



**Date:** February 18, 2014  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Elvira Hallinan, Acting Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2014  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

Rick DuRee, Chair  
Darlene Gidley, Vice Chair  
Mike Schachter  
Peter Hogenson  
Scott Schaidle  
Ted Kuhn  
David Thornburg  
Randy Crawford

Commissioners Absent

Eric Peterson

Marine Bureau Personnel

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

City Staff

George Chapjian, Director, Parks/Rec/Marine  
Michael Lewis, LBPD Sgt., Marine Patrol Detail  
David Prentice, Sgt., Marine Patrol Detail  
Randy Foster, Chief, Marine Safety/Lifeguards/LBFD  
Hurley Owens, Supt., Marine Maintenance  
Don Easterby, Interim.Supt., Beach Maint.  
Julie Maleki, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. Council  
Joe Pitisi, Supervisor, Rainbow Harbor

Guests

Bob Vatz, LBMBOA  
Erik Thorsen  
Alfredo Fernandez, LBMBOA  
Arnold Rowe, boatowner  
Phyllis Rowe, 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 January 9, 2014, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mrs. Rowe spoke to the MAC regarding the disrepair of the ABM Basin 2 & 3 docks. She said that she feels the docks are at a point where they are very dangerous. She also requested that the restrooms keys in ABM be changed to fobs like the ones in the Shoreline Marina (LBSM), and she asked that the City put a hold on raising slip fees until something is done about the docks.

Chairman DuRee responded that the MAC agrees with her and has been pushing hard on the continued rebuild of ABM. He clarified that the rebuild has begun and that the first couple of phases have been done (i.e., Basin 4 & Basin 1 are completed and Basin 5 is near completion). He said the City is faced with the issue of how to fund the continuing process of the marina rebuild and is studying different methodologies that will be necessary to make those funds available. He said that in the interim, staff (Marine Maintenance) is doing an incredible job on staying up with daily maintenance of the wood docks. He explained that the restrooms are part of the rebuild and potentially there will be new locks for the restroom doors.

Elvira Hallinan said that at the time of planning the rebuild the issue of changing the locks to fobs was discussed and was found to be cost prohibitive. She said, however, she is looking into the possibility of making this change because the current locks are not easy to use and that when boaters leave the marina they keep the keys. The fob system will allow her to turn off the key/access to the rest rooms. The issue is finding the money to retrofit the restrooms, pay for the locks, the software and key fobs for boatowners and guests.

Vice Chair Gidley suggested that on a short-term basis it might be possible to go back to a simple key lock for the restrooms at that basin. Elvira Hallinan said that she would look into this suggestion and get back to the MAC.

Chairman DuRee said that the MAC does sympathize with Mrs. Rowe and, as the minutes reflect, the MAC has been frustrated with the lack of funding for the rebuild. He said she should make sure that she is heard by her councilperson, the mayor's office and the City Manager's office. He explained that the MAC is an advisory commission and that the real decisions are made downtown. He commented that the City has a tremendous asset in the Alamitos Bay Marina and it is rapidly becoming a liability. He said the MAC fully understands this and they are trying to make Alamitos Bay something that we can be proud of.

Commissioner Crawford added that the marina fund is not under the control of the Marine Bureau, but under the control of those downtown.

Hurley Owens said that he has ten full-time equivalent vacancies and he said that he has been authorized by the City Manager's office to fill all ten positions. These are Civil Service positions, which involve a testing process with interviews. This process typically takes 45 to 60 days. He said the process has begun and he just received a list of candidates for the General Maintenance Supervisor position.

- Mr. Vatz asked if anyone has seen the Los Angeles Lighthouse since it has been refurbished. He said that this is the only emerald green lighthouse in the world. He commented that the Long Beach Lighthouse, for a major port, is a disgrace. He asked if there were a way to tap Tidelands Funds to get a decent lighthouse to represent the Port of Long Beach. It was suggested that he contact City Hall and the Port.
- Alfredo Fernandez asked what the plans are for Alamitos Bay once AES stops the through cooling process, as he is concerned about the resulting stagnant water. He also mentioned that the Haines plant will stop pumping soon and that the reason the through cooling is stopping is because the pumping is killing marine life.

Commissioner Schaidle commented that the AES plant through cooling causes warm water and is the only reason that the turtles are in that area, once it turns off the turtles will leave.

Elvira Hallinan said that this change is about 5 to 10 years away. She said she spoke with AES and that they informed her that something could be worked out.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Elvira Hallinan gave an update on the ABM Rebuild. She stated that Basin 5 is almost complete. Boaters will be moving into their slips April 1<sup>st</sup>, contingent on the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) and the work they are doing. The ABYC is working on the asphalt in the parking lot, the launch ramp, the boat hoist and fencing.

Elvira stated she met with the Director of PRM, Financial Management and the two financial consultants regarding the rebuild of Basins 2, 3, 6 and 7. The consultants were looking to find a way to continue to finance the rebuild (i.e., bonding, etc.). The study will become public and will be posted, hopefully by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Elvira has been putting together a power-point presentation for the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager. After the presentation to the City Manager, there will be a City Council education session, which will include the MAC. This will hopefully occur within the next two weeks. Bellingham is on standby at this time.

- Elvira Hallinan reported that she signed off on the Coastal Permit for the ABM fuel dock and hopefully it will get on the March or April Coastal Commission agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Elvira Hallinan spoke about the Tidelands Beach Restroom improvements. Hurley Owens said that everything is on schedule and should be completed by summertime.
- Elvira Hallinan spoke on the Naples Island Seawall Repair Project (Phase One). She said that the dock fees of the individual homeowners are being reviewed as part of the report. The report, once completed, will be presented to the MAC, possibly in June or July.

- Joe Pitisi read off a list of attractions in Rainbow Harbor and spoke to the MAC regarding proposed Rainbow Harbor commercial operations, i.e., Seaplane RFP and Go Fast Boats. He noted that work on Dock 10 (Parker's Lighthouse Dock) is scheduled to begin May 1, 2014, and will add 451 feet of guest docking to the existing dock (300 feet) for a total of 751 feet of guest dock space at RBH.

Chairman DuRee asked where the seaplanes will land and take off. Joe Pitisi responded that there is a designated seaplane-landing zone between Island White and Island Grissom. Vice Chair Gidley was concerned about the many racing events that take place where these planes would be landing and taking off. She feels this needs to be announced and discussed with a wide range of organizations that use this area. Commissioner Schachter said that all the racing clubs use and pay to maintain the permanent race markers in that area, and that this area is highly used especially in the summer when there are races three nights a week. He said he would contact the Association of San Pedro Bay Yacht Clubs and have them contact Joe Pitisi regarding this proposal. Elvira Hallinan explained that this is why the proposal was brought before the MAC, to receive input.

## **BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Marina Operations Report**

Elvira Hallinan gave the report on the slip status for the month of January.

- Vice Chair Gidley stated that the monthly slips status report was reviewed and the subject of how to make it easier to understand was discussed. She presented a one-page report used by LBSM that she felt would be easier to understand. She said that this report is still a snapshot in time that needs to be updated monthly.

### **Maintenance Operations Report**

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

- Hurley Owens commended his staff for the hard work that they do.

### **LBFD/Marine Safety Report**

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

- Chief Foster recognized Marine Maintenance and the good work that they do and also commended the LBPD, Marine Patrol Units, Don Easterby and the Beach Maintenance Crew, and Elvira and her staff who all do an incredible job. He said that in a time when all our budgets are very constrained we work together and put out an incredible product. While he recognizes there is always room for improvement, he is very proud of our City staff.
- Marine Safety just put their newest permanent Lifeguard personnel through an advanced public safety dive class. Two new members will be certified tomorrow.

- March 15 is the date for the Summer Lifeguard Tryouts. 200 applicants compete in a 1,000-yard swim, a 1-mile run-swim-run, and then dress up for an interview process for approximately 10 to 20 new jobs.

### LBDP/Marine Patrol Report

David Prentice, LBDP Sergeant, Marine Patrol Detail, gave the Marine Patrol status report for December.

- Sgt. Prentice reported that there have not been any boat burglaries in the LBSM and RBH marinas due to increased surveillance and patrols. He also mentioned that boatowners in LBSM and RBH are very active in reporting any issues.
- Sgt. Prentice reported that transient problems/encampments at Cherry Avenue Beach have been and are being cleaned up with regular sweeps by LBDP.
- The “No Trespass” signs installed in LBSM have been very effective in keeping people from jumping the fences.
- In ABM last night a transient was detained and apprehended within two minutes after the call went out from a boatowner reporting that a homeless person was looking into vehicles in the parking lot by the Crab Pot. This homeless person had warrants out for drug use. Sgt. Prentice said that interaction with ABM boatowners is very good and that boatowners are encouraged to contact Marine Patrol regarding any suspicious activity so that it can be acted on immediately.
- Lt. Lewis reported that the LBDP received two new patrol boats that will be used in the area.
- Lt. Lewis reported that there are two separate camera projects in place; cameras along the esplanade past the Lighthouse are funded by Tideland; and, in the RBH area, cameras are funded by Homeland Security (FEMA). Other cameras are in the launch ramps; and, in ABM and Marine Stadium areas better signage is being installed.

### Executive MAC

- All items covered

### Operations Committee

- All items covered

### Facilities Committee

- Commissioner Schaidle said that on Tuesday, the City Council will be meeting to discuss the additional walking path next to the bike path (from LBSM to 54<sup>th</sup> Place) and that MAC can attend to show support.
- The Leeway Project is almost complete.
- There was a discussion about where a new small public dock near Bayshore might be built.

Finance Committee

- Quarterly meetings

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- Nothing to report

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Nothing to report

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. The next meeting is set for March 13, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. at the **Long Beach Yacht Club**.

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