



Date: July 15, 2016
To: Marine Advisory Commission
From: Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marina Bureau
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF July 14, 2016
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Rick DuRee, Chair
David Thornburg, Vice Chair
Eric Peterson
Mike Schachter
Peter Schnack
Tom Mayes
Bureau
Ted Kuhn

Marine Bureau Personnel

Elvira Hallinan, Manager
Kurt Borsting, Supt., Marine Operations
Carol Gonzalez, Clerk II, Marine Bureau
Don Easterby, Supt., Beach Maintenance
Kimarie Vestre, Supervisor, ABM
Amanda Ellis, Clerical Support, Marine

City Staff

Gonzalo Medina, Marine Safety/LBFD

Commissioners Absent

Jerry Avila
Mark Turpin

Guests

Ross Wallach, SCSC
Bob Vatz, BOA
Larry Goodhue
Erik Thorson
Bob Hubbard
Garry Anderson, Boatowner
Al Isaac, Boatowner

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 June 9, 2016 MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chairman Rick Duree introduced the new timer. Explained that time limitations for public comment will be monitored.
- Larry Goodhue commented on the Open Channel Project similar to the Terminal Avenue Storm Drain Project, suggested no event will be permitted in the area unless it is boating centric.

OLD BUSINESS

- Elvira Hallinan gave an update on the ABM Rebuild. She reported that Dock 15 would be completed on July 22, 2016 for 40 - 45 foot slips. The Marine Bureau will start moving people from wooden docks, specifically gangways 32 & 33.
- Elvira Hallinan stated that a handful of the rebuild transfers, currently under filling in larger slips, are buying larger vessels that fit within their temporary location. This presents a challenge, as when they are returned to their permitted size, they will not fit. Elvira Hallinan stated she will be working with staff to better communicate the policies with boat owners. If the boat owner decides to buy a larger vessel while under filling in a large slip, they will have to be put on a transfer list and be moved to the Long Beach Shoreline Marina.
- Elvira Hallinan reported that Dock 16 would be completed in August. Dock 17 and 18 will be completed in September. Everything is on schedule and within budget.
- Elvira Hallinan reported that the next steps are to coordinate with Basin 7. The Marine Bureau will coordinate with the US Sailing Center and Cal State Long Beach, who currently have their vessels in Basin 7.
- Elvira Hallinan reported on the ABM Fuel Dock. She stated that the design rebuild RFP should have gone public by last week but there were a few things that needed to be cleared and worked out with Transystems. The RFP was not clear in asking for an operator and this element of the RFP is currently being added. The design build RFP should go public by August 2016.
- Chairman Rick Duree addressed the commissioners stating that a draft of the MAC 2014 Annual Report was distributed in their packets. He asked the commissioners to review and make any additional changes by next the MAC meeting.
- Kurt Borsting addressed the MAC commissioners requesting to approve the recommended changes discussed in the previous MAC meeting or suggest additional changes to the Marina Rules & Regulations.

- Commissioner Eric Peterson had questions regarding several of the items on the Marina Rules & Regulations. Suggestions and requests for clarification were discussed.
- Commissioner Tom Mayes suggested editorial changes.
- Larry Goodhue and Gary Anderson, boat owner, spoke.

Elvira Hallinan and Kurt Borsting will review feedback and will bring back changes to next month's MAC meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- Elvira Hallinan moved new business item, "recommendation to approve noise variance for the Sprint Nationals Event," to top of the Agenda, before Old Business.
- Ross Wallach of the Southern California Speedboat Club (SCSC) addressed the MAC requesting a noise variance over the two-day annual event scheduled for August 6 and 7, 2016 held at the Marine Stadium.

It was moved by Commissioner Eric Peterson and seconded by Commissioner Tom Mayes that the MAC uphold the Department's decision to approve the SCSC's request for a noise variance of 120 dcbs over a two-day period, August 6 and 7, 2016 for their annual race. The motion passed unanimously.

- Elvira Hallinan addressed the commissioners requesting to support the proposed slip fee increases in accordance with City Council's action on May 5, 2016 related to the issuance of the Marina Revenue bonds.
- Elvira Hallinan stated that City Council made the commitment to increase the revenue by 2 percent during the duration of the Bond debt in order to maintain the Marina Fund in a sound financial condition with a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 1.25x

It was moved by Commissioner David Thorburg and seconded by Commissioner Eric Peterson that the MAC uphold the Department's decision to support the proposed slip fee increase. The motion passed unanimously.

MARINE BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marine Bureau Report

- Kurt Borsting reported successful Fourth of July events over the weekend. With the Big Bang Event at Alamitos Bay Marina on the 3rd of July & the firework show at the Queen Mary on the 4th of July.

- Kurt Borsting reported on the recent criminal activity at the Long Beach Shoreline Marina. Four incidents between May and July of people stealing tires and wheels in the boat owner parking lot. Marine Patrol has caught suspects. Seven additional incidents in the past week of smash and grab robberies, where windows were broken and property was stolen. Working with Marine Patrol to help assist in this effort. Temporary measures have been put in place.
- Kurt Borsting stated that the Bureau is working on new marketing and advertisements efforts to actively promote the Marina.
- Boat owner in the Long Beach Shoreline Marina, Gary Anderson, stated that he has been victimized and has witness criminal activity in the marina. Mr. Anderson has reported all incidents to the police department. He also stated that the parking lots at the Long Beach Shoreline Marina are dark at night and there is poor lighting in the area.

Marine Maintenance

- None

Beach Maintenance

- Don Easterby reported that a few changes are being made to the east beach; contouring it to manage the swell activity through the summer.

Marine Safety Operations

- Chief Gonzalo Medina reported the presence of large marine life on the ocean front near the peninsula. Juvenile great white sharks have been spotted in the area ranging from 4ft to 7ft in size. To date, there are no indications of aggression. They are monitoring the sharks very closely. As soon as they have a sighting they will send out a rescue boat.
- Chief Gonzalo Medina reported that on July 3rd, the beach peninsula area was extremely inundated for the Big Bang Event. The landing of parachute divers on the peninsula was cancelled for the event due to the high winds and safety concerns. Rescue boats kept a safety perimeter between the boats and the barge, making it a successful event.
- Chief Gonzalo Medina reported that on July 4th, marine safety staff were very busy. They had many enforcement issues on the peninsula, but everyone went home safe that evening. The biggest risk that evening is at the end of the Queen Mary firework show, when all the boaters are heading back to Alamitos Bay. Commissioner Tom

Mayes asked Chief Medina if they had any accidents after the firework show at the Queen Mary. Chief Medina stated no accidents were reported after the Queen Mary show.

- Chairman Rick Duree asked Chief Medina if they cited and confiscated any fireworks that evening. Chief Medina reported that they confiscated a lot of fireworks on the beach, primarily from out of town visitors who had purchased illegal fireworks with the belief that they could legally ignite them on the beach. Chief Medina also reported that his Arson Department issued approximately 5-10 citations on the beach. Chief Medina stated that the focus for his department was more on the safety component and less on the enforcement since they had the support of the Police Department presence on the beach.
- Chief Medina stated that this year, the Fire Department led an aggressive campaign letting residents know that fireworks are illegal, hoping it would have an effect on the day of Fourth of July.

LBPD - Marine Patrol Unit

- None

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

Executive MAC

- All items covered.

Maintenance Committee

- Commissioner Tom Mayes commented that in their meeting Cory Forrester prepared a list of items that the maintenance crew is working on. There are 13 current projects and 5 pending projects.

Tidelands Capital Projects (TCP)

- No Meeting.

Operations Meeting

- Kurt Borsting handed out a June 2016 In/Out Report and reviewed the report with the commissioners.

Finance and Information Committee

- No meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Peter Schnack stated that the Auction Flyer for July 16, 2016 says, "Vessel must be removed no later than July question mark, question mark, 2016"
- Elvira Hallinan stated she would let staff know of this error.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Audience member, Bob Vatz, commented that he recently attended a special needs kids' event at the Marine Stadium. A well-organized event with more than 1,000 people in attendance and many water activities and exhibits for the kids. As a first time attendee, Mr Vatz was proud of the event and stated that Long Beach is truly the Aquatic Capital.
- Boat owner, Bob Hubbard, commented on the Alamitos Bay Marina parking lot problems. Mr. Hubbard is a boat owner on Dock 13 by Schooner or later and stated that currently there are 28 red parking spots for boat owners with approximately 190 boat slips in the area. Mr. Hubbard stated that this is a big problem, especially on the weekends. Mr. Hubbard also pointed out the impact on parking in Basin 1 due to the opening of the new restaurant, Ballast Point. There is no parking available in Basin 1, with the exception of boat owner parking. He also stated that he avoids coming to his boat on Sundays due to the farmers market impacting the parking in Basin 3.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.
City Clerk