



**MINUTES
SANTA MONICA PIER CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 17, 2018
SANTA MONICA PIER AQUARIUM
1600 OCEAN FRONT WALK, SANTA MONICA 90401
6:30 PM**

Call to Order

Board Member Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:36pm

Roll Call

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

Present: Board Members Abby Arnold, Gray Bright, Christopher Foster, Misti Kerns, Allan Lipsky, Daniela Martin, and Carter Rubin

Absent: None

Also present: Executive Director Negin Singh, Deputy Director Jim Harris, City of Santa Monica Pier Administrator Elana Buegoff, City of Santa Monica Office of Pier Management Staff Michael Barboza, City of Santa Monica Civil Engineer Selim Eren, City of Santa Monica Public Service Administrator Silverstein, City of Santa Monica Harbor Patrol Lead, Christopher Camp and Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association President Randi Parent

1. Special Agenda Items

A. Swearing in of New and Continuing Board Members

Board Member Arnold swore in new Board Members Gray Bright, Daniela Martin, and Carter Rubin, then introduced New Executive Director Negin Singh.

B. Board Introductions and Discussion of Goals

Board Member Arnold discussed the mission of the Pier Board.

C. Selection of Officers

Board Member Foster nominated Board Member Arnold for Chair, Board Member Kerns seconded; the Board unanimously agreed.

Board Member Kerns nominated Board Member Foster for Vice-Chair, Board Member Arnold seconded; the Board unanimously agreed.

Board Member Foster nominated Board Member Kerns for Secretary/Treasurer, Board Member Arnold seconded; the Board unanimously agreed.

D. Reschedule of February Board Meeting

Chair Arnold announced that the regular meeting date for the February Santa Monica Pier Corporation Board Meeting falls on a holiday and suggested moving the meeting to February 15, 2018. The Board collectively agreed.

E. Assignment of Board Representative for Boards & Commissions Dinner Video

Chair Arnold volunteered to be the Pier Corporation representative for the video segment for the Boards and Commission dinner.

2. **Reports of Staff/Members**

A. SMPC Staff and Programming Update

Jim Harris announced that the Bleacher Report will be in the pier parking lot in February and added that staff is currently working on the annual education-focused STEAM Machines event. New Executive Director Negin Singh provided a short update about her plans and hopes for the future of the organization.

B. Office of Pier Management Update

Elana Buegoff provided an update on the list of construction projects on the Pier and the 1550 PCH parking lot. Board Member Kerns asked a question regarding the possible PA system on the pier. Board Member Rubin asked about the bike lane project. Ms. Buegoff provided updates on both projects.

C. December 2017 Budget and Financials

Jim Harris summarized the written December financial report as distributed in the Board Packet and added that the audit is almost ready for review.

Chair Arnold appointed Board Members Lipsky, Rubin, and Kerns as members of the Audit Committee and directed them to review the audit once it is ready.

D. Santa Monica Police Department / Harbor Patrol

Robert Silverstein gave an update on crime stats, noting that vehicle break-ins recently spiked on the pier and lot 1550. West Coast Care and Department of Mental Health are assisting with the homeless. Harbor Patrol Lead, Christopher Camp, discussed Harbor staffing and illegal vending. Harbor Patrol's citation pilot program will be fully implemented in the coming months.

E. Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association

Randi Parent gave a report on the about this month's association; noting discussion about the Pier Bridge Replacement Project.

F. Landmarks Commission

None

G. **Public Input:**

Roger Genser reminded the pier board that the pier is a landmark. Ken K., a representative for Ocean Front Walk properties, commented on the pier replacement project. A representative from Big Dean's spoke against the third option for the Pier Bridge Replacement Project. Mackenzie, from the Ocean Front Walk properties spoke against the third option. Christine, an Ocean Front Walk representative, spoke against the third option. Ellen Brennan spoke in favor of option 2.

H. **Consent Calendar**

A. December 18, 2017 Regular Pier Corporation Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Board Member Foster moved to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2017 Board Meeting as submitted, seconded by Board Member Rubin. The motion passed unanimously.

I. **New Business**

A. Theatre in the Merry Go-Round Co-Production

Chair Arnold recommended the Pier Corporation become co-producer of Jim Harris' play in the Merry Go-Round as part of the organization's arts programming.

MOTION: Board Member Foster moved that the Pier Corporation officially co-produce, and Board Member Kerns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Presentation of Santa Monica Pier Bridge Replacement Project

Selim Eren, from City of Santa Monica's Engineering Division, presented to the Board the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Pier Bridge Replacement Project, including three bridge alternatives for replacement. He also announced that the deadline for written comments has been extended to March 15th, 2018. The Draft EIR is available for review at www.smgov.net/smpierbridge.

MOTION: Board Member Foster moved to postpone the Pier Board decision on bridge alternatives to the next Pier Corporation Board Meeting, seconded by Board Member Rubin. The motion passed unanimously.

J. **Continued Items**

A. Board Study Group Updates

Chair Arnold announced that the Board will look into more information regarding Landmarks and other parties involved in the bridge replacement.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

Homeless liaisons and Rusty's renovations. Update on the concerts.

11. **Adjournment**

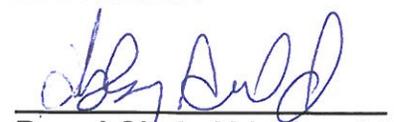
Chair Arnold adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m and announced that the next SMPC Board Meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2018.

ATTEST:



Board Secretary Misti Kerns

APPROVED:



Board Chair Abby Arnold