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Parking and Fleet Services Department

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RE: 15th Street Boat Ramp

Dear Marilyn,

Thank you for taking the time to work with staff in helping us to understand the concerns of the neighborhood and the Association. We are confident that the project has progressed to where it will be a benefit for both the marina industry and the neighborhood.

Attached please find a list of issues and concerns that the City has addressed. Please note that we will be adding these to the final DRC narratives and plans that will be presented to the City Commission. We expect to present the plan to the City Commission in early May.

We have enjoyed working with you on this project and look forward to the seeing the final product. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and concerns on all matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

Diana Alarcon
Director of Parking and Fleet Services

Cc: Antoinette Butler – Project Engineer
Talia Garcia – Chen and Associates

15th Street Boat Ramp Operational Issues

1. **Concerns:** Garbage Pick-up - how often and who is responsible?

Solutions: Parks & Rec has altered the route to include daily pick-ups of trash
Dumpster will be picked up weekly.
Renovation Project will provide the installation of two Alfa recycle bins that holds up 73 gallons of trash.

2. **Concerns:** Hours of Operation for Parks, Boat Ramp and Restroom
The park is currently opened from 6 am to midnight
Boat ramp is opened 24 hours
Restrooms are open 24 hours

Solutions: The Park will be opened from 6 AM to 9PM, Boat Ramp will remain open 24 hrs (HOA has asked Marine Facility to consider mirroring Cooley Landing), water shut-off valve will be installed on the water to turn off at 9 PM and Restrooms will be locked from 9PM to 6AM.

3. **Concerns:** Maintenance of Facilities
Restroom cleaned by Marina Facility
Park area maintained by Parks
Parking area maintained by Public Works
Landscaping maintained by Parks

Solutions: Departments will continue to maintain the facility.

4. **Concerns:** Signage for Facility; Hours of Park operations posted

Solutions: Provide signage of hours of operation for entire facility, ramp, restrooms, and how to get assistance if problem arises. Meters currently have signage of who to contact if problems occur.

5. **Concerns:** Boat Trailer size and traffic
Trailers and vehicles that hang over the edge
Overflow problem
Neighborhood traffic

Solutions: Marine facility is going to limit the size of boat trailers and vehicle to 45'. By limiting the vessel and vehicle size, staff believes this will reduce the impact on the neighborhood traffic and overflow (Marine facilities will be preparing a marketing flyer to educate the boater of the limitation of 45' for vessel and trailer at 15th street ramp.) A recommendation has been to paint a box on the ground for the size limitation for the parking to make it easier for the boaters to calculate.

6. **Concerns:** Park's amenities
Barbeque grill- how much is it used? Who is maintaining? Parks
No cover at the facility: why add a new pavilion? ADA concerns
Who is providing enforcement for the park? Park Rangers

Solutions: HOA requested that the grill removed from the project. Per ADA requirement, a pavilion needs to be provided to allow someone with a disability to be protected from the outside elements. The Park rangers will continue to enforce the hours of operations.

7. **Concern:** With the new design concerns for drainage.

Solution: The project provides pervious concrete sidewalks and pervious pavers in the on-street parking stalls to help control the ponding.

**15th Street Boat Ramp
Site Plan Issues**

1. **Concerns:** Ingress/Egress – neighborhood has concerns with the traffic flow through the lot because it is difficult for vehicles/boats to maneuver.

Solutions: Staff has reviewed the current traffic flow and has determined that in order to eliminate current flow issues it is recommended to have one-way traffic through the lot moving east to west with two-exit egress at the center and west exit.

2. **Concerns:** Landscaping - Currently have 18 trees at the facility site and limited green space.

Staff is requesting the following variance on landscaping:

Perimeter Landscape abutting street (limited space to provide)

Peninsular and island landscape areas (difficult for boats to maneuver on lot)

VUA planting requirements (due to first two items)

Reduction in number of trees required per code (83 required – 68 provide)

Solutions: Staff has addressed the landscaping issues and is requesting public purpose for the variances. However, staff will work with the HOA to mitigate the 14 trees not installed at the project to be placed in the neighborhood at designated locations at the beginning of the 2009 rainy season.

3. **Concerns:** Reduction in lighting – height, and foot-candle coverage of lot

Solutions: Staff is requesting variance to fit into the neighborhood. The pedestrian path will provide proper lighting per City code.