



Date: March 19, 2007
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2007
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Bradley Whyte, Chair
Holly Carpenter, Vice Chair
Mike Reed
Randy Crawford
Harry Hutton
Peter Hogenson
Richard Turrentine
Scott Schaidle
Darlene Gidley

Commissioners Absent

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager
Beverly Glavas, Special Projects Officer
Vivian Crook, Secretary

City Staff

Paul Wawrzynski, Captain, Marine Safety, LBFD
Tom Shippey, Manager, Maint. Ops. Bureau
Philip Lopez, Superintendent, Marine Maint.
LBPD Sgt. Keleher, Marine Patrol Div.
Julie Maleki, Analyst, City Council, 3rd Dist.

Guests

Bud Johnson, former DBW & MAC Commissioner
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA
Carla Collado, Grunion Gazette
Bud Lorbeer, LBYC Port Captain
Joe Nicotera, LBMBOA
Richard Miller, former MAC Chairman
Ted Kuhn, boatowner

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

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel and City staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The February 8, 2007, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Miller, former MAC Chairman, distributed the 2007 Summer Sea Festival schedules to the MAC, and encouraged MAC to attend the festivities.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mark Sandoval addressed the MAC regarding the Operations Committee review of the Marine Bureau's contact procedure for open slips. He said that the number of vacant slips has declined so much that a mail-out would not make sense with such a small waiting list. A \$500 fee is charged by the Post Office to set up the system, and there are not enough vacancies to warrant a costly mail-out. The Bureau will continue to contact Waiting List applicants by phone for available slips. He said that the mail-out system is a good system and will be used when appropriate.
- Mark Sandoval reviewed the most recent changes to the draft of the MAC Annual Report. He asked the Facilities and Finance Committees for input to their report. He said he wants to get a draft back to the MAC next month, and then the final to the City Council the month after.

In relation to the Observations Section of the Draft Annual Report, Mark Sandoval talked about Tidelands funding issues, particularly as they relate to the curtailment of DBW funds for the ABM rebuild. As was discussed at prior commission meetings, DBW has been the target of significant and substantial raids on their budget for many years now. A total of roughly \$25 million has been diverted from the gas tax fund annually, which is the fund that feeds the DBW program, to the State Parks Department for lake projects. DBW is having a difficult time loaning money for marina projects because the gas tax monies are being siphoned off to parks. ABM was scheduled to get roughly \$3 million, however the monies were taken out of this year's budget. The City is losing confidence in the ability to obtain all the monies needed for the ABM rebuild, and needs to look at alternative funding sources. This issue was included in the "Observations" section of the MAC Annual Report.

Mark Sandoval further explained that there are three marinas in need of significant funding from DBW (San Francisco, Dana Point, Long Beach), and each has received roughly \$3 to \$4 million a year. He said we are ready to start the ABM rebuild. Our current cost estimate for the ABM rebuild is \$79 million. DBW has approved \$21 million, which means the City is \$58 million short of what is needed for the rebuild. He said that even if we continue along our phase of getting \$3 to \$4 million a year, the project will be done before all the money from the State is received. He said it is necessary to look at alternatives. Unfortunately, it is highly doubtful that any alternatives will have the same desirable loan terms as DBW (30 years at 4.5 percent), which will mean that the debt service will be more than contemplated in our proforma at this point. If the pricing policy is followed and all costs are covered by the slip fees, the slip fees will be higher than they would be had we had State money available to us.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Monthly Fund Budget Report for ABM/LBSM/RBH, the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina, and the Slip Status Report for the month of February.

Commissioner Gidley asked why slips would be left open other than in Basins 1 and 4 if only those two basins can be funded for the rebuild. Mark Sandoval responded that the City has to rebuild, ABM is falling apart, and there is no other choice but to find proper funding.

Maintenance Operations Report

Superintendent Phil Lopez gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of February.

- Phil Lopez stated that he would include the pump-out inspections and the LBSM dock inspections in next month's Maintenance report.
- Phil Lopez explained the work order request procedure. He said that when a customer calls in they are given a work order number to assist in tracking their work request. The customer can then contact the Maintenance office with the work order number and Maintenance will inform the customer of the status of their request. He said that unless a customer requests a call back, Maintenance will not contact the customer.
- Commissioner Hutton complimented Maintenance staff on their quick response to a request he had made. Phil Lopez said he would pass the compliment on to Maintenance staff.
- Mark Sandoval said that a tentative date for the ribbon cutting ceremony for Jack Nichol Park has been set for August 4.

Marine Safety Report

Captain Paul Wawrzynski gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of February.

- Marine Safety has just received their dive rig. Marine Safety went through the process of designing the rig to house all their dive and technical equipment to be centrally located and portable. It will be outfitted next month. All Lifeguard personal will be trained on the use of the vehicle.
- Marine Safety will hold their seasonal Lifeguard tryouts for summer Lifeguard personnel on March 18.

LBPD MP Unit Report

LPBD Sgt. Tom Keleher reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of February.

- Sgt. Keleher reported on a truck that was driven into the ocean between 6th and 8th Place. Initially it was thought the car was occupied. The officer on scene dove into the water and broke out the truck window. Fortunately, no one was found in the vehicle. The officer was cut by the broken glass. The truck belonged to Connolly-Pacific and was stolen from the construction site at LBSM. Apparently the vehicles and the crane at the construction site all had their keys in the ignitions. Tools were found scattered throughout the yard. Prior to this incident, Sgt. Keleher had reviewed security issues at the construction site with Connolly-Pacific staff.

Mark Sandoval stated that there have been more vandalism and burglaries in the marinas and the launch ramps. The Connolly-Pacific yard has been hit a number of times.

Executive MAC

All items covered.

Operations Committee

All items covered

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Schaidle gave the Committee report:

- The Beach Master Plan cost \$192,000 to put together and includes 17 different projects. Commissioner Schaidle said that he would try to get copies for the MAC to review.
- Mark Sandoval said that he is scheduled to meet with the planning officer regarding the mooring project. He said that he will make the blue dye program mandatory and will make the pump-out service available (included in their mooring fee) to the users.

Finance and Information Committee

- Nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hutton asked for an update on the Lennar Project. He said that he is concerned that it will be approved, and then traffic will have to be dealt with later.

Mark Sandoval said that he believes the Lennar Project is still on the agenda for March 15. Mark said that there is a committee taking a macro-look at development on the southeast side of the City. He said the results of this study will be made public. He said that he knows of no changes with regard to the Lennar Project. He said that they know the concerns of the MAC. Mark said that there is an interest by the Coastal Commission to maintain a hotel presence by the water's edge.

- Mark Sandoval reported that the arts and craft fair in ABM started two weeks ago. He has received no negative comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting is set for **April 19, 2007**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk