

# SANTA MONICA — PIER —

## SANTA MONICA PIER CORPORATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting on March 21, 2016  
Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

### **Call to Order**

The regular meeting was called to order by Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Stinchfield at 6:31 PM on March 21, 2016 at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street,

Board Members reporting present:

Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Stinchfield  
Abby Arnold  
Chris Foster  
Allan Lipsky  
Susan McCarthy

Board Members absent:

Chair Judy Abdo  
Misti Kerns

Also present:

SMPC Pier Administrator Jay Farrand  
SMPC Deputy Director Jim Harris  
City of Santa Monica Pier Manager Rod Merl  
City of Santa Monica Office of Pier Management Administrator Michael Barboza  
City of Santa Monica Beach Manager Judith Meister  
City of Santa Monica City Attorney Marsha Moutrie  
Landmarks Commissioner Laura O'Neill  
Santa Monica Pier Lessees Representative Randi Parent

*Secretary/Treasurer Stinchfield moved Item 2.A up on the agenda.*

## **2. Action & Discussion Items**

### **A. Brown Act Training**

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie gave a presentation to the Board regarding specific policies of the Brown Act.

## **1. Information Items**

### **A. Staff & Programming Update**

Jay Farrand provided a recap on the recent successful STEAM Machines event and announced several upcoming SMPC-produced events including Wake Up with the Waves (Saturdays from March 26 through April 30), the Tommy Bahama Paddleboard Race & Ocean Festival (June 11) and the Centennial Celebration of the Looff Hippodrome (June 12). He also noted upcoming non-SMPC events scheduled in the 1550 PCH Parking Lot – 420 Games and Rollergames.

Rod Merl provided updates on the recently completed installation of bollards on the Municipal Pier; the upcoming completion of the new south stairs; beginning of the replacement of the old south stairs, and plans for upcoming new signage on the Pier. He also reminded the Board of the upcoming Local Coastal Plan Update meeting, scheduled for April 13.

**B. February Budget and Financials**

Jay Farrand summarized his written report submitted in the Board Packet.

**2. Action & Discussion Items**

**B. Construction & Colorado Esplanade Construction Update**

Rod Merl informed the Board that City Staff will provide a full, detailed report on the Colorado Esplanade construction project at the next Board Meeting. He further noted that the recent construction at the intersection of Colorado Avenue and Ocean Avenue went remarkably well and that the Expo recently announced the official opening date to be May 20.

Secretary/Treasurer Stinchfield remarked that City Staff should note that sudden, last-minute notice on future construction projects like the Colorado/Ocean Avenue project should be avoided in the future. She noted that, while it is fortunate that this particular situation worked out well, there was still a lot of unnecessary stress caused by the short notice.

**C. Audit Committee Update and Approval**

Board Member Lipsky summarized the recent meeting between the Audit Committee and the auditor and commented on the good quality of the work done on the audit.

Motion by Board Member Lipsky, seconded by Board Member Arnold, that the Board approve the 2015 fiscal year audit as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Arnold, Foster, Lipsky McCarthy and Stinchfield

NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Members Abdo and Kerns

ABSTAIN: None

**D. Approval of Minutes for the February 18, 2016 meeting**

Motion by Board Member Foster, seconded by Board Member McCarthy, that the Board approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Board Members Arnold, Foster, Lipsky McCarthy and Stinchfield

NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Members Abdo and Kerns

ABSTAIN: None

**3. Presentations**

**A. Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association**

Randi Parent informed the Board that the Pier's business tenants were generally pleased with the coordination of the recent work on the Colorado Avenue/Ocean Avenue intersection. She then announced that the next meeting of the SMPLA will be on April 13 at 9:00 AM in Mariasol Cocina Mexicana.

*Public comment by Chris Volaski.*

**B. Landmarks Commission**

Laura O'Neill announced no news to report.

**4. Board Member Items**

Board Member McCarthy congratulated The Albright restaurant on their recent recognition for sustainability.

*Public comment by Greg Morena.*

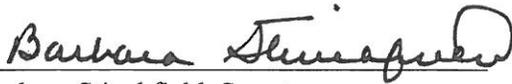
**5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Adjournment**

Secretary/Treasurer Stinchfield adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

ATTEST: APPROVED:



Barbara Stinchfield, Secretary