

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 2577

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application )  
of GIOVANNI PATRONI for approval ) Application No. 2408.  
of a wharf franchise. )

Franklin Swart, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application by Giovanni Patroni for approval by the Railroad Commission, under Section 2906 of the Political Code of the State of California, of an order of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County authorizing said Giovanni Patroni to construct a wharf or pier at that portion of Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County, known as Princeton-by-the-Sea.

A public hearing of said application was held on August 3, 1916. From the evidence it appears that on March 20, 1916, applicant duly petitioned the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo for an order permitting him to construct and maintain a pier or wharf approximately 500 feet long extending into the northerly portion of Half Moon Bay, at said settlement of Princeton-by-the-Sea.

Applicant procured the approval of the War Department of the United States to construct the said wharf or pier and on May 19, 1916, said Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance, entitled Ordinance No. 279, granting applicant authority to build the same.

It further appears that applicant thereupon proceeded to construct said pier and entirely completed it before he realized that it was necessary for him to obtain the approval of this Commission as well as authority from the Board of Supervisors. It clearly appears that applicant acted in good faith throughout and that he would not have constructed said pier without first having applied to this Commission if he had been conversant with the above mentioned section of the Political Code. Applicant has built said pier principally to furnish the guests at the hotel, which he conducts at Princeton, a place upon which to fish and a means of access to rowboats and launches; but he also allows the public free use of the wharf for the same purposes. He has secured from the Shore Line Investment Company, a corporation owning the land from which said pier extends seaward, the right to construct and maintain the same for a period of fifteen years for the consideration of \$1.00 per year.

We are of the opinion that the construction of this pier will benefit the community of Princeton-by-the-Sea and that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

GIOVANNI PATRONI having applied to the Railroad Commission for approval of Ordinance No. 279 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, authorizing said Giovanni Patroni to locate and construct a pier and wharf in that portion of Half Moon Bay at and near what is known as Princeton-by-the-Sea, and a public hearing having been held upon said application and it appearing to this Commission for the reasons set forth in the foregoing opinion

that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above mentioned ordinance be and the same is hereby approved by the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

The approval herein granted is granted subject to the condition that said Giovanni Patroni shall within 60 days from the date hereof file with this Commission a stipulation duly agreeing that he, his successors and assigns, will never claim before the Railroad Commission of the State of California or any other public authority, any value for the said franchise granted by said County of San Mateo in excess of the actual cost thereof, and shall have secured from this Commission a supplemental order herein declaring that such stipulation, satisfactory to this Commission, has been filed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of August, 1916.

Max Thelen

H. B. Ireland

Stanley R. Doolin  
Commissioners.