



HARBOUR COMMISSION MINUTES

**Thursday, December 1, 2022
Room B8, Lower Level
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648**

MICHAEL VANVOORHIS, Chair
CRAIG SCHAUPPNER, Vice Chair
WILLIAM LARKIN, Board Member
KIMBERLEY MILLIGAN, Board Member
CHRIS NIELSEN, Board Member
VAN VU, Board Member
DIANE WOOD, Board Member

COUNCIL LIAISON

ERIK PETERSON, Councilmember Liaison
MIKE POSEY, Councilmember Liaison

STAFF

SCOTT HABERLE, Fire Chief
ERIC DIETERMAN, Marine Safety Battalion Chief
BONNIE TO, Principal Administrative Analyst
KEVIN JUSTEN, Senior Administrative Analyst

CALLED TO ORDER

VanVoorhis called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Justen

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Larkin, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

Commissioner Absent: Milligan

Staff Present: Scott Haberle, Eric Dieterman, Kevin Justen, Ashley Wysocki, Terry Tintle, Devin Michaelis, Sean McGlynn, Jim Merid, Michael Bartlett, Ryan Deuel

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

- A) Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2022

MOTION: A motion was made by Nielsen, seconded by Larkin to approve meeting minutes dated October 27, 2022.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Larkin, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee

Larkin informed the Commission that homeowners on Trinidad Island have hired private security to patrol their area. Vu asked how it has worked out and Larkin said that thus far it seems to be working well.

Sergeant Deuel provided a public safety update for the Harbour area. Since the October 27, 2022 meeting there have been two burglaries. Of these, one seemed to be done by the Transnational Organized Crime Group. Deuel gave an overview of the crime prevention efforts that the Police Department is currently undertaking to prevent residential burglaries in Huntington Harbour. He mentioned that the streetlights on Davenport and Edgewater are out and Tintle added that these are Southern California Edison lights and they tend to take a long time to complete repairs. VanVoorhis noted that additional lights are being installed on the Sunset Beach greenbelt and residents are pleased with them. Vu asked about the electronic signs on Algonquin Street at the entrance to the Harbour area and whether these would remain in place as a crime deterrent, be moved, etc. Deuel said he would inform Lieutenant White, who will update the Commission regarding this. Larkin asked about parking police cars in the Huntington Harbour area as a crime deterrent. Deuel said he will also inform Lieutenant White that Commissioners inquired about this and expressed interest in continuing it as a crime deterrent.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Harbour Report

Dieterman provided the Harbour Report, which included updates on water quality and the Marine Safety Division response statistics for November 2022. He noted that there was little Marine Safety activity in the Harbour due to the time of year. Justen highlighted the Harbour Commission website changes since the last meeting, including a U.S. Navy update on the Harbour entrance changes for those boats visiting during the holidays, a historical photo gallery, which was added to the Harbour history, and posting of the meeting agenda, minutes and the cancellation notice for the December 22, 2022 meeting. He also stated that the upgrading and rebranding of all City web pages would be completed in the future.

2. Harbour Commission Strategic Plan

Haberle informed the Commission that the City Manager is putting together a citywide initiative that includes an infrastructure report card. It will include 11 technical committees to advise on it, including one committee on the Harbour. He said that this could be agendaized for the January Harbour Commission meeting to consider recommending a member for the technical committee on the Harbour. He also said it could be formed as an Ad Hoc Committee for Harbour infrastructure. In addition, there will be a public outreach component and Haberle said Commissioners could also consider recommending someone to serve on the public outreach committee. Wood asked if environmental issues, such as Eel Grass restoration, would be considered as part of this effort. Haberle said that there will be an initiative on sustainability and through it environmental concerns could be addressed. Schauppner asked how long this project would take and Haberle said that he does not know, but imagines it will be the better part of a year since it is such a large undertaking. Schauppner asked what infrastructure would be covered and Haberle responded that it would encompass all City-owned infrastructure. Larkin asked what geographic area would be included in the Harbour evaluation. Haberle said the focus would be on city infrastructure, wherever it is located, but the committee members could have input on what is emphasized.

MOTION: A motion was made by Larkin, seconded by Nielsen to consider recommending Commissioners to serve on the technical committee on Harbour infrastructure and the public outreach committee at the January 26, 2022 meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Larkin, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood
NOES: None

Haberle said that the City is also preparing a sustainability master plan and an ad hoc committee could be formed by the Harbour Commission to provide input on it. Environmental issues, such as Oyster and Eelgrass restoration, could be considered as part of this master plan. Schauppner asked what it would include and Haberle said that the components would be people, environment and funding. Wysocki added that the key issue would be how the City can sustain all three of these categories going forward. VanVoorhis asked how this works with the City budget and she said the resulting long-term plan would help to make better long-term decisions in the budget process. Haberle said he would forward additional information on the sustainability and infrastructure plans to the Commissioners. Larkin said he thinks that the return on investment will be a critical part of this plan. Haberle said the City Manager has stated that the public will be engaged in this effort as it goes forward, which results in better-informed decisions and a shared vision for the future. Haberle noted that Harbour Commission strategic planning would greatly assist in these efforts. Vu asked if direction on these things could change with the new City Council. Haberle said it could, but this remains to be seen. He also noted that new Council Liaisons to the Harbour Commission would be appointed soon. Vu asked about the process for appointing Liaisons and Larkin and Haberle described the process.

MOTION: A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Larkin to consider forming an ad hoc committee on sustainability at the January 26, 2022 meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Larkin, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood
NOES: None

3. SUP Update

Wysocki provided an update on the standup paddleboard (SUP) and kayak vendor permits. At this time City staff is negotiating a contract for these services with OEX. Because there will only be one contract issued the vendor's space on the beach could be extended. However, public access will be maintained. Schauppner asked about Sunset Rentals and Wysocki said that they went out of business.

4. Transmittal of Issue Paper Regarding Transnational Organized Crime Group (TOGG) to Intergovernmental Relations Committee and City Council

Haberle explained the process for the Commission to transmit this issue paper to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. He said this would require a motion by the Commission. Schauppner provided an overview of the paper and pointed out that the Police Department has done a good job in reducing burglaries throughout the City, but a large portion of those committed are still in the Harbour area. Larkin complimented Schauppner on the paper and stated that burglaries now are of a different nature than those in 2019, requiring interagency assistance to address. He asked if the data should be presented differently because of the change in tactics/approach and the change in the law regarding petty theft versus grand theft. Schauppner responded that the statistics in the paper highlight the problem well and the existing environment provides an opportunity to address this. Deuel said that the difference between grand and petty theft is not something that would matter in presenting this.

MOTION: A motion was made by Schauppner, seconded by Larkin to transmit the issue paper regarding the Transnational Organized Crime Group to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the City Council.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Larkin, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

STAFF COMMENTS

Tintle said that the debris in the Harbour after the recent storm was much less than during recent years, with a lot on Sunset Beach, but not so much in the Harbour. He pointed out that there are a number of factors that influence this, including tide cycles, reconfiguration of the Harbour entrance, severity of the storm, etc. The work that has been done with upstream cities has also helped. He noted that cleaning up the beach is much easier than in the Harbour because large equipment can be used. Larkin agreed that there was much less debris and asked how many bins were used for cleanup at Edinger and Warner, where the County does their cleanup. Tintle said he did not know the number and Larkin suggested monitoring this in the future. Bartlett noted that there were some very large items floating in the Harbour which presented navigational hazards. These included a number of logs, which had to be removed. Larkin said the key to reducing the debris flow is working with the upland cities and stated that this might be something covered in the sustainability master plan. Merid said on December 8, 2022 there would be a tour of the Harbour for the Industrial and Environmental Coalition of Orange County. The purpose of the tour is to show them the connection between what they do and the water quality in Huntington Harbour. They will also discuss environmental regulations

and methods for compliance. Wood asked if this type of tour would be something that Harbour Commissioners would benefit from. Merid said that he could bring back information regarding this at the January 26, 2022 meeting. Justen congratulated Commissioners Larkin, Milligan, Nielsen and Schauppner on their reappointment by the City Council and said he prepared Certificates of Reappointment, which would be distributed after the meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Wood thanked the Fire Department, Justen and Marine Safety staff for their assistance in organizing and providing surplus Fire Department equipment for the recent trip to Mexico, where it was provided to three municipal fire departments. She gave a PowerPoint presentation on the trip and was assisted by Ocean Lifeguard Sean McGlynn, who accompanied the group on the trip. Ocean Lifeguard Jake Duarte also went on the trip and Wood said both Marine Safety staff were of great assistance as crewmembers. Wood and McGlynn showed photos of the members of the municipal departments receiving the donations and said they were very appreciative of the donations. The Firefighters were also given HBFD challenge coins. Vu suggested that an article highlighting the trip be prepared. Haberle said something could be submitted for the *Surf City Break* publication. VanVoorhis announced that the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade would be on December 10 and 11, 2022. Larkin asked Justen to include Huntington Harbour Boat Parade photos on the Harbour Commission website and Justen said he would include them on the next day.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by VanVoorhis and seconded by Vu at 6:27 p.m. to cancel the December 22, 2022 meeting and adjourn to the meeting on January 26, 2023.

The motion carried by the following vote, 6-0:

AYES: Larkin, Nielsen, Schauppner, VanVoorhis, Vu, Wood

NOES: None

The next regularly meeting of the Harbour Commission will be scheduled for January 26, 2023 and will be held at a location to be announced.



HARBOUR COMMISSION REPORT



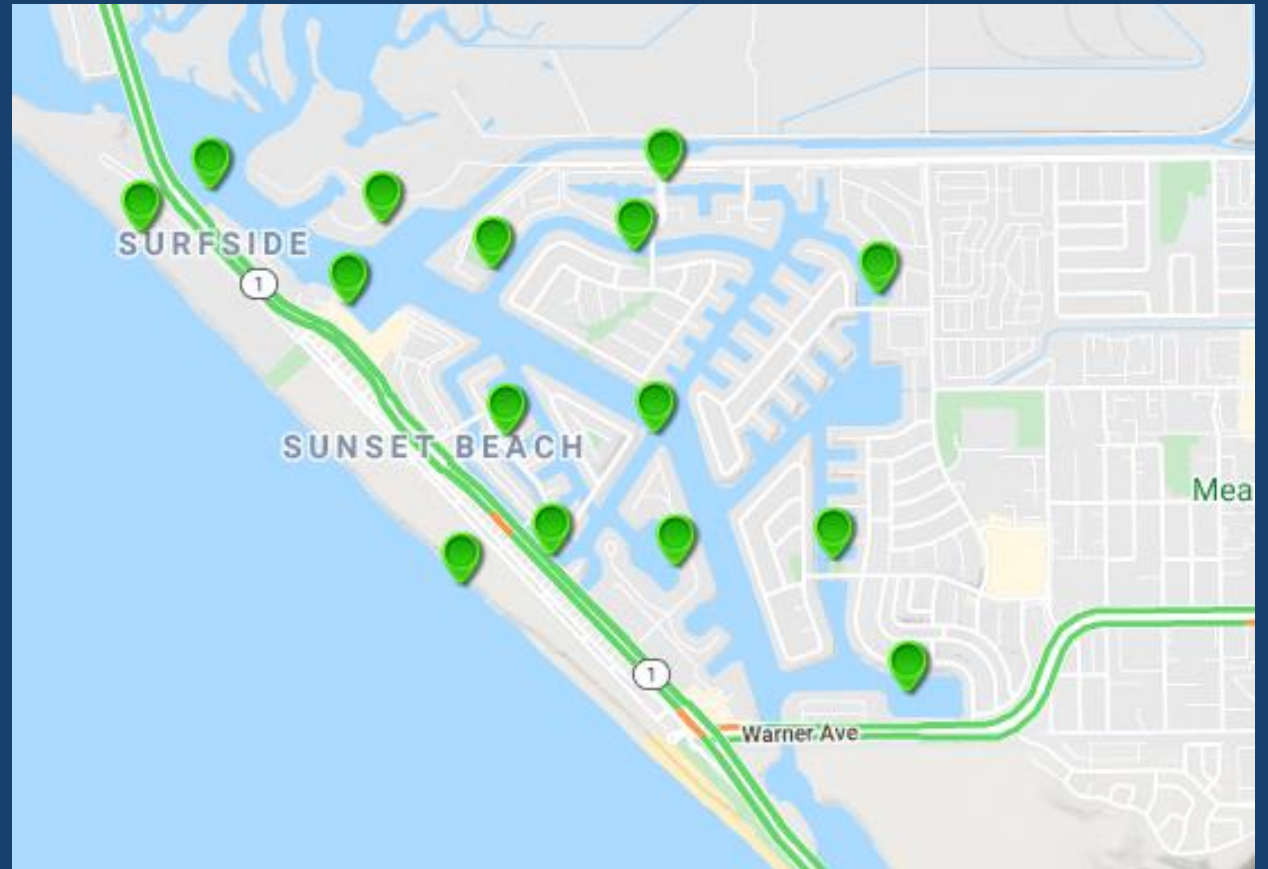
HARBOUR COMMISSION REPORT

Harbor Report



WATER QUALITY REPORT

- Currently no advisories or closures in effect
- OC Healthcare Agency
 - <https://ocbeachinfo.com/>
- Water quality testing
 - <https://ocbeachinfo.com/faq/>



HARBOUR ACTIVITY REPORT

- November Statistics:

- Aquatic Rescues: 0
- Boat Assists 3
 - Boat Tows: 0
 - Boat Other: 3
- Medical Aids: 0
- Enforcement 0
 - Alcohol: 0
 - Dogs: 0
 - Jumping: 0
 - Private Dock: 0
 - Illegal Vending: 0





HARBOUR COMMISSION WEBSITE UPDATE

Kevin Justen

HARBOUR COMMISSION WEBSITE

- Features Added Since October Meeting:
 - Replaced *Harbour Commission Monthly Summary Report* with October version
 - Added September minutes to agenda website, including *Harbour Report*
 - Added December meeting agenda
 - Added information from USN regarding visiting Huntington Harbour during the holidays
 - Added photo gallery with historical photos of Huntington Harbour (embedded in Harbour history)
- Features To Be Added:
 - Additional Information on Harbour Commission Strategic Plan Projects, as they occur
 - Upgrade and rebranding of entire City website, including Harbour Commission site

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Harbour Commission 2022/24 Strategic Plan

| GOAL: Safety | | | | | |
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| DATE DUE | ASSIGNMENT | STATUS | | | COMMENTS |
| | | DONE | ON TARGET | REVISED | |
| December 31, 2022 | Refine safety protocols for kayaks and stand-up paddleboards. | X | | | Safety flyer designed and distributed through vendors, website, social media; MS staffing on rental beach; article in City newsletter; PSA complete. |
| March 31, 2023 | Review current Harbor municipal codes and advise on any changes or updates needed in regards to Harbour safety and water quality. | | X | | All related municipal code sections provided to Harbour Commissioners for review on 8/1/22. |
| Ongoing | Partner with County, State and Federal agencies to ensure public safety and participate in and provide public safety programming. | | X | | Police Department continues to collaborate with surrounding and regional agencies and has taken a number of related actions, including extensive coordination with OCSD assigned to Harbour. |

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Harbour Commission 2022/24 Strategic Plan

| GOAL: Infrastructure | | | | | |
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| DATE DUE | ASSIGNMENT | STATUS | | | COMMENTS |
| | | DONE | ON TARGET | REVISED | |
| June 30, 2024 | Explore feasibility of obtaining California State Lands revenue from Harbour residents and businesses with docks and decks over the main and midway channels and report back to the Harbour Commission. In doing so, analyze expanding City of Huntington Beach control of Huntington Harbour and consider steps to enhance revenues dedicated to public safety, public access and infrastructure improvements. | | X | | |
| December 31, 2022 | Follow-up projects to Harbour Jurisdiction Study. | X | | | Provided detailed status report on 10 project recommendations at the October 27, 2022 meeting. |

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Harbour Commission 2022/24 Strategic Plan

| GOAL: Usage | | | | | |
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| DATE DUE | ASSIGNMENT | STATUS | | | COMMENTS |
| | | DONE | ON TARGET | REVISED | |
| September 30, 2022 | Add maps to the existing sign posts on harbor beaches. | | | x | Location maps currently being developed. Will require additional time for design and installation. |
| December 31, 2022 | Improve Harbour security issues (robbery, home invasion, boat damage/theft, etc.) and set up community meetings on home safety. | | x | | Two community meetings have occurred and Police Department has taken a number of actions to address residential security, as reported at June 2022 meeting; website information added; issue paper presented to Intergovernmental Relations Committee. |
| March 31, 2023 | Create liaisons with surrounding jurisdictions so that everyone involved is informed and moving in the right direction (Orange County, Seal Beach, Bolsa Chica Wetlands, etc.). | | x | | Outreach to NB Harbor Master and OC Coast Keepers has occurred; will schedule with other organizations. |
| Ongoing | Promote more community and social events, such as Harbour summer fair, bbq, concerts, etc. | | x | | Promoted Teamaddi Paddle Out; will promote additional events as they |

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Harbour Commission 2022/24 Strategic Plan

| GOAL: Environmental | | | | | |
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| DATE DUE | ASSIGNMENT | STATUS | | | COMMENTS |
| | | DONE | ON TARGET | REVISED | |
| June 30, 2023 | Recommend to the Huntington Beach City Council to request Orange County Public Works to conduct a feasibility study for a trash collection system for Edinger and Wintersburg Channels. | | X | | Presentation will be provided at Commission meeting. |
| June 30, 2024 | Working with Orange County Parks and Public Works, City of Huntington Beach Public Works and related agencies, develop and implement a plan to reduce upstream pollution flowing into Huntington Beach watershed from upstream neighbors, thus improving water quality and marine habitat. | | X | | Bolsa Chica and Huntington Harbor Trash and Debris Task Force has been formed and meets quarterly; trash mitigation plan has been drafted. |



STAND UP PADDLEBOARD/KAYAK UPDATE

Ashley Wysocki