

**CITY OF DANA POINT  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES**

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September 23, 2019  
6:02 p.m. – 6:46 p.m.

City Hall Offices  
Council Chamber (#210)  
33282 Golden Lantern  
Dana Point, CA 92629

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**CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Dohner called the Regular Meeting of the Dana Point Planning Commission to order at 6:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Vice-Chair Opel** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Planning Commission Members Present: Chair Roy Dohner, Vice-Chair Mary Opel, Commissioner Eric Nelson, Commissioner Danni Murphy, Commissioner Scott McKhann

Planning Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Matt Schneider (Director of Community Development), Jennifer Farrell (Deputy City Attorney), Kurth Nelson (Principal Planner), Sean Nicholas (Senior Planner), and Staci Hudson (Assistant Administrative Analyst)

**A: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ITEM 1: Minutes of the Regular Planning Commission Meeting September 9, 2019**

**ACTION:** Motion made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the Minutes of the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of September 9, 2019. Motion carried 4-0-1.

**AYES:** Opel, Nelson, Murphy, McKhann  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Dohner

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

**Chair Dohner** moved **OLD BUSINESS/ITEM 3** out of order due to public interest.

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**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM 3: Dana Point Harbor Revitalization Project**

**Greg Siminoff** from the Dana Point Harbor Partners provided an update on their community outreach efforts for the Harbor Revitalization Project.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Jim Miller** (Dana Point, Coffee Importers) spoke in favor of the Revitalization project, stating that the Harbor merchants are excited and can't wait to get started.

**John Hicks** (Laguna Niguel, Harbor Grill) spoke in favor of the project as a longtime merchant, expressing that the Dana Point Harbor Partners have been great at communicating with the merchants.

**Don Hansen** (Dana Point) spoke in favor of the project and expressed his hope that this will expedite parking solutions.

**Donna Kalez** (San Clemente, Dana Wharf Sport Fishing) spoke in favor of the project.

**Hoiyin Ip** (Dana Point) thanked the Dana Point Harbor Partners for their workshop, and suggested native plants, biodegradable single-use food and drink containers, and EV parking be used at the Harbor.

**Commissioner McKhann** noted that every public comment was positive, and that the Dana Point Harbor Partners did a good job with their workshop and public outreach efforts.

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**D. PUBLIC HEARING**

**ITEM 2: Coastal Development Permit CDP19-0011 for construction of a trail extension, outlook, and parking at Harbor Point Park**

Applicant: City of Dana Point

Address: The project site includes a portion of Harbor Point Park at 34801 Scenic Drive (APN 672-591-12).

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Recommendation: That the Planning Commission adopt:

- 1) The attached draft Resolution approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (Action Document 1).
- 2) The attached draft Resolution approving Coastal Development Permit CDP19-0011 (Action Document 2).

Environmental: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Mitigated Negative Declaration was completed and circulated for public comment and responses have been provided. Supporting Document 4 is the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for review.

Request: A request to construct a trail extension, public viewing outlook, and parking at Harbor Point Park.

**Sean Nicholas** (Senior Planner) provided a presentation and answered questions from the Planning Commission.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Murphy approving Resolution No. 19-09-23-20, adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Coastal Development Permit CDP19-0011 located at 34801 Scenic Drive. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**AYES:** Dohner, Opel, Nelson, Murphy, McKhann  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**ACTION:** Motion made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Murphy approving Resolution No. 19-09-23-21, approving Coastal Development Permit CDP19-0011 for a trail extension, outlook, and parking at Harbor Point Park at 34801 Scenic Drive within the headlands development and conservation plan. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**AYES:** Dohner, Opel, Nelson, Murphy, McKhann  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

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**F. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

**G. STAFF REPORTS**

**Matt Schneider** (Director of Community Development) noted that the next Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on October 14, 2019.

**H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Murphy** stated that the Dana Point Trolley is almost finished for the summer.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Dohner adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m. The *next* Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Monday, October 14, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter) in the City Council Chamber located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California.

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Roy Dohner, Planning Commission