



**MINUTES
SANTA MONICA PIER CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2017
KEN EDWARDS CENTER, 1527 FOURTH ST., SANTA MONICA
6:30 PM**

Call to Order

Chair Judy Abdo called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.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 Christopher Foster, Allan Lipsky, and Barbara Stinchfield

Absent: Board Member Misti Kerns

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 Assistant Michael Barboza

1. Special Agenda Items - None

2. Reports of Staff/Members

A. SMPC Staff and Programming Update

Jim Harris provided updates: Roga, Front Porch Cinema, and COAST.

B. Office of Pier Management Update

Elana Buegoff provided the city report: labor peace will go to Council tomorrow night. TCS will go to Council on December 12th. Electrical work and the pier substation construction were mentioned. Parking spaces will change in the 1550 lot during certain construction times. Jeff Klocke from Pacific Park raised concerns on the moratorium of filming in the 1550 lot.

C. April Budget and Financials

Jim Harris provided updates on financials.

D. Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association

Cindy Pfeiffer provided an update for the Pier Lessees Association. They met with City Manager Rick Cole the previous week.

E. Landmarks Commission

Not present

3. Public Input - None

4. Consent Calendar

A. September 18, 2017 Regular Pier Corporation Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the September 18, 2017 Regular Pier Corporation meeting minutes.

MOTION

Board Member Allan Lipsky moved and Board Member Abby Arnold seconded a motion to approve the September 18, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. October 5, 2017 Special Pier Corporation Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the October 5, 2017 Special Pier Corporation meeting minutes.

MOTION

Board Member Christopher Foster moved and Board Member Abby Arnold seconded a motion to approve the October 5, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. New Business

A. FY2017-2018 Work Plan & Budget

Jim Harris brought up the Emergency Action Plan on the Santa Monica Pier. The Pier is looking at a pier ambassador program. Leasing guidelines and sponsorship need to be addressed. Local Plan: Community outreach, sustaining TCS, Front Porch Cinema, Paddle Board, STEAM machines, Wake up with the Waves, and LA Opera. Board Member Barbara asked for community outreach to be first. Pier Corporation employee Craig made a public comment in support.

Budget: Jim Harris discussed the budget. Merry-Go-Round rentals were down. New staff and the increase in wages were reflected. Allan Lipsky asked about City funding. Susan McCarthy requested film permitting be addressed for revenue.

MOTION – Board Member Susan McCarthy motioned and Board Member Abby Arnold seconded a motion to discuss allowing film permits with the Parking office. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Twilight Concert Series

Judy Abdo discussed a meeting with the City Manager, Rick Cole, about the Twilight Concert Series. Options would be presented to the City Council on December 12th. Jim mentioned key issues at the meeting: City wants to postpone the concert for a year. Three options were presented: postponing TCS, keeping it the same, or moving the concert to the fall season. Judy Abdo mentioned the option of moving the concert during the day, a change of day, or more of a focus on the pier than the beach. Chris Foster said the City Manager was concerned about cost, emergency situation, and Barbara Stinchfield said they might not be mutually exclusive. Abby Arnold wanted the board to have a full discussion with all parties involved with the pier. Susan McCarthy recommended getting the public involved. Allan Lipsky will not be in favor of anything that prevents access to the beach. Allan Lipsky would be in favor of postponing for a year. Workshop discussed. Clarification of the goal of TCS was discussed by Abby Arnold. Discussion of possibly change the format. Jdy Abdo requested another meeting to discuss the TCS specifically. Wednesday, November 15th was suggested for the special meeting. Craig from the Albright gave his thoughts. Re-imagining the Twilight Concert Series framework for the meeting.

6. Continued Items

A. Board Study Group Updates

7. Closed Session

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Title: Executive Director

Chair Abdo adjourned the meeting to closed session at 8:05 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Board member Abdo adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and announced that the next SMPC Board Meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2017.

ATTEST:



Abby Arnold, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Judy Abdo, Board Chair