

SANTA MONICA PIER CORPORATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting on July 15, 2013

Call to Order

The special meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Abdo at 6:40 PM on July 15, 2013 at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, Santa Monica.

Board Members reporting present:

Judy Abdo
Rae Archibald
John Catoe
Susan McCarthy
Barbara Stinchfield

Board Members absent:

Ray Braun
Misti Kerns

Also present:

SMPC Pier Administrator Jay Farrand
SMPC Deputy Director Jim Harris
SMPC Director of Partnerships & Marketing Craig Hoffman
City of Santa Monica Pier Manager Rod Merl
City of Santa Monica Staff Assistant Kori Jones
City of Santa Monica Beach Manager Judith Meister
City of Santa Monica Engineer Rick Valte
City of Santa Monica Civil Engineer Selim Eren
Santa Monica Pier Lessees Vice-President Murray Gould
Santa Monica Landmarks Commissioner Roger Genser

Chair Abdo announced that Item 2.A. would be moved to the end of the agenda in order to best accommodate speakers present at the meeting.

1. Information Items

A. Staff & Programming Update

Jay Farrand, Jim Harris and Rod Merl provided updates about SMPC staff and current programming.

Public comment by Roger Genser.

B. June Financials & Budget Update

Jay Farrand summarized written report as submitted to the Board.

2. Action & Discussion Items

B. Approval of Minutes for the June 17, 2013 meeting

Motion by Board Member McCarthy, seconded by Board Member Stinchfield, to approve the minutes as submitted.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Abdo, Archibald, Catoe, McCarthy and Stinchfield
NOES: None
ABSENT: Board Members Braun and Kerns
ABSTAIN: None

- C. Update on Pier Renewal Project**
Rod Merl and Selim Eren provided update and introduced Rick Valte as the new engineer supervising the project.
- D. Update on GLOW**
Rod Merl and Judith Meister provided update and answered questions.
Public comment by Erin Deviny.
- E. Study Group Updates and Reports**
John Catoe (Pier Bridge), Rae Archibald (Leasing) and Jay Farrand (Marketing, Events & Sponsorship) provided updates on their respective study groups.
- F. Pier Bridge Design Update**
The Board briefly summarized their own experiences and observations from the June 18 Pier Bridge Design Concepts public meeting, then Salim Eren provided further updates about the project.
Public comment by Murray Gould and Heather Doyle.

3. Presentations

- A. Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association**
Murray Gould provided brief report.
- B. Landmarks Commission**
Roger Genser provided report and reminded the Board that the Pier Bridge design will be discussed at the August 12 Landmarks Commission Meeting.

4. Board Member Items

Susan McCarthy advised staff to send the Board’s congratulations and good luck to City Engineer Mark Cuneo in his new position with the City of Beverly Hills.
Barbara Stinchfield extended congratulations and welcome to City Engineer Rick Valte for his new position supervising the Pier Renewal Project.

5. Public Comment

Roger Genser suggested that the Board and City revisit the shelved project of installing the “onion dome” on top of the Carousel Building.

2. Action & Discussion Items

- A. Staff Reviews – CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Item: Consideration of staff reviews and remuneration. Only item for closed session.**
The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:44 PM.

The Board reconvened from closed session at 8:56 PM

Motion by Board Member Archibald, seconded by Board Member Catoe, to approve Jay Farrand’s recommendation for staff bonuses as presented.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Abdo, Archibald, Catoe, McCarthy and Stinchfield
NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Members Braun and Kerns
ABSTAIN: None

6. **Adjournment**

Chair Abdo adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Barbara Stinchfield
Barbara Stinchfield, Secretary