

Mooring Association (NMA), the mooring permittees in C field have begun their program for a shared shuttle to ease congestion at the Fernando Street dock. They also are seeking a similar program for the H and J fields to ease congestions at the 15th and 19th Street public pier. The Harbor Department has granted a 60-day trial period for the program with the option for two additional 60-day permits for a shuttle depot at Marina Park.

In answer to Secretary Scully's query regarding law enforcement officers supporting Harbor staff, Harbormaster Blank confirmed that two officers recently helped Harbor staff address unpermitted activities in the east anchorage. There is continuing action related to the unpermitted activities and staff will have a report regarding the situation at the October 2021 Harbor Commissions meeting.

In response to Vice Chair Beer's question regarding penalties for operators who do not have a MAP, Harbormaster Blank explained that the first step is a Notice of Violation is sent out. If that is ignored, the next Notice of Violation comes with a \$100 penalty fee, then \$200, then \$500, then \$1,000 penalty fee. The \$1,000 penalty can apply to every vessel the operator continues to operate each day. The City of Newport Beach does have the authority to impound vessels under the right circumstances and right conditions. In answer to Vice Chair Beer's inquiry regarding if the consequences should be more meaningful, Harbormaster Blank clarified that the City has had only one incident where an operator continues to ~~occur~~ incur \$1,000 fines per day. Because the incident is still underway, Harbormaster Blank reported that the case will be going to the City's Attorney's Office. Once the case has been closed, staff will provide recommendations regarding updating the consequences. Vice Chair Beer requested a list of all the MAPs that have been issued in the past 2-years. Harbormaster Blank confirmed that staff can provide a list of current active MAPs.

Commissioner Cunningham commended the Harbormaster for his performance during the incident that happened during Labor Day weekend.

7) COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)

None.

8) QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH STAFF ON HARBOR-RELATED ISSUES

The Commissioners expressed their gratitude to Ms. Jacobs for her work with the City and her guidance.

Ms. Jacobs reported that 273 mooring permits are still processing, 440 have been completed and entered into the system, 60 have been signed by the permittee but still need further documentation, and staff continues to collect documents for the remaining permits. She expressed her gratitude to the Commissioners for their help and guidance through her career with the City.

9) MATTERS WHICH COMMISSIONERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION, OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)

In answer to Chair Kenney's question regarding changing Title 17 to limit the beam on an onshore mooring to 8 feet, Commissioner Cunningham wanted to dovetail the change with something more substantial.

10) DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 5 p.m.

11) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Harbor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.