



**Date:** May 21, 2007  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2007  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

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

Marine Bureau Personnel

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

City Staff

Mark Boone, Chief, Marine Safety, LBFD  
Tom Shippey, Manager, Maint. Oper. Bureau  
Philip Lopez, Superintendent, Marine Maint.  
MP Sgt. Money, Marine Patrol Div.  
Stephen Scott, City Manager's Office  
Eric Leung, Director, CLB Wtr. Resources  
Theresa Wu, Sr. Civil Eng., Wtr. Resources

Commissioners Absent

Darlene Gidley

Guests

Bud Johnson, former DBW & MAC Commissioner  
Mike Malbon, former MAC Commissioner  
Ted Kuhn, boatowner  
Andy Sienkiewich, LBMBOA  
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA

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 April 19, 2007, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Commissioner Hutton commented that his remark regarding the Annual Marina Survey was not entered into the April minutes. He had said that the significance of this kind of a study indicates the degree of flexibility for pricing, and that to some extent the market figures do not mean a lot beyond allowing that flexibility. Mark Sandoval had responded that the marina pricing policy ignores the market.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Stephen Scott of the City Manager's office gave a budget presentation and distributed Fiscal Year 2008 Proposed Budget community meeting feedback cards and a flyer of information on the City's financial strategic plan. He said the City now has a structurally balanced General Fund budget, which means the City's on-going expenditures are offset by on-going revenues. He did say that the budget this year is structurally balanced by the narrowest of margins, and that the City really does not have any cushion one way or the other for making any additional strategic investments. He remarked that public safety, infrastructure, graffiti/litter abatement, and code enforcement are high priority areas and, should funds become available in the future, these are areas the City would like to invest in. He stated to the MAC that the City wants their input both as a commission and as individuals, and that the feedback cards are reviewed by the Mayor and the City Council. Also, the City is conducting a citywide telephone survey, and public meetings will be held to allow opportunity for input.

Mark Sandoval added that beginning four years ago the City scaled back the workforce and imposed hiring freezes, without scaling back amenities and without laying off employees. The workforce was reduced by 400, and the budget was reduced by \$100 million.

- Eric Leung, Director of Water Resource, stated that one year ago the Water Department came before the MAC requesting support for a seawater desalination program funded by State grants. The testing done showed there was no existing sand to use. As a result, they had to rethink the project and come up with a new procedure. He distributed a report and gave an overview explaining the project.

Commissioner Hogenson asked if there were details of this plan available that he could review.

Eric Leung indicated that the Commission could go to the Water Department's website for more information regarding this project. He said that this environmentally friendly project is being funded by the State. This item will go before the Coastal Commission in June or July. He asked MAC for a letter to the Coastal Commission indicating that the MAC has reviewed and supports this project in concept. The MAC agreed.

**It was moved by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Schaidle that the MAC support the seawater desalination in concept as a research and development project. The motion passed unanimously.**

- Mark Sandoval gave a power point presentation on the ABM Rebuild Project. He explained that because the marina is a revenue-producing project, the City is able to go with a design build concept to hire a contractor, which means that the City finds a contractor to do the final design, engineering and construction. This then makes the contractor not only responsible for the project, but also responsible for the final engineering. The City, as the owner of the project, gets the plans to a 30 percent stage before it is bid. The last 70 percent of the design and engineering is a team effort that includes the contractor, who is then responsible for the project. He said the project is now at 30 percent. The plans and specifications are with the City Attorney and if the City agrees not to do an environmental impact report a contractor could be hired by July or August and construction could begin by the end of the year. The project will include a total rebuild of Basins 1 through 7. The cost for the rebuild is estimated to be \$79 million and will take six to seven years.

Commissioner Hutton asked how inflation would be factored in.

Mark Sandoval responded that this would be answered by the responders to the bid. Mark said that the \$79 million figure is our estimate at this point in time with an inflation factor, and that the design build allows us to negotiate.

He explained that the rebuild will include a total dock replacement, pile replacement, all boatowner restrooms will be replaced, significant dredging will be done, some seawall repairs will be made, and the parking lots will be replaced. The bid document will have three parts: One part will be for docks, piles, dredging and seawall repair; one for the restrooms; and another for utility work and parking lot work. Contractors will be asked to bid on one, two, or all three sections.

Commissioner Hutton asked why work on the parking lots would be the responsibility of the marina and not the City.

Mark responded that the marinas are the City. However, possibly the marinas will not incur all the cost of the parking lot, maybe Tidelands Funds could be used to supplement the job. A lot of this will depend on the level of the bids received and what funds are available at the time.

Mark explained the project phasing as follows: Basin 4, Basin 1, Basins 2 & 3, Basin 5, and then Basins 6 & 7.

He said that the primary construction yard for the rebuild is anticipated to be where the water injection site is now.

Mark stated that the marina will lose 238 slips in the rebuild. Approximately 25% of new slips will be 25-feet or smaller. This will allow for more flexibility, as small boats can be placed in large slips; however, large boats cannot be put in small slips. Mark said that there will be a slip for all customers (current permittees) after the rebuild.

Commissioner Hogenson suggested it might be helpful to add the locations of the long docks to the presentation.

Mr. Lorbeer suggested a performance bonus be considered as a motivator to get the job done early and a penalty if the job gets done late.

Mark Sandoval remarked that flow-through in the LBSM does not appear to be a continuing problem with the new slips, and that in fact the water looks cleaner. This issue will be discussed in the final ABM design.

## **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 April.

- The Bureau is now issuing TA (temporary authorization) slips on a month-to-month basis. These slips are to be vacated at the end of any month should they be needed for the rebuild.

### **Maintenance Operations Report**

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

- US Moorings is handling inspections of the pumpouts on a regular basis.
- Commissioner Hutton asked if Maintenance has noticed a difference between LBSM and ABM regarding calls for normal maintenance issues.

Phil Lopez responded that Maintenance is looking at different areas of concerns and that calls from LBSM have dropped. Regarding maintenance issues, he said that if Maintenance has the necessary materials on hand and can do the work without voiding any warranty, they will get the job done.

Commissioner Turrentine asked if a recovery method is in place that allows Maintenance to recover cost for work they do that the contractor is responsible for.

Mark Sandoval responded that the department is not seeing a lot of warranty issues. When a problem is found, invariably it is a customer issue and the customer is billed for the repair.

- Commissioner Crawford asked if Maintenance is still seeing problems with damage to the docks, even though boatowners are being charged for repairs. Phil Lopez said that he has not yet noticed a difference.
- Commissioner Hogenson asked how often graffiti is removed from the bike path. Phil Lopez said that graffiti removal is done on an as needed basis.
- Commissioner Hogenson asked where the sand used for beach replenishment comes from.

Phil Lopez responded that all sand used in the replenishment program comes from the City's own beaches. The sand is moved from one location to another.

- Commissioner Hutton asked about 30-amp cables and 50 amp receptacles in LBSM.

Phil Lopez said that as the calls come in, Maintenance will make the change.

### Marine Safety Report

Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of April.

- Chief Boone reported that there are 428 participants in the Junior Lifeguard Program at this time. He explained that parents get communication regarding where to pick-up and drop-off of their kids, however many of the parents simply disregard the procedures. Maps are given to the parents with instructions to drop them off at 54<sup>th</sup> Place, and have them walk to 55<sup>th</sup> Place.

Commissioner Turrentine recommended that the children be dropped off at 55<sup>th</sup> Place. He said that if Lifeguard staff were at 54<sup>th</sup> Place waiting for the kids, the parents might drop them off there, but since staff waits for them at 55<sup>th</sup> Place, the parents drop them off at 55<sup>th</sup> Place.

### LBPD MP Unit Report

Marine Patrol Sergeant Bill Money reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of April.

- Sgt. Money said that truant arrest and cites are up compared to last year. He explained that last year the City Prosecutor had invalidated the Municipal Code used for truant arrests and citations, but that the code has now been now been put back in place.
- Marine Patrol staffing levels are down, however, two new officers will be coming on board soon.
- Marine Patrol officers had two days of boat training involving searches and how to safely remove suspects from vessels. They trained with the Port boat patrol and SWAT Team members.
- Between LBSM and ABM Marine Patrol had four felony arrests. Marine Patrol officers found two people loitering in Basin 5. One person was arrested for warrants and while searching the vehicle the officers found stolen credit cards, social security cards, I.D. cards, and mail resulting in 22 felony counts.

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- Documented gang members were arrested for graffiti on the bike path at the 8<sup>th</sup> Place men's rest room.
- A two-strike parolee was arrested in the parking lot by Joe's Crab Shack.

#### Executive MAC

All items covered.

#### Operations Committee

All items covered.

#### Facilities Committee

- The Mooring Project was approved by the Planning Commission; however the Surfrider Foundation has made an appeal.
- The Belmont Pool rehabilitation may go with a 25-meter pool as opposed to a 50-meter pool. The thought is that a 25-meter pool would be more family friendly.
- More information regarding the Beach Master Plan will be made available next month.

#### Finance and Information Committee

- Commissioner Hutton handed out the financial report to the MAC. He requested the MAC review the information, for discussion at next month's meeting.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- None.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Mark Sandoval reminded the MAC and the audience to be sure to attend the LBSM Grand Re-Opening next Saturday, May 19, at noon.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting is set for **June 14, 2007**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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