

SAN FRANCISCO MARINA WEST HARBOR RENOVATION INITIAL PUBLIC MEETING NOTES/RECAP OCTOBER 29, 2009

ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB, SAN FRANCISCO. On October 29, the San Francisco Marina West Harbor Renovation Project design team met with local Marina residents and the boating community to discuss the design and renovation plans for the Harbor. With the backdrop of the Bay and snacks provided by the St. Francis Yacht Club, along with the soothing sounds from the jazz ensemble Sea Bop, meeting attendants were able to voice their questions and comments.

Prior to the meeting, an open house session was held with the design team answering questions and presenting their ideas on design boards scattered about the room.

The start of the formal meeting began with an introduction to Mary Hobson, Project Manager for the Rec and Parks Department, who then introduced the project team including Harbormaster Larry White; Project Engineer Dave Demko and Project Manager Craig Lewis from the consulting firm of Winzler and Kelly; Scott Fenical of Coast and Harbor Engineering; and the San Francisco Marina West Harbor Renovation Working Group. Larry White introduced the Friends of the Marina.

The design team then proceeded with a formal Powerpoint presentation on the project that touched on existing conditions at the Marina, renovation goals and objective, proposed improvements, breakwater studies and concepts, progress to date, considerations under review, project cost and funding, project delivery, and project schedule.

The presentation was followed by an extensive Q&A session moderated by Alison Kastama of Davis & Associates Communications. Topics such as the plans for renovating the Harbormaster's office and degaussing station, public and boater safety, boat slip design size and assignment, ADA access, cost, and many others were discussed.

The San Francisco Marina West Harbor Renovation Project design team has taken all of these questions and comments into account and truly appreciates the community's input and ideas for this local landmark.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

Question (Bruce Monroe):

1) In the Moffat and Nichol plan, they talk about renovating the Harbormaster's Office and Degaussing station. This is a waste of money; do not think the Harbormaster's Office should be moved. Moving it to the Degaussing station takes it out of the harbor, so it will not be in either the West OR the East Harbor.

2) Why are the 60 ft slips single, and under 60 ft slips double? The problem with double-loaded slips is cross wind, especially along Marina Blvd. Single-loaded slips are important to everyone.

3) Is the floating breakwater going to protect against the ocean-drive ground swell? This is a problem if the Scott St. mole is removed; the floating breakwater only addresses wind-driven waves.

Question: Are we going with timber floats?

Answer: Yes.

Comment (Herb): There is still one whole section without ADA access in the proposed layout. I'd rather see ADA money that is currently being allocated for renovating the Harbormaster's Office, used for float accessibility instead.

Question: Have you compared the cost of our project to other places, such as Redwood City?

Answer: Yes.

Comment: With some East/West oriented slips, and some North/South oriented slips, you end up creating a class of boaters. Also, don't like the idea that if you have more money, you can purchase your own center finger. This is not a good use of public funds.

Question: Have you looked at Trex as a materials option for floats?

Answer: Yes, it is included as part of the alternatives.

Comment: A floating fender system could have a lot of growth on it. You need to consider if it's possible to deter growth.

Question/Comment: Does the distribution of slip sizes really address *existing* user needs? You have cut down small slip sizes dramatically. This is not meeting your goal of providing for the existing user.

Comment: Our Marina is different than others. The audience here tonight is all boaters. Listen to us, we're trying to help you build a satisfactory harbor.

Question/Comment: Based on your proposed layout, there will be only 4 30-foot slips in the West Harbor. Where will all the 30-foot boats go? How do you keep the existing tenants?

Answer: The layout now is not exact or final. Slip assignments will be the Harbormaster's decision. We can accommodate smaller boats in larger slips at a pro-rated rate (based on a decision made by the Rec and Park Commission).

Question: What's the biggest risk?

Question: What's the cost per float?

Answer: There will be a 37% fee increase after the renovation is done. It'll probably be around \$11/lineal foot. We can put this information up on the website.