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DANA POINT HARBOR

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5th District Supervisor Tom Wilson

MESSAGE TO DANA POINT HARBOR



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For those of you who have been following the development of the Harbor Revitalization Project since the early days of planning, I'm certain you can appreciate the significant progress we've made in just the last 18 months.

With your input we now have an architectural theme California Coastal - and an artist's concept of the buildings' design. Your love of the existing patio had led us to incorporate a big, beautiful, oversized outdoor space in the plan that will remain the "heart of the harbor" for years to come. We all agree that the festival plaza, an integral part of the Commercial Core, will certainly be a wonderful setting for future community programs.

Within the next few months the project will go to the California Coastal Commission for its approval. And, if all goes as scheduled, we could begin actual construction in late 2007.

Now, with the landside project progressing as anticipated, we can turn our attention to planning waterside enhancements.

Some \$45 million in low-cost loans from the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is providing the funding for some muchneeded repairs and replacements. Like other parts of the Harbor, many of the docks and boater facilities date back 30 and 40 years. To keep the Harbor competitive and to meet the needs of today's boaters, we must update the docks and slips and add new amenities.

We'll follow the same collaborative planning process to develop the waterside improvements as we did with the Commercial Core. Over the next several months, we'll have meetings and open house events focused specifically on the needs of boaters and new boating facilities.

To bring the Revitalization Project to fruition is the mission of the Dana Point Harbor Department. At my urging, the Board of Supervisors established a new standalone County department last year. The Harbor is now under the direction of George Caravalho. Many Harbor regulars have undoubtedly met George by now, as well as members of his outstanding staff. Each of these individuals is dedicated to serving you and to making certain that the Dana Point Harbor of tomorrow is everything we want it to be.

Yes, we're well on our way to attaining the goals for the Harbor Revitalization that were developed years ago by our 23-member Task Force. We still have more to do before construction can begin. But, we're getting there!

The remainder of this year will be bittersweet for me. After 10 years of County service, I will step down as your Fifth District Supervisor. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you, and I will continue to do so with unwavering commitment until early January 2007 when term limits will conclude my tenure.

But I will leave office with the reassurance that the Harbor Revitalization Project is within our grasp. Over the next five years, we will renovate the launch ramp, dredge the harbor, revitalize the Commercial Core, repair the marina and reconstruct the Marina Inn.

As those of us who use and love the Harbor know, it is a jewel along the California coastline, recognized as the best small-boat harbor in the west. The work that has been performed to date on the Revitalization Project, and all the work that is yet to be completed, will ensure it remains that way.

Thank you for being a part of it.

—Tom Wilson

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THE COMMERCIAL CORE IS TAKING SHAPE

The Commercial Core is going to be big and beautiful with more of what Harbor fans have been requesting for years...more patio space, wider walkways and better views.

There will be approximately 30,000 square feet of new retail space and improved landscaping throughout the area. New buildings will be constructed to replace some existing ones. Other structures will be refurbished and modernized.

Yes, over the next few years there will be a lot of changes in the Harbor. But other things will remain the same...the character, spirit and family friendly environment.

Maintaining these traits has always been a top priority – a mandate of sorts – going back to the Revitalization Plan Task Force.

Below is an artist's rendering of our "new" Harbor. And while refinements are still taking place, the graphic will give you a good idea of the features and facilities that are planned.

Especially important are the location and height of the new buildings, which have been planned to maintain or improve views throughout the Harbor. To add architectural interest, the buildings have been designed with peaked roofs. The 12 "story poles" that were temporarily erected in the Harbor this spring showed the height of those buildings' peaks.

Another critical component of the Commercial Core is the patio, a popular gathering spot some call the "heart of the harbor." Currently, the patio outside of The Coffee Importers is 110' long x 20' wide. When completed, the new patio will will provide a larger space with more tables and chairs.

We'll take a "phased approach" to construction, which will minimize disruption, especially during times when the Harbor is busiest – summer, holidays and the Festival of Whales, to name a few events. The construction schedule is all designed to ensure that the most critically needed improvements are completed first.

The next step in revitalizing the Harbor is to present the plan later this year to the California Coastal Commission for its approval. Other approvals and permits will follow. If all goes as scheduled, we hope to begin construction in late 2007.

Of course, all along the way, we'll keep you apprised of our progress. And you're always welcome to talk to a member of the **Dana Point Harbor Department**. Our phone number is (949) 923-2236.



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BOATERS' INPUT WANTED AS PLANNING FOR WATERSIDE IMPROVEMENTS BEGINS

Because of the size and scope of the Dana Point Harbor Revitalization Project, work has been divided into phases. Phase 1 is the Commercial Core and, over the past few years, we have made significant progress in the planning and preliminary design of the retail, restaurant and plaza areas. It's now time to begin planning Phase 2 – waterside improvements.

Boaters will play an important role in the development of plans for waterside improvements. The Dana Point Harbor Department will have special meetings and open house events to solicit boaters' input and comments.

Because we have just begun the planning process for waterside improvements, there isn't much detail to share at this time. However, we do want to answer some of the questions we've received recently.

Q - What is DPHD proposing to do with the slips?

We will be replacing the old and deteriorating docks, slips and gangways with new facilities. In addition, we will be providing access for disabled people at some locations which is not currently available. At the same time we will also reconfigure the docks to meet the changing demands and trends in boat construction. We are at the early planning stages of the waterside improvement project, so please stay tuned as we work through this process.

Q - Why are you building a dry stack boat storage building?

The dry stack storage building will offer an additional option to boaters that is currently not available in the Harbor. Dry stack storage provides convenience and less cost compared to slip rental. The covered storage also provides protection from elements.

Q - How many slips are we going to lose?

At the most, 545 slips can be reduced according to the requirements approved in the EIR. However, until an in depth analysis and design study is complete, the exact number is yet to be determined and anticipated to be less.

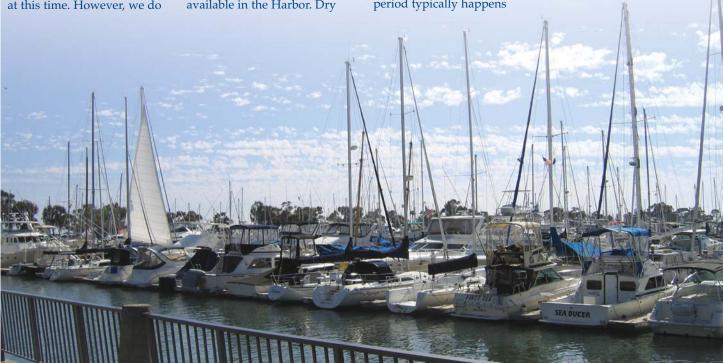
Q - When will I have an opportunity to comment on the slip reconfiguration plan?

Although the CEQA process requires a certain amount of public involvement and review be built into any schedule, this Revitalization Plan is largely based on public input. Since the required public comment period typically happens

towards the end of the planning process, we will be building into the schedule additional opportunities for the boaters and harbor visitors to comment on and provide input to the plan. At this time, we envision completing the planning process by Spring 2007.

Q - Will my boat be forced into the dry stack storage building?

No. The dry stack storage buildings will ultimately hold 800 boats varying in length. Those willing to reserve space in the buildings may do so providing they meet the storage requirements. The wet slips which will be designed over the next several months will accommodate those boaters who wish to remain in the water.



Dana Point Harbor Annual Events

2006-2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2006

 Father's Day Weekend Art Show & Sale (June 17-18)

JULY 2006

 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza

SEPTEMBER 2006

- Toshiba Tall Ships Festival (Sept. 10-11)
- Doheny Days Music Festival (Sept. 18)
- Dana Point Yacht Club's Richard Henry Dana Charity Regatta (Sept 7-10)
- · Coastal Clean-up Day

OCTOBER 2006

Shopping, dining, boating and fishing activities available throughout the Harbor year-round.

NOVEMBER 2006

28th Annual Turkey Trot
 5K/10K Fun Run*
 (Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23)

*Sponsored by the DP Chamber of Commerce • www.turkeytrot.com

DECEMBER 2006

- Holiday in the Harbor Celebration (Dec. 1)
- Boat Rides with Santa
- Boat Parade of Lights (Dec. 8-9 & Dec. 15-16)

JANUARY 2007

 Whale Watching Cruises Daily

FEBRUARY 2007

 Whale Watching Cruises Daily

MARCH 2007

 The Annual Festival of Whales festivalofwhales.com

APRIL 2007

Springtime shopping, dining, boating and fishing activities available throughout the Harbor

 Whale Watching & Dolphin Cruises



MAY 2007

- Mother's Day Weekend Art Show & Sale
- Doheny Blues Festival

JUNE 2007

 Dana Point Harbor's Annual In-Water Boat Show
 DPHBoatShow.com



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