



Port of San Francisco – Pier 1 – San Francisco, CA 94111

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 11:30am-1:00pm

Port of San Francisco, Bayside 1 & 2

Meeting Summary Notes

Attendees:

Shawn	Bennett	Baydelta Maritime
Ed	Coyne	Delta King
John	Davey	Port of San Francisco
Lauren	Dickson	Metro Ports
Aaron	Golbus	Port of San Francisco
Carolyn	Horgan	Blue & Gold Fleet
Ellen	Johnck	Ellen Joslin Johnck, RPA
Denise	Lum	Port of San Francisco
Bernie	Meyerson	EMS
Nathan	Nayman	Tideline Marine Group
Michael	Nerney	Port of San Francisco
Ray	Paetzold	SF Bar Pilots
Gerry	Roybal	Port of San Francisco
Veronica	Sanchez	MMP
Marina	Secchitano	Inland Boatmen's Union
Rich	Smith	Westar Marine
David	Thomas	SF Water Taxi
Denise	Turner	Port of San Francisco
Anita	Yao	Port of San Francisco

1. Welcome

- Self-introductions by all present.

2. Maritime Update (Michael Nerney)

- On December 8, 2015, the Port Commission meeting will be held at special location, Pier 27 (not Ferry Building as usual). Maritime has two items on the agenda. The first item is an update on special events at Pier 27. The James R. Herman Cruise Terminal at Pier 27 has been in operation for one full calendar year. In 2015 there were 41 special events (all but five were revenue-generating). The revenue is split evenly between the Port and Metro, the terminal operator who also oversees the special events. In the first half of next year, there are already a dozen events booked.

- The second item on the Port Commission agenda relates to the Chevron Foreign Trade Zone subzone agreement. Chevron is currently operating under a 180-day extension.
- SF Fleet Week was very successful (October 5-13, 2015). There were six naval vessels in town, with approximately 3,000 military personnel visiting San Francisco. Four US ships were berthed at Pier 80, site of Fleet Fest, a two-day food and live music festival. The flagship, USS Somerset, was at Pier 30/32, and a Canadian ship was berthed at Pier 15. All the ships were open during the week for public tours. The Blue Angels flight squadron was a featured highlight of the event.
- Michael Nerney attended a CLIA cruise conference in Miami in late October, a networking opportunity with cruise executives, CLIA partners and ports. In early November, Peter Dailey and Michael Nerney, together with Stefano Borzone of Metro Cruise, were in Seattle for meetings with Holland America Group, the Port's top cruise client (Princess Cruises). The recent feedback on Pier 27 cruise operation, from both the cruise line and passengers, has been quite favorable. Guest satisfaction scores are good (low to mid-90s on 100-point scale). Just this week, the Port received 23 ship bookings from Princess Cruises (fall 2017 through spring 2018). Also in Seattle, Cruise the West (port association) met to plan for the Seatrade Cruise Shipping Conference, being held in Fort Lauderdale in March 2016.
- The Norwegian Cruise Line ship, Pride of America, will be at the San Francisco Pier 70 Drydock February 26-March 14, 2016. After the scheduled refit, the ship will shift to Pier 27 on March 15 to embark passengers and head back to Hawaii.
- The Port's dredging contract expires in December 2015, and a new contract should in place by June 2016.
- Research vessels chartered to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute recently called at Pier 19. This required an amendment to the Pier 15-17 Facility Security Plan because the vessels operate under SOLAS. With prompt assistance from US Coast Guard, the FSP amendment was obtained in two days (normally takes minimum one month).
- Crab season, which normally opens November 15, has postponed due to high levels of domoic acids in water. Crab season will probably not open until January 2016.

3. Super Bowl traffic impacts (John Davey)

- SFMTA will roll out traffic plans for Super Bowl 50 on December 8. There will be events in San Francisco starting January 30, continuing through February 7 (the Super Bowl will be played on February 7 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara). To mention a few: the NFL Experience will be at Moscone Center; Super Bowl Village at Justin Herman Plaza; Metallica concert at AT&T Park; and private events happening throughout the city as well. There will be street closures and re-routes to keep transit moving. SFMTA is working closely with BART, Caltrain, Golden Gate Ferry, and the Super Bowl Host Committee to ensure residents, commuters, and visitors can get where they need to go safely with minimal disruptions during all the festivities.
- Two websites are available for updates: www.sfbaysuperbowl.com and <https://www.sfmta.com/calendar/super-bowl-50>.

4. Waterfront Plan Working Group Update and Discussion (Ellen Johnck)

- The Port's Waterfront Land Use Plan is in the process of being updated. See this link for information on Waterfront Working Group & Advisory Teams:
<http://sfport.com/index.aspx?page=2610>
- Ellen Johnck is MCAC representative on the Port Advisory Group. Ellen said this is the time to weigh in on the planning process and make recommendations. Ellen went around the room and the comments are as noted below:
- Ed Coyne would like to see more historic ships on the waterfront. Ed's family owns the Delta King, currently berthed in Sacramento, but was originally from San Francisco and was moved due to lack of berths. He would like the Delta King moved back to SF and incorporated into the plan.
- Nathan Nayman represents Tideline Marine Group, a water taxi service. He voiced that any and every method of water transportation offered to residents and visitors adds economic vitality to the bay and also decreases traffic congestion on the roads.
- Veronica Sanchez suggested that the plan focus on maritime uses and that regulatory agencies, such as BCDC, be questioned, as their policies seem to add costs to maritime projects.
- Rich Smith would like the plan to focus on maritime uses as the priority for the Port. He feels events and projects (such as marathons and street closures) should be planned in a way that does not have a negative impact on maritime tenants.
- Marina Secchitano stressed maritime uses must be the priority and that perhaps BCDC should develop new maritime policies.
- Michael Nerney said the maritime berthing policy statement implies a conflict between ship berthing and public access. At a port, maritime operations should be the top priority.
- Aaron Golbus pointed out that the berth at Pier 19, which was upgraded in 2013 for the America's Cup, could be highly utilized if not for BCDC public access regulations.
- John Davey advised there is plenty of public access at the Port, including nine acres at the James R. Herman Cruise Terminal at Pier 27.
- Shawn Bennett stated there is very little public access value at Pier 19 (from his office at Pier 17, he sees homeless persons using it as a campsite and outdoor restroom). He would prefer seeing investments to go towards more highly utilized Port facilities.
- Carolyn Horgan said this is the time to express transportation needs.
- Dave Thomas suggested several new features, including: boat, park, and ride; more berthing space for boats, with police citing those illegally berthed and funds collected going to the Port; an overpass entry into the ballpark; floating dock system at 3rd Street; a fastrak lane with funds going to the Port for more boating infrastructure.

- Bernie Meyerson stated the Port would be well suited to assist in the event of potential environmental disasters. For example, one of the piers could be used as a command center, and cruise ships could be used for emergency housing. Maritime movement of goods and services may be needed due to climate changes. The Port should consider working with local universities regarding the food chain.

5. New Business

- Rich Smith of Westar Marine wanted to alert MCAC about a concern he has regarding possible Port Fire Marshal restrictions on transferring bulk liquids (lube oil) from tanker trucks onto barges at Pier 50, adjacent to restaurant (formerly Jelly's, reopening in Feb 2016). This has been an ongoing maritime operation for 20 years, ever since Westar relocated from Pier 46 to Pier 50. The matter is under review and discussion between the concerned parties and the Fire Marshal.

6. Forward Calendar

- Next MCAC meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2016, 11:30am-1:00pm. Note location: Port Commission Hearing Room, Ferry Building 2nd floor (not Pier 1 this time).