



Date: March 14, 2016
To: Marine Advisory Commission
From: Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marina Bureau
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF March 10, 2016
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

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

Marine Bureau Personnel

Kurt Borsting, Marine Operations Superintendent
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau
Cory Forrester, Supt., Marine Maintenance

City Staff

Gonzalo Medina, Chief, Marine Safety/LBFD
Jody Schlobohm, Sgt., Marine Patrol Unit/LBFD

Commissioners Absent

Jerry Avila
Mark Turpin

Guests

Bob Vatz
Bob Hubbard
Erick Thoreson
Nancy Adair, Adair Yachts
Alfredo Fernandez
Larry Goodhue
Charlie Legeman

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

ROLL CALL

Kurt Borsting called the roll of commissioners.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The February 11, 2016, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Nancy Adair, Adair Yachts, stated that the year suspension of her vendor permit in the Long Beach Marinas would be up this month and asked for reinstatement. She submitted paperwork to the Bureau secretary for review and approval by the Marine Bureau Manager.
- Larry Goodhue asked for appropriate signage at Marine Stadium regarding no swimming allowed in the area where boaters anchor their vessels. He believes a directional map showing people where they can swim and signage for this area which states, "only for permitted boating activity" will help address the situation.

OLD BUSINESS

- Kurt Borsting reported that ABM Docks 12, 13, and 14 have been reopened and are now occupied. All 35 and 40 foot slips have been permanently assigned. ABM Dock 11 will be finished and back to the City by March 25, and Dock 10 by April 25. This will complete Basin 2. Next week, demolition will begin in Basin 3 on docks 26 through 29.
- The MAC 2013 Annual Report is nearly complete. Chairman DuRee said he would draft the "Observations" portion of the report.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

MARINE BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marine Bureau Report

- Kurt Borsting reported that he held his first meeting with his entire Operations Division staff. The overall theme was to improve communications between all three locations and develop the best practice philosophy; i.e., identify operational practices and make them the same in all three marinas. Staff will be taking part in training covering spill response issues offered by DBW.
- Kurt Borsting reported that Marine Operations is in the process of developing a new boater welcome package. Chairman DuRee suggested he make contact with the Convention and Visitors Bureau, as they may be a good resource.
- Kurt Borsting reported that the Bureau will be reducing the number of wristbands for Grand Prix guests this year, due to certain isolated after-hours incidents experienced in the past. Staff work schedules will cover the evening shift to assist Marine Patrol officers with operational issues. A follow-up meeting will be held to see if the Bureau will continue this program.

- Kurt Borsting reported that after last month's MAC meeting he contacted the Special Events office and Marine Patrol staff to discuss the MAC's request for additional staffing for this year's Grand Prix event. He was informed the staffing budget has been exhausted. He did say they were open to the suggestion of moving the existing staff person to a better location, and add more signage.
- Kurt Borsting thanked Sgt. Diana Hohman for taking him on a site visit to the LB Airport to view a communication platform called "Share Point." Sgt. Hohman is hopeful that the Marine Bureau, Marine Patrol and Lifeguards will be able to use this program in our area.

Marine Maintenance

- Supt. Cory Forrester reported that Marine Maintenance has just filled two Maintenance III positions.
- Supt. Forrester reported that two "work zone cameras" have been purchased and installed. The cameras will capture two angles on the demolition and rebuild of ABM Basin 2.

Beach Maintenance

- Kurt Borsting reported that Supt. Don Easterby's team has been dealing with collecting debris after last week's storm.

Marine Safety Operations

- Chief Medina reported that Lifeguard tryouts were held with approximately 60 individuals competing. Those who qualify will go on to fill non-career Lifeguard positions. Two candidates are currently in the Marine Safety Officer process.
- Chief Medina stated that every captain/officer on the rescue boats are public safety divers.

LBPD - Marine Patrol Unit

- Marine Patrol Sgt. Schlobohm reported on the traffic flow for this year's Grand Prix race.
- Sgt. Schlobohm reported that last year a boatowner flew a drone over the Grand Prix racecourse. The drone was followed back to the boatowner, he was cited and the drone was confiscated.
- Kurt Borsting stated that the Bureau is meeting with restaurants in ABM, looking at better signage, enforcement, and possibly valet parking.

Executive MAC

- No meeting held.

Operations Committee

- All items covered.

Facilities Committee

- Commissioner Mayes reported that the Pine Avenue Pier bids for the public docks were too high and have been reopened.
- Regarding the Colorado Lagoon, two bids have come in for mitigation and wetland enhancements.
- Commissioner Mayes reported that the Bike Path along the Mole Road in LBSM is eroding from beneath. Repairs to this area will begin in March.

Finance Committee

- No meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- None.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Larry Goodhue gave his recommendation for dry boat storage up the San Gabriel River Channel.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

cc: Marie Knight, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk