



**MINUTES  
SANTA MONICA PIER CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2017  
KEN EDWARDS CENTER, 1527 FOURTH ST., SANTA MONICA  
6:30 PM**

**Call to Order**

Chair Judy Abdo called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Present: Chair Judy Abdo, Vice Chair Susan McCarthy, Secretary/Treasurer Abby Arnold and Board Members Allan Lipsky, Misti Kerns and Barbara Stinchfield

Absent: Christopher Foster

Also present: SMPC Interim Executive Director Jim Harris, City of Santa Monica Pier Administrator Elana Buegoff, City of Santa Monica Office of Pier Management Staff Michael Barboza, Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association President Randi Parent

*Chair Abdo moved item 5 Closed Session, up on the agenda.*

**5. Closed Session**

Chair Abdo adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:35 p.m. The Board reconvened at 6:50pm.

**MOTION**

Abby Arnold put forth the motion to choose Negin Singh as the new executive director of the Pier Corporation beginning January 17th, 2018 at the salary of \$140,000. Susan McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Special Agenda Items – None**
2. **Reports of Staff/Members**

A. Staff and Programming Update

Jim Harris provided event updates. The art pieces on the pier, STEAM machines, Roga, and the RAMS tailgate party were mentioned.

B. Office of Pier Management Update

Elana Buegoff reported that the Twilight Concert Series will be discussed and voted on by the City Council on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Council will also review and approve the Pier Corporation's annual budget, plan of work, amended by-laws and will appoint four new Pier Board members.

Construction updates: The pier bridge environmental impact report will be released soon.

C. October Budget and Financials

Jim Harris provided the budget and financials.

D. Santa Monica Police Department/Harbor Patrol

No report

E. Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association

No report

F. Landmarks Commission

No report

3. **Public Input**

Public input was received from Ellen Brennan.

4. **Consent Calendar**

A. October 23, November 1, November 2 and November 15 2017 Special Pier Corporation Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Board Member Lipsky moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Board Member Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **New Business – None**

7. **Continued Items**

A. 2018 Twilight Concert Series

Board Member Kerns read the motion put forth by the TCS subcommittee. "Keeping the Santa Monica Pier Corporation's commitment to year-round public programming, as per our Guiding Principles, and keeping mindful of upcoming changes including the construction of the new bridge, the arrival of the Expo

light-rail line, the 2028 Olympics and the increasing popularity of the Pier plus the need to work with the Pier's businesses, businesses from the surrounding area. City staff, sponsors and other partners including the Cultural Affairs Division, Downtown Santa Monica, Main Street BID, Snap, Santa Monica Daily Press and Santa Monica College, the Board wishes to move forward to provide Pier-focused, creative, interactive, cutting-edge and traditional opportunities for all demographics, with an approach of open-mindedness to ensure that the tradition of summer continues by re-imagining the concert series for a one-day transitional summer celebration, followed by a range of musical experiences in the Fall of 2018 and beyond, especially during the off-season time periods and acknowledging that this will require continuous evaluation as we prepare for future enhancements to the Pier and remain committed to the legacy of the Pier as a venue for free, inclusive cultural events."

Judy Abdo clarified the motion. Barbara Stinchfield and Misti Kerns further elaborated on the motion. Allan Lipsky supported continuing some sort of event for the next year. Misti Kerns wants to work closely with pier businesses.

Public Comment was received from Martin Fleischmann, The Daily Press, and Roger Genser, Michael Dubin, Ellen Brennan and Judith Meister.

#### MOTION

Motion by Board Member Kerns, seconded by Board Member McCarthy to accept the TCS Subcommittee's proposed position and submit a letter to the City Council. The motion passed unanimously.

#### B. Board Study Group Updates

The TCS group came up with the motion put forth to Council and the executive group came up with the executive director hiring decision.

8. **Public Hearings** – None.
9. **Written Communication** – None
10. **Future Agenda Items**

Discussion of future Board meetings.

#### 11. **Adjournment**

Board member Abdo adjourned the meeting at 7:51p.m. and announced that the next SMPC Board Meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2017

ATTEST:

  
Board Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Board Chair