesecake Factory, the New Marina Cleaners and the other uses. The County has made this additional parking available for close to 45 years. If it is going to be taken, then there needs to be some means of getting to get to these businesses without having to go all the way around to a parking structure on Panay Way.

- Ms. Spitz asked what the next two deliverables would be, when the final Strategic Plan would theoretically be due, how many opportunities there

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would be for public input between now and then, and how the public would receive notice to provide their input on the Strategic Plan.

- Mr. Gurnee suggested because there were only two DCB Commissioners at the meeting during the briefing, another briefing should be held at the next DCB Meeting in November 2005. At that time there should also be alternative plans for the project and, after receiving additional feedback, a preferred plan will be prepared.

- Mr. Wisniewski advised there will be another public briefing at the November 2005 DCB Meeting, and there will also be a preferred alternative for the public to view at the January 2006 meeting. Staff will also post information concerning the dates, times, and locations of the meetings on the website. There will also be a notification that public written comments are being accepted for this project until a deadline date is posted.

- Mr. Phinney asked about having an evening meeting.

- Mr. Wisniewski advised an evening meeting is at the Board's discretion.

- Mr. Gurnee suggested that the most important meeting will be held in January 2006, and that meeting should be an evening meeting.

B. Temporary Permits Issued by the Department
- This report was received and filed.

C. Marina del Rey LCP Periodic Review
- No written report was provided.

D. Ongoing Activities Report
- This report was received and filed.
- Marina del Rey Urban Design and Guidelines
  - Mr. Wisniewski advised Mr. Gurnee has been selected to work on the Urban Design Guidelines. Staff will meet with the Chair and Mr. Phinney of the DCB, as well as with any other member of the Board who would like to discuss the Urban Design Guidelines.

  - Mr. Phinney noted the Urban Design Guidelines is a sensitive issue and the Board wants to make sure its concerns are clear with staff.

7. **Comments from the Public**
- Ms. Younis expressed her concern about the issues with the signs and temporary banners. She urged the need for a revised sign guidelines ordinance. The lessees are not able to market their projects properly when competing with the surrounding cities.

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- Mr. Etter advised the public needs to be involved in the Strategic Plan. The project should satisfy the public and the public needs. Staff also should consider having more night meetings.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

La Trina H. Perry, Secretary
Design Control Board