



Date: April 22, 2016
To: Marine Advisory Commission
From: Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marina Bureau
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF April 14, 2016
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Rick DuRee, Chair
David Thornburg, Vice Chair
Eric Peterson
Mike Schachter
Peter Schnack
Tom Mayes
Ted Kuhn
Jerry Avila
Mark Turpin

Marine Bureau Personnel

Elvira Hallinan, Manager
Kurt Borsting, Supt., Marine Operations
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau
Cory Forrester, Supt., Marine Maintenance
Don Easterby, Supt., Beach Maintenance

City Staff

Gonzalo Medina, Chief, Marine Safety/LBFD

Commissioners Absent

Guests

Bob Vatz
Bob Hubbard
Alfredo Fernandez
Susan Miller

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 March 12, 2016, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Susan Miller lives and owns property across from the Belmont Pool. She stated that she was one of 13 members of the City's Designated Pool Advisory Board. She spoke regarding the Pool Project Study and said that she believes the City needs a pool, however the City needs to also be responsible financially, geologically, and environmentally. She spoke about the sea level rise requirements and stated that Belmont Shore was developed in the 1920s with hydraulic fill. Forty years later, fill technology is much improved. She said she is concerned about the liquefaction factor because the new pool is five times the size of the old pool, and this is a huge financial concern. She believes another location needs to be realized for this project. She also said there would be compound environmental factors from light, noise, and smell associated with this project.
- Bob Hubbard, marina permittee, spoke regarding parking in ABM around Docks 12, 13 and 14. He said that there were only 28 parking spots marked "red" restricted for boatowner parking. He said that there is also half a row where there are markings on the curb however the curb is not painted red, there is no signage, and boatowner parking is not being enforced. He said that even if this area were being enforced there would only be 43 boatowner parking spaces for 190 slips. He asked that more "red" restricted boatowner parking be set aside, and that parking be enforced around the Alamitos Bay Marina Center (Schooner or Later, SBYC).

Elvira Hallinan said that she would look into this and verify the coastal permit parking guidelines, as the coastal permit dictates what she needs to provide for the public and for the boatowners.

- A boatowner asked about a step-van that is parked permanently in a boatowner spot over by Schooner or Later restaurant; it never moves. He said that in the past those types of vehicles were parked farther out. Elvira Hallinan stated that she is not in favor of boatowners storing their box trucks and large campers in the parking lot. She said that this is on her list to address. Alfredo Fernandez stated that the Boatowner's Association is in agreement with her.
- Alfredo Fernandez, ABM boatowner, said that wording on the GFI circuit breaker label on the electrical equipment says that it protects equipment. He would like to know if it also protects people. Elvira Hallinan stated that the equipment installed is up to code. She said she would get a response to his question. Chairman DuRee said that there is a plan and review process that includes electrical review, and that an inspector makes sure the electrical is installed to meet the plan/review process. It may be that it says for protection of equipment, but that it also qualifies it for protection of people.

OLD BUSINESS

- Elvira Hallinan reported that by the end of this month Basin 2 should be completed. She explained that pile pulling and dredging in Basin 3 begins next week (dredging through the month of May and pile driving through the month of June). Delivery and assembly of the floats will occur in July and August with completion by Labor Day weekend, then, on to the next phase. Concurrently, she will begin planning for the rebuild of Basin 6 and Basin 7, and will be going back before the Regional Water Control Board in May for a dredging permit for Basins 6 and 7. Eel grass growth in the area of Basin 6 has not been as successful as in Basins 2 and 3, it appears there will be no need to find another location to plant eel grass.
- The "Observations" portion of the 2013 MAC Annual Report has been submitted. The Report will be updated and the final draft approved by the Commission at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elvira Hallinan reported that she attend a meeting of the Bay Restoration Study. She read a brief overview of their goal and purpose, which are to restore and improve the eco system in East San Pedro Bay. The purpose of the study is to improve and restore habitat such as kelp and migratory species and improve the water circulation. The Army Corps does not want to put anything in place that will increase shoreline erosion and endanger the homes on the Peninsula. They must be careful with the public infrastructure, which includes the marina. They do not want to make the situation that the beach crew faces on a daily basis any worse. She distributed copies of the summary to the Commission and said that there will be a stakeholders workshop on April 18 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Seaport Marina Hotel. The contact person is Elieen Kay Takat with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. At this work shop individuals will be put into small working groups to brainstorm. Information can be found on the City's website under "City's Manager's Department/Tidelands." She said this would be a three-year study.

Commissioner Peterson said that what he did not hear in the report was any concern about the oil islands, which, like the marinas, were never designed to exist without a breakwall (out in the open ocean). He said he was on the water recently and saw that the breakwall is still being repaired.

MARINE BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marine Bureau Report

- Kurt Borsting reported that the number of reservations for guest slips for the Grand Prix is the same as last year. A reduction in the number of wristbands has been put in place to protect the City. Patrons were required to complete an Assumption of Risk and Hold Harmless Agreement that was vetted through the City Attorney's office. Also, a firmer deadline for securing the slips was instituted based on a request from law enforcement for security practices.

- Kurt Borsting reported that as a result of meetings with RBH commercial operators, Tidelands CIP has allocated \$40,000 for the design and fabrication of a gate sample unit, which will not only provide security for the RBH commercial operators, but also present the property as a welcoming environment for people who visit. RBH commercial operators have made a number of requests for installation of security gates on the gangways that lead to their vessels in and around RBH.
- Staff members from each of the three marina locations were sent to a Spill Response Workshop on April 1st, sponsored by the Department of Boating and Waterways. Staff also learned about grant opportunities for spill response equipment available through the State of California.

Marine Maintenance

- Cory Forrester announced that an electrician has just been hired and is activated and working in this position. Also, two custodial staff have just been promoted. This will help to reduce overtime expense and address staffing challenges.
- Cory Forrester reported that Marine Maintenance is working closely with Marine Patrol to help reduce vandalism issues on the beachfront. Marine Maintenance is installing anti-vandal hardware on the rest rooms, however, this is a deterrent, not a fix all.

Elvira Hallinan added that the struggle with the beach bathrooms began when the single bathrooms were installed. She explained that the homeless break into the rest rooms, move in with all their belongings (bikes, etc.) and lock themselves in. Custodial staff cannot get in to clean the restrooms. Cory Forrester explained that two month's ago all of the eastside restrooms were taken over and occupied by five individuals and their belongings. In a combined effort, Marine Maintenance, Beach Maintenance and Marine Patrol worked to clear out the individuals and their belongings and clean out the restrooms. This is a constant challenge.

- Cory Forrester reported that two new painter positions have been filled, which will help with graffiti abatement and infrastructure upgrades. Maintenance staff are painting the LBSM restrooms with the new color scheme and getting good feedback.
- Cory Forrester reported that the Bayshore basketball courts will be resurfaced and ready for the upcoming summer months.

Beach Maintenance

- Don Easterby reported that the East Beach has been re-contoured.
- Beach Maintenance has been paying a lot of attention to the West Beach, getting it ready for the Grand Prix.

Marine Safety Operations

- Chief Medina reported that in conjunction with LBPD, Marine Safety/LBFD have been finishing up their event action plan for the Grand Prix. As this is a high profile event, the Grand Prix is a potential target. Water evacuation is a large part of the event action plan.
- Chief Medina reported that a new Marine Safety Officer has been hired.
- Chief Medina presented the new Marine Safety report format, which should be easier to read and understand.

LBPD - Marine Patrol Unit

- None

Executive MAC

- Chairman DuRee stated that he and Vice Chairman David Thornburg had an opportunity to meet the new Director of PRM, Marie Knight. Elvira Hallinan stated that the new director will make an appearance at the Orientation meeting in May.

Operations Committee

- No meeting.

Facilities Committee

- No meeting.

Finance Committee

- No meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Chairman DuRee reported that the MAC Commissioners have been invited, as guests of Councilwoman Suzie Price (3rd District), to attend a concert in the park on May 24, at Marine Stadium Park. Commissioners will be introduced at that time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.
City Clerk