



Date: August 15, 2014
To: Marine Advisory Commission
From: Elvira Hallinan, Acting Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2014
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Rick DuRee, Chair
Darlene Gidley, Vice Chair
Eric Peterson
David Thornburg
Scott Schaidle
Ted Kuhn
Mark Turpin

Commissioners Absent

Mike Schachter
Tom Mayes

Marine Bureau Personnel

Elvira Hallinan, Acting Manager, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary

City Staff

Randy Foster, Chief, Marine Safety/Lifeguards/LBFD
Hurley Owens, Supt., Marine Maint.
Eric Lyon, Gen.Maint.Super., Marine Maint.
Don Easterby, Acting Super., Beach Maint.
Mike Lewis, LBPD Lt., Marine Patrol Detail

Guests

Alfredo Fernandez, LBMBOA
Einar Lorentzen
Bob Hubbard

Chairman DuRee convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Elvira Hallinan called the roll of commissioners.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The July 17, 2014, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Alfredo Fernandez spoke about the bathroom keys and suggested that a plate or decal with a drawing explaining "how to use" the sledge key would help boatowners better access the restrooms. He said that he could provide the artwork for the decal.

OLD BUSINESS

- Elvira Hallinan gave an update on the ABM rebuild of Basin 2. She stated that Marine Bureau staff is completing inspections on vessels in Basin 2. So far, 364 inspections have been completed, 25 vessels require re-inspection, 2 vessels were sold within the last month, and there were 37 cancellations. Of the 37 cancellations; 3 boatowners were not the permittee of the slip, 4 were permittees who had passed away and were no longer listed on the registration, and 30 boatowners felt that their vessels could not pass inspection and cancelled their slip. 49 permittees have not contacted the Bureau at all. The Bureau began contacting these 49 yesterday by phone, informing them that they have until the end of the month August to contact the office.

Elvira said that, based on her meetings with Bellingham Marine Industries (BMI), letters will be going out to boatowners in Basin 2 on docks 11, 12, 13 and 14, informing them of when they will be moving out.

Elvira said that she will be going before the City Council on August 19, regarding the appropriation of the \$10.9 million, which came from the Statelands Commission, which Tidelands will be returning to the Marina Fund. This letter should be on the website.

Elvira said that Financial Management and Parks/Rec/Marine met on August 5 with the bond agency underwriters (Morgan Stanley). They will be putting together a market study to look at revenue and expenditures and projected revenue for the next five years to see about marketability for bonding and to look at any risk factors to bonding.

- Elvira Hallinan gave an update on the ABM Fuel Dock repair. She said that Planning and Building is telling Public Works that they will have to make the public restroom at the end of the Mole Road ADA compliant. She said the Director is pushing back on this because it is not clear what that restroom has to do with the Fuel Dock upgrade. She said that with all the construction done so far with the ABM rebuild the restroom has never been mentioned.
- Elvira Hallinan reported that last month she presented the marina slip fee proposal to the MAC. The proposed increase is 3% for concrete docks and 2% for wood docks. At this time it looks like the City's bonding rate is a Triple B and in order to get to a better bonding rate the City would need to commit to a minimum of a 3% increase every year. What she proposed is a 3% growth, which would be \$580,000. Commissioner Peterson commented that the Finance Committee reviewed the City's proposal and, in general terms, is opposed to any increase in slip fees, however he said that a minimum 2% is required for bonding to keep the rebuild going. He said the City has effectively recovered the \$10.9 million that has been owed to the Marina Fund and that a \$16 million no interest/no payback contribution from Tidelands will go towards the rebuild. That being said, the Finance Committee proposed a 2.5% for concrete and 1.5% for wood. Commissioner Schaidle commented that if you get a better rating your interest rate is lower and your debt service is better, and in the long term it will save money. Chairman DuRee added that a better rating would help the bonds sell. Commissioner Schaidle recommended that sometime in the future the Finance Committee consider doing a market study on the different basins and look at the possibility of charging a surcharge for certain basins that are more preferred.

It was moved by Vice Chair Gidley and seconded by Commissioner Peterson to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation of a 2.5% slip fee increase for concrete docks and a 1.5% slip fee increase for wood docks. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- **It was moved by Commissioner Gidley and seconded by Commissioner Peterson that the MAC support Commissioner Rick DuRee as Chairman and Commissioner David Thornburg as Vice Chair for the next fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Chairman DuRee outlined the sub-committees as follows:
 - ExMAC: Chairman DuRee, Vice Chairman Thornburg
 - Operations Committee: Commissioners Schachter, Khun, Gidley
 - Facilities Committee: Commissioners Thornburg, Turpin, Mayes
 - Finance Committee: Commissioners Peterson and Schaidle
- Commissioner Thornburg suggested that the City/Marine Bureau build boat slips in the area of Bayshore and 2nd Street (south of the Bayshore Bridge) where the swim area starts. He said guest/visitors boat slips could be built so that boaters could go to 2nd Street and enjoy the restaurants. He said there is water there at high tide up to the wall, but at low tide there is sand. Commissioner Peterson remarked that this would remove low tide beach in an area used by the public. Commissioner Peterson mentioned safety concerns about the wind that comes in from the ocean and could pin a boat against the bridge. Commissioner Schaidle recommended Lifeguards be involved in these meetings to respond to navigation and other safety issues. Chairman DuRee asked Commissioner Thornburg, Commissioner Schaidle and Commissioner Turpin to sit on the committee to review this idea. Alfredo Fernandez commented that boaters do pull into that area now and might want it to remain as it is. He asked if the public would be given a chance to give input. Chairman DuRee said that the public would definitely have the opportunity to give input.

MARINE BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

- Elvira Hallinan, Acting Manager, gave the slip boat status report for the month of July.

Maintenance Operations Report

Hurley Owens, Superintendent, Marine Maintenance, gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of July.

- Hurley Owens introduced Eric Lyon as the new General Maintenance Supervisor for Marine Maintenance and gave some of his background and experience.

Beach Maintenance Operations

- Don Easterby, Acting Superintendent, Beach Maintenance, reported that a small amount of beach was lost during the last high tides, but the beach crew is already rebuilding the area.
- Don Easterby reported that last month he went out on the beach at 2 a.m. with Homeless Services and LBPD and made contact with individuals who are not necessarily homeless but are illegally on the beach; i.e., intoxicated, under the influence. In the process of making contact with these individuals they discovered under the far northwest corner of the pier (by the Belmont Brewery) an encampment where the homeless had tunneled under the pier and made two huge rooms. The rooms were full of drug paraphernalia, etc. LBPD, Ocean Blue and Marine Maintenance staff cleaned out the area and backfilled most of it. They will be re-welding the bars that secure that area. Elvira Hallinan added that one of the concessionaires on the beach has been complaining for months that the homeless in the area were interfering with his business.

LBFD/Marine Safety Report

Randy Foster, Chief, Marine Safety/Lifeguards, gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of July.

- Chief Foster reported that since last month's meeting Marine Safety has supported the following events: The Catalina Ski Race, the Catalina Jet Ski Race, All City Beach Day (2,200 kids), Circle Boat Races, Naples Island Swim, Stand-up Paddle Board Race around Naples Island, Long Beach Triathlon, and two 5-K Runs along the bike path.
- Chief Foster reported that a couple of weeks ago there was a one week period where Lifeguards attended to 30 stingray injuries a day on each side of the pier. It has since tapered back to 5 stingray injuries a day.

LBPD/Marine Patrol Report

Mike Lewis, Lieutenant, LBPD/Marine Patrol Detail, gave the Marine Patrol status report for July.

- Lt. Lewis talked about the homeless population on the beach and said that two new Jeeps were purchased for LBPD beach patrol to help combat the homeless population.
- Lt. Lewis reported that two additional Marine Patrol Officers will be on-board next month.
- Lt. Lewis reported that Sgt. Garcia has retired from the LBPD and said that Sgt. Diana Hohman will be the new Sgt. for Marine Patrol.

Executive MAC

- All items covered.

Operations Committee

- Elvira Hallinan said that she would like the Operations Committee to review the kite surfing concession on the oceanfront. She said she will need to go before the Coastal Commission for a kite concession permit and that the Coastal Commission is asking for is a kite surfing master plan. She said that there is one permitted kite surfing concession on the oceanfront and that two illegal vendors that are constantly being told to leave the beach.

Facilities Committee

- Chairman DuRee reported that the Marina Green parking lot reconfiguration project has been put on hold. All parties involved have been notified. He said this item will probably come back before the MAC next month or the month after.
- Commissioner Thornburg reported on the list of on going projects and said they seem to be on schedule. He said that the Leeway Project has received Coastal Commission approval.

Finance Committee

- No meeting held

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for September 11, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

cc: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk