

MINUTES

Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Crescent City Harbor District Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James Ramsey, President
Patrick Bailey
Scott Feller, Secretary
Ron Phillips
Wes White

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lane Tavasci, Deputy Harbormaster
Nicole Burshem, PS Business
Sabrina Valentine

5:30 p.m. The Board of Harbor Commissioners will meet in open session to discuss the following agenda items.

President Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance

1. Presentation by the Coast Redwoods Art Gallery. Review proposal and direct staff to take appropriate action.

Discussion was held in regards to the Coast Redwoods Art Association. Maideth Charlsky, Secretary of the Coast Redwoods Art Association, reported the gallery is in financial trouble and last time we were here the Harbor told Rich Redden, President of the Crescent City Harbor Art Gallery, to get together with Charlie Helms and discuss what the Harbor could do for the Association. Ms. Maida Piotrowski reported there are a couple of Board members that would like to keep the Art Gallery here in the Harbor. The Board came up with if the Harbor reduces the rent to \$500 a month for 6 months we might be able to stay. Traffic has been 2.25 persons a day for the last couple of months. Ms. Piotrowski reported the association is not aware they are at the Harbor meeting, but she wanted to come to let the Board know that they have the new Gallery and have moved some of the art work over there. Commissioner Feller asked in regards to the location of the new Gallery. Ms. Piotrowski noted the building is located in the office between 101 South and North. It is right next the Fancy Nail Salon. Ms. Piotrowski reported the benefactor purchased the buildings and it doubles the space we have here in the Harbor. Commissioner White asked what is the Harbor Commission to do when there are two different representatives coming in and trying to negotiate. Ms.

Piotrowski commented they are both past presidents that have been debating the problem and the Coast Redwood Art Association President outvoted the other. Commissioner Bailey suggested getting together and working out an agreement. Commissioner Phillips asked if the meeting between Rich Redden and Charlie Helms happened. Ms. Piotrowski commented Rich Redden and Charlie met and made an agreement to have them out by June 2, 2016. Commissioner White asked was the majority of the vote with Coast Redwood Art Association or for Crescent City Harbor Art Gallery. Ms. Piotrowski reported the vote was by one in favor of the Coast Redwood Art Association to lower the rent to \$500 a month to keep the location in the Harbor for 6 months. Robert Black stated the premise of the motion is the Harbor will reduce the rent. The first question is if you are willing to reduce the rent. If the answer is No than the motion as phrased is irrelevant and if the answer is yes than the slight majority of their board prevails and they keep paying rent at a lower level for 6 months. President Ramsey suggested tabling this for right now. Commissioner Phillips commented we, as a board needs to make a decision whether to drop the rent or leave it. Commissioner White asked if it was to reduce the rent BY \$500 or TO \$500. Ms. Piotrowski clarified the proposition was to reduce the rent TO \$500 for 6 months. Commissioner Feller motioned to reduce the rent to \$500 for 6 months and in 5 months reevaluate where we are. Ms. Piotrowski asked what if we paid the \$500 a month for 6 months and just move out. President Ramsey commented the situation is there is a problem within Ms. Piotrowski's own ranks and his philosophy is they need to get together and make a decision. We have a motion on the floor to reduce the rent to \$500 a month for 6 months and it's not about getting the money, but keeping the Art Gallery in the Harbor. Ms. Piotrowski reported the mentor who joined the Art Gallery a year ago and saw they needed money and that is how we got the new building. They gave us the building rent free with exception to the utilities and insurance. Commissioner Feller asked what the recommendation was from Mr. Helms. Mr. Tavasci commented the recommendation was to have a mutual separation. Mr. Black recommends having a motion to state willingness to drop the rent for 6 months upon receipt of a formal written proposal from the Coast Redwoods Art Association. Mr. Black reported the formal written proposal is to come from the Board of Directors of Coast Redwood Art Association. Commissioner Feller withdrew his proposal and directed Ms. Charlsky to go to the Board of Directors and get a written proposal to the Harbor Commission to approve at the next regular meeting. Hank Northrup reported that 85% of the board approved a proposal for a reduction of rent to \$500 for 6 months. Mr. Northrup reported he spoke with a group of them today and he will go back to draw up a proposal with a copy of the minutes to show what the majority vote is. Mr. Black suggested having a transmittal letter to say the minutes are attached for a modification of the lease. Commissioner Bailey commented we need a majority of the board-authorized motion. Commissioner Phillips commented we sat here and agreed we would reduce this rent to keep you the Coast Redwood Art Association to stay in the Harbor. The leasee would have to make determination of whether to extend the lease or not to extend the lease.

Public Comment prior to closed session.

The following person(s) addressed the Commission: None

Adjourn to Closed Session. The Board of Harbor Commissioners will now meet in closed session to discuss the following items:

President Ramsey adjourned open session and immediately reconvened in closed session at 6:25 p.m.

(1) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Property 159 Starfish Way, Crescent City, Agency Negotiator: Charles Helms

Report Out of Closed Session

The following was reported out of closed session: None

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Public Comment

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2. Consent Agenda

Requests to remove items from the Consent Agenda may be heard at this time

A) Approval of the warrant list since the April 19, 2016 Harbor Commission Meeting

B) Approval of the minutes of the April 19, 2016 Harbor Commission Meeting

Discussion was held in regards to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Phillips asked in regards to how much we incur on the mileage and how much mileage is done in the company car. Do we need to save money to invest in a car that is road worthy? Mr. Helms commented he doesn't charge mileage for around town just when he goes out of town, but he will check into that. Commissioner Phillips asked in regards to the checks to fisherman's benefit. There were two checks received from John Alexander that were made out to the fisherman's benefit and try to cash them. Mr. Helms commented he could try to talk to Rick with the Association to see if this can be cashed.

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WHITE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELLER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED ON A POLLED VOTE THE CRESCENT CITY HARBOR COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 A-B, AS PRESENTED.

3. **Commissioner Reports. Reports from Commissioners who represent the Harbor District on the Chamber of Commerce, Tri-Agency, Inter Governmental Relations Committee, Harbor Safety Committee and any other civic or community groups and from any current ad hoc committees**

Chamber of commerce – Commissioner White commented the Economic Summit went well from what he has heard, but wasn't in attendance and asked if anyone else who was there would report on the event.

Commissioner Philips reported he thought the morning session was good and enjoyed hearing from the new school superintendent and his views of changing the high school. There was a presenter from the Federal Government; who presented the procurement list for when a disaster happens around Del Norte County; they can look up an agency that has services to offer for help.

Commissioner Phillips reported in the afternoon session there was a keynote speaker for the State Representative, Dr. Woods. Dr. Woods was not available to speak so his Aide gave his speech and it was very good. Commissioner White reported there is two young ladies hiking along the coast from Canada to Mexico and is trying to send out emails of an activity that has occurred in Del Norte County.

Tri-agency – Commissioner White reported there was a meeting held and we have settled a debt with USDA to put us down to zero funds in the Tri-Agency. Commissioner White suggested budgeting for next year so that we can stay connected with the Tri-Agency. Commissioner Bailey asked if they were going to give anymore for feature time. Commissioner White commented we are not on any blacklist. Commissioner Feller reported we are not in CAL VERSE, which would blacklist from any grants for development funds. It takes us back to zero so that we go back to 6% of the revenue to the Tri-Agency and dues. We can now recreate an Economic Development Engine to go after grants or loans as necessary. Commissioner White commented at the next meeting we are going to talk about Redwood National Parks moving their visitors' center out. Talked about water restrictions on potential development. Commissioner White reported it is nice to see some enthusiasm and forward momentum of the Tri-Agency. Commissioner Phillips asked is there any thought to take in both tribes. Commissioner White commented there is discussion about taking in three tribes and Curry County onto the Tri-Agency. Commissioner Phillips asked is there discussion about having a new director. Commissioner White commented not at this time. Commissioner Phillips asked what happened to the loans that were giving out for \$5000. Commissioner White commented that was all taken care of.

IGRC – None

Harbor safety committee – None

Ordinance Ad Hoc committee – None

4. CEO Report. Report on current and planned items

The commissioners have read over the CEO report. Mr. Helms reported we are making progress on the 10-year dredging permit, but we still have hang-ups with the Coastal Commission getting our Fender piles approved. Commissioner White asked if US Army Corp (USACE) is going to make a recommendation of the Dredging. Mr. Helms reported he is going to contact Debra O'Leary to see if they have any information. Commissioner White asked how does this go forward from here. Mr. Helms commented if there is no negative comment they will issue the Dredging permit. Mr. Helms reported the other part of this would be left up to the Dredge Material Management Plan.

Commissioner White asked where are we with Littlehawk and receivables. Traci reported Littlehawk has made two payments. Traci also reported she is going to go down and speak with him again to remind him of another payment.

Commissioner Phillips asked who is Littlehawk. Commissioner Feller commented it is the carwash.

5. Board Comments. The Agenda allows Board of Harbor Commission members the opportunity to discuss items of general interest, provide a reference or other resource to staff and to ask for clarification or request staff to report to the Board on certain matters

The following Commissioner(s) commented: Commissioner White commented the Harbor should consider putting the extra money into a CD.

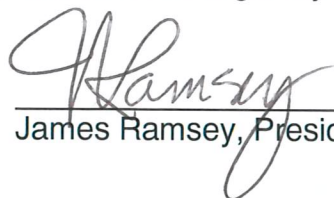
Commissioner Phillips commented all of the funds that were raised for the fisherman have been handed out and some people have even given some money back.

Commissioner Phillips talked to someone from POP and suggested they keep the money for the pool and do some free nights for kids to swimming.

Commissioner Phillips asked if we heard anything more from Mr. Faas. Mr. Tavasci commented he received a call, but couldn't speak with him. Mr. Faos did not leave a message and haven't heard from him since.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President White adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m., until the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.



James Ramsey, President



Scott Feller, Secretary

Approved this 19 day
of July, 2016.
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