



**Date:** June 15, 2007  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2007  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

Harry Hutton  
Randy Crawford  
Peter Hogenson  
Richard Turrentine  
Scott Schaidle  
Darlene Gidley

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  
Hurley Owens, Supervisor, Marine Maint.  
Sgt. Keleher, LBPD, Marine Patrol Div.  
Joe Pitisi, Supervisor RBH, Marine Bureau  
Julie Maleki, Asst., Councilmember DeLong

Commissioners Absent

Bradley Whyte, Chair  
Holly Carpenter, Vice Chair  
Mike Reed

Guests

Bud Johnson, former DBW & MAC Commissioner  
Ross Wallach, SCSC  
Andy Sienkiewich, LBMBOA  
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA  
Richard Ur, Waiting List Applicant  
Frank Farmer, boatowner  
Aggie Morgan, boatowner  
Jim Morgan, boatowner  
Patrick Thorpe, boatowner  
Ron Warren, boatowner  
Chris Campbell, resident  
Bud Lorbeer, LBMBOA  
Harold Ashworth, boatowner  
Jill O'Leary, Flying Cloud Yachts

Commissioner Hutton convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

## **ROLL CALL**

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The May 10, 2007, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mark Sandoval responded to questions regarding the mooring project and explained that there will be a 10-day limit on anchoring on the mooring buoys off the pier. A Mooring Master will oversee the operations. One boat will moor on the buoys and one boat will be allowed to raft to it. He said that anchoring overnight at Oil Island White is allowed only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ross Wallach of the Southern California Speedboat Club (SCSC) spoke to the MAC requesting support for a noise variance for their event. He stated that this is the 9<sup>th</sup> year this event will be held in Marine Stadium. He explained that the SCSC event is part of the Sea Festival. The event has grown and has secured Five National Championships and One World Championship for the Sprint Nationals. He said the race itself dates back to the 1930's. He is requesting support for 120 dbs limited time and a start time of 9 a.m. on both days.

Commissioner Crawford remarked that he attended the event last year, and that it was very well run.

Sergeant Keleher stated that the LBPD received no complaints last year regarding this event.

Chris Campbell asked if this proposal had been presented to the outreach committee of the Sea Festival. He suggested the MAC defer action until this request is brought before the outreach committee.

Mark Sandoval explained that there is a process to getting events permitted and that this process is still in action and has not been finalized with regard the SCSC event. He said that he does not know if this particular event has been brought before a neighborhood group because it is normally handled through the office of Special Events. Mark reminded the MAC that they are an advisory commission, and that the Director of PRM makes the ultimate decision regarding approval for a noise variance. However, the Director looks to the MAC to evaluate the request. He said that he did not know if this item would be presented to a committee before the permit is finalized.

Commissioner Turrentine added to the motion that the SCSC confer with any neighborhood organization, if they are required to do so.

**It was moved by Commissioner Gidley and seconded by Commissioner Turrentine that the MAC support the SCSC request for 120dbs limited time and a start time of 9a.m. on both days as proposed, and to confer with any neighborhood organization if required to do so. The motion passed unanimously.**

- Mark Sandoval spoke regarding the 2008 Slip Fee CPI increase. He explained that this is an automatic increase based on the CPI, which was approved four years ago by the City Council and requires no further action. Per action taken by the City Council one year ago, LBSM rates will go up to the level of ABM rates. It was decided this change would not take place until the LBSM rebuild was complete. The LBSM rebuild is now complete, however rates will not be raised until October 1. This increase is in compliance with the pricing policy that was developed and adopted by the MAC, which states that all slips in the Long Beach Marina regardless of location and/or condition of slip should be priced the same.

**It was moved by Commissioner Hogenson and seconded by Commissioner Gidley that the MAC support the 2008 Slip Fee CPI increase. The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Hutton distributed a summary of the new system for the pricing policy that is scheduled to go into effect fiscal year 2009.

Mark Sandoval explained the cost recovery pricing system, whereby the cost of running a marina is spread out among rentable footage. He said that in the last few years the marinas have been losing money due to incurring debt from the LBSM rebuild, and that the original debt of the LBSM has yet to be retired. He said that the proposed budget in the Marina Fund looks to generate a loss in the marinas of just under \$1 million. He explained that if the full cost recovery pricing system were to be implemented this year, the rates would be even higher. Therefore, this system will not be implemented until 2009, at which time the LBSM bond will go away and the rates should then be able to cover the cost of running the marina.

- Mark Sandoval explained to the MAC that Richard Ur was called for a 30-foot slip, and when he brought his vessel in for inspection and measurement, it was found that the vessel did not meet the 30-foot length overall requirement. Mr. Ur has attached an anchor light to the stern of his vessel. This light slants out and when counted as part of the length, the vessel reaches the measurement of 30'10". However, the Marine Bureau has determined that the light is not permanently affixed, as it is screwed into the transom; nor is it functional, as it cannot be seen from all angles 360 degrees. Mr. Ur applied to the 25-foot Waiting List and the 30-foot Waiting List.

Mark Sandoval explained that the Marina Rules and Regulations Committee and the Operations Committee both concurred with the Marine Bureau's decision to deny Mr. Ur a 30-foot slip. Mark said that he would be setting precedence if he allowed the light to be counted in the overall length. He explained that any light could then be made to stick out one, two, or three feet to reach whatever length is needed to be counted in the vessel's overall length.

Don Cobleigh, member of the Rules and Regulations Committee, said that he spoke with a Coast Guard inspector who informed him that an anchor light must be seen from all angles 360 degrees, and that this light would not be considered a legal light.

Commissioner Schaidle pointed out that Mr. Ur has admitted that the length overall of his vessel is 29'8" without the light, therefore, there is no need to re-measure the vessel.

Commissioner Gidley asked Mark Sandoval if Mr. Ur could be put on the 25-foot list with the same date as the 30-foot list date, and Mr. Sandoval stated that he could, and would, do so.

**It was moved by Commissioner Gidley and seconded by Commissioner Hogenson that the MAC support the decision of the Marine Bureau to deny Mr. Ur's request to count the anchor light as part of the overall length of his vessel, and that he remain on the 25-foot Waiting List at the 30-foot Waiting List date, or the 25-foot Waiting List date, whichever is earlier. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **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 May.

- Mark Sandoval stated that empty 40-foot slips not needed for Transpac will be filled from the Waiting List, and that slips in RBH will be held open for guests.
- Commissioner Hutton said that he has received comments that there is not enough guest dock space. Mark Sandoval responded that there is dockage at every retail establishment in ABM, and that there is roughly 700 lineal feet of guest dock in downtown. He said that the Marine Bureau is in the process of building approximately 400 feet of new guest dock space in RBH. Mark said that he recognizes more transient slips are needed.

### **Maintenance Operations Report**

Supervisor Hurley Owens gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of May.

- Commissioner Crawford commented that Marine Patrol has informed him that they have reported items that need to be fixed to Marine Maintenance, but that there seems to be a longer delay than there should be in getting things repaired.
- Commissioner Hutton asked how many employees are in QWB. Hurley Owens responded that QWB has five fulltime and three part-time staff.
- Commissioner Hutton asked how many employees are in LBSM and how many are in ABM. Mark Sandoval explained that Marine Maintenance staff do not delineate between ABM and LBSM, they go wherever they are needed. He said that QWB is noted separately on the report because QWB is a different funding source, however if they are needed during an emergency they will respond where directed.

- Commissioner Hutton noted the report shows that Marine Maintenance remodeled the front and back kitchens in the Belmont Shore Pier restaurant. He asked to know who paid for this. Tom Shippey responded that Maintenance did bring the electrical up to code and that the rest room was cleaned up, but that Marine Maintenance did not remodel the kitchens.
- Commissioner Hogenson asked if the next report could show separate counts between the marinas for plumbing and electrical. Tom Shippey responded that it could be done.
- Commissioner Schaidle asked about the change-out of trashcans along the Peninsula. Tom Shippey responded that a substantial cost savings has been seen, due to the change-out.
- A boatowner reported that Shoreline Marina was hit with extensive graffiti this last weekend. Some has been cleaned up, however some is still there. Also, the walls surrounding the trash containers between E and F gangways facing the sidewalk have had large amounts of trash for four days. Hurley Owens responded that Maintenance would attend to this issue.
- A boatowner reported that he has seen people pull-up, and throw into the water, the bicycle barriers that are installed on the sidewalk in LBSM to slow bicyclists. He suggested that instead of gluing them down, holes be drilled into the sidewalk and pipes installed to prevent them from being pulled out. Tom Shippey said that Maintenance will take a look at his suggestion.
- Tom Shippey stated that the City is experiencing an unbelievable increase in graffiti and is spending way above budget handling graffiti abatement. He asked for patience as Maintenance staff tries to keep up with the problem. A boatowner explained he was amazed that graffiti is being committed in daylight.
- LBSM is changing out power breakers from 50 to 30 amps. Hurley Owens said that the supplies have been ordered, and that as soon as they are received Maintenance will begin changing them out.

### Marine Safety Report

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

- The Junior Lifeguard Program begins a week from Monday.
- The new rescue boats are being built on schedule.
- Marine Safety received a grant to replace all portable radios.
- Commissioner Hogenson asked about an incident that occurred at 65<sup>th</sup> Place on the Bay side on Memorial Day. He said that people pulled up on the beach, anchored their boat, and were drinking and smoking marijuana. He said the Lifeguard on duty was notified; however he did not make contact with these people. Chief Boone informed him that Lifeguards are instructed not to confront people in this type of situation; however they are to contact Lifeguard Headquarters and inform them of the situation. Commissioner Hogenson said that a rescue boat did arrive and Lifeguards informed the boaters that they needed to leave the beach.

### LBPB MP Unit Report

LPBD Sergeant Tom Keleher reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of May.

- Regarding graffiti problems, Sergeant Kelleher said that Marine Patrol officers routinely arrest these people; however they are released almost immediately. He said that Marine Patrol officers take pictures of the graffiti to match it to other areas of the City. He informed the audience that if they see graffiti being committed, they are never to approach these people; instead call LBPB (911) and they will handle.
- Sergeant Keleher reported that on May 26, in the early hours of the morning, auto burglars were arrested in the Shoreline Marina by gangway V. Four vehicles had been broken into. He said that a Marine Patrol officer had noticed a car that was not usually in the area, and that the officer watched with his binoculars and waited for the burglars to return. The burglars came back to their car within a half-hour and were arrested and the stolen items recovered.
- Marine Patrol has placed an article in the Marina Reader regarding the Dock Watch Program, and officers are walking the docks and encouraging boatowners to keep a look out and inform them of any problems.
- Bayshore closing starts tomorrow, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Executive MAC

All items covered.

### Operations Committee

All items covered.

### Facilities Committee

Commissioner Hutton reported the following:

- Jack Nichol Park is now complete.
- Davis Launch Ramp Phase II is complete.
- On June 14 the Mooring Buoy Program will be presented to the City Council.
- Mark Sandoval said that \$100,000 was spent to see how Alamitos Bay would be effected if the Haines Plant pumps were turned off. The test concluded, without a doubt, the Bay would suffer damage. The City is looking at funding to cover the cost of running the pumps to keep the water circulating.

### Finance and Information Committee

- Nothing to report.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- A boatowner asked if the new fees will be based on the length of the slip or the square footage of the slip. Mark Sandoval explained that this year the fees will still be based on length and in 2009 slip fees will be based on square footage. Commissioner Hutton said that DBW has created a formula for a boat that will fit in a 30-foot slip. Mark Sandoval said that slip fees will be standardized.
- A boatowner in the audience commended the MAC for their civic service and stewardship.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Schaidle asked if the orange plastic fences on the beach could be replaced with a wood fence. Tom Shippey said that the orange fence will be removed and that Marine Maintenance is looking at other options.
- Commissioner Hogenson asked about the cement block building at the beginning of the Peninsula at 55<sup>th</sup> Place. He wanted to know what it was for. Tom Shippey said that he did not know, but that he could check with Dennis Eschen to find the answer.
- Mark Sandoval distributed an announcement for the Grand Opening of a Smithsonian exhibit, "From Sea to Shining Sea" at the Eldorado Park Library on June 21, at 6 p.m., and indicated that a MAC member is being sought to lead the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Crawford volunteered.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next meeting is set for **July 12, 2007**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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