



Staff Report

TO: Board of Harbor Commissions

FROM: John Moren, IGM/Director of Operations

DATE: October 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Oyster Point Dragons Operations Update; Presentation

Recommendation/Motion:

Information only, no action required. Receive update on the operations of the Oyster Point Dragons, a non-profit organization promoting community involvement in human powered dragon boat racing.

Policy Implications:

Consistent with the District's goal of promoting water-based activities benefiting the public.

Background/Discussion:

Oyster Point Dragons (Dragons) is a tax-exempt organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). All Dragons officials, board members, team members, and paddlers are volunteers.

The District has historically supported the Dragons' activities at OPM, allows them use of shallow draft areas in the marina, landside of the most inner finger piers, which are too shallow for the normal use of power or sailing vessels. These areas are assigned at the discretion of the Harbormaster and used solely for Dragons to store their paddle-powered, shallow draft, 3' beam dragon boats. Dragons are also allowed the use of a Harbormaster approved equipment storage container on the dock and have been granted a CAP for a 24' storage trailer landside, all at no cost.

The Dragon's mission is to promote the sport of dragon boating in a fun and safe environment while fostering team spirit and friendship. Its vision is to expand and promote the sport of dragon boating as a health promotion program, an approach to leadership development, and a team building technique for schools, corporations, and communities in South San Francisco and the Bay Area in general. Dragons mission and vision are guided and guarded by the fundamental values and principles

of Unity, Fairness, Integrity, Compassion, Respect, Training, and Transparency within a positive and supportive environment.

Dragons makes a difference by providing paddlers with multiple supportive relationships with peers and by offering challenging physical activities and health initiatives in a positive and family-friendly environment. Besides its paddling program, Dragons hosts or holds several other programs: water safety clinics; featured talks by a Sports Medicine doctor and by Dietitians; an "Urban Hike" program; and fitness assessments. Dragons also seeks out and participates in local, national, and international events, which all provide Dragons members and guests with excellent team camaraderie and team travel opportunities.

Dragons are a very inclusive team with members of various ethnicity, gender, ages, and health conditions. We welcome anyone who wants to have fun while fostering team spirit and friendship. Their current members range from teens to septuagenarians, some of whom are cancer, stroke, and heart attack survivors, or with other health conditions. All these members are regaining their health, strength, and enjoying support, fun, and friendship as a result of joining Dragons. They also hold sessions for school children who want to learn about teamwork, discipline, and endurance."

On November 20, 2013, Dragons received a commendation from the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the San Mateo County Harbor District for their "Contribution to the Harbor District and the Oyster Point Marina community."

Summary/Recommendation:

Receive Oyster Point Dragons operations update presentation.

Attachments:

[Oyster Point Dragons Presentation](#)