

## Dana Point Harbor - Oversight Advisory Committee Minutes

November 5, 2025

5:30 – 6:30 PM

OCSEC, 34451 Ensenada Pl. Dana Point, CA 92629

**Present:** Bob Langan, Collin Harris, Dennis Parks, Diane Wenzel, Darcie Harris, John Fellner, John Yamasaki *County of Orange*: Vice Chair Foley, Alyssa Napuri, Mat Miller, Christian Gagne, Michael Wilson, Abby Paulson. *DPHP*: Susan Lieb, Katie Sorensen, Anthony Wrzosek,

**Absent:** Mike Frost, Shala O’Keefe, Wendy Leavell

**Meeting Chair:** Robert Langan

**Minutes by:** Diane J Wenzel

Item No.	Subject
1	<p><b>Vice Chair Foley Update</b>  <b>Vice Chair Katrina Foley (5<sup>th</sup> District updates)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veteran of the Year nominations being accepted. Theme: Service to our Nation.</li> <li>• Dennis Parks resigning as Committee Secretary</li> <li>• OAC moved to appoint Diane Wenzel as new DPH OAC Secretary</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>OC CEO Real Estate Updates</b>  <b>Christian Gagne (General progress update)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landside Development - Commercial Core: Phase 3 (buildings 6 – 12) preparation for construction commencement. Anticipating Dec or Jan.</li> <li>• Waterside Development: Phase 10 docks demo underway, Phase 9B still in planning. Work anticipated to be completed via license agreement allowing DPHP to work within exclusion area. Fine tuning details and coordination with Dana Point Fisheries Enhancement Program (DPFEP) white sea bass program.</li> <li>• Landside Development - Hotel: Construction document design and permitting phase currently underway</li> <li>• <a href="#">Updated approved construction schedule</a> on Supervisor Foley’s Fifth District website.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>DPHP Updates</b>  <b>Susan Lieb (DPHP - Burnham-Ward) - Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepping groundbreaking of retail Commercial Core Phase 3. Anticipated 1<sup>st</sup> Wed in Dec.</li> <li>• Trees have been saved through landside project and in storage from Phase 1 and 2. Lots of transplanting taking place. Empty spaces are being filled in, slopes at the Island Way bridge, and Puerto Place. Agave and Sea grasses transplanting. The trees in the harbor are all trimmed. 154 trees. DPHP is using same arborist and the database inherited from the County. Every tree is on a schedule and trimmed every 3 yrs. \$55k has been expended on this aspect of the project for the year.</li> <li>• DPHP working with OI to bring items from former Pilgrim vessel to incorporate into the Commercial Core development as a historical display. Items include standing and running rigging, charts, design drawings, etc.</li> <li>• Upcoming Dedication of Flagpole on Harbor Way and DPH Drive will be scheduled.</li> </ul> <p><b>Katie Sorenson (DPHP Burnham-Ward) – Marketing &amp; Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turkey Trot - November 27<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Farmer’s Market in the Harbor – Weekly on Wednesdays, 9am – 1pm</li> <li>• Harbor After Dark - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month.</li> <li>• Holiday Lights – Beginning Nov. 12. <a href="#">Updated holiday map.</a></li> <li>• 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Boat Parade of Lights – December 12 – 15. Theme: Golden Jubilee / Carol of the Boats.</li> <li>• Festival of Whales Parade - Returning 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of 2026 Festival. City of Dana Point carnival is scheduled as well.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Tony Wrzosek (DPHP R.D Olson) – Hotel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landside Development - Hotel: Construction design and groundbreaking anticipated for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2026.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Optional Updates</b>  <b>Mike Wilson (OC Parks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restrooms by OI (Ocean Institute) closed. Sewer mainline break 8’ below ground. Vendors bidding to repair. Projected to be fixed in next few weeks.</li> <li>• OCSEC (Landside Improvements) - finished roofing and skylight of boathouse on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Finished water bottle refill stations next to restrooms.</li> <li>• New beach access stair cage just south of OI cleared Coastal Commission and to be installed end of year or first quarter 2026.</li> <li>• Dana Outrigger - Lots of progress and work has been made with Parks team to find them a home. With consideration to public feedback and reducing any displacement to public spaces, OC Parks’ is creatively looking at East dock at OCSEC to see if the outrigger vessels can be stored. Walked the site with John Yamasaki (Dana Outrigger) to review feasibility with outriggers with the goal to not displace other users. This would be a temporary interim location while Parks launches OCSEC Master Planning RFP. OC Parks’ continuing to research temporary relocation locations for Outriggers. Solution anticipated to be in place by late Fall or Winter 2026.</li> <li>• OCSEC Docks - OC Parks presented two possible options for West dock design that incorporated feedback from previous meetings from the OCSEC user groups. User groups preferred option 1 with the large landing closest to the shoreline and at the bottom of the gangway landing. OC Parks will work with Coastal Commission on obtaining approval and any eelgrass mitigation measures required for the OCSEC dock project. Both docks have ADA access ramps incorporated into the design. Boat hoist likely not feasible, however, Hoyer lifts planned for assisted transfers. Continuing work with Bellingham Marine on final designs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Upcoming Meetings and Adjournment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No December meeting.  Upcoming projected meetings: Wed. Feb 4, 2026, 5:30 PM</li> </ul>