



Date: July 19, 2007
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2007
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

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

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager
Beverly Glavas, Special Projects Officer
Joe Pitisi, Supervisor RBH, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary

City Staff

Paul Wawrzynski, Capt., Marine Safety, LBFD
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Plan.&Devel.Bureau
Tom Shippey, Manager, Maint.Oper.Bureau
Phil Lopez, Supervisor, Marine Maint.
Sgt. Gerry DeLeon, Marine Patrol Div.
Julie Maleki, Asst., Councilmember DeLong

Commissioners Absent

Bradley Whyte, Chair

Guests

Richard Miller, former MAC Chair
Bud Johnson, former DBW & MAC Commissioner
Drew Satariano, President, Sea Festival Asso.
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA
Tom Shadden
Ray Burton
John Callos
Lenny Arkininstall
Chase Merrill
Carl Feichtinger
Larry Goodhue

Vice Chair Holly Carpenter 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 City staff and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The June 14, 2007, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark Sandoval gave background information from January 2006 to June 14, 2007, regarding Mr. Carl Feichtinger's slip/permit cancellation. He said that the Marine Bureau has shown a great deal of patience in this case, but that the Bureau must be consistent in imposing the marina rules and regulations.

Mr. Feichtinger concurred with the Marine Bureau's memo outlining the events leading up to his slip/permit cancellation. He told the MAC that the mechanics working on his boat are unreliable. He said he paid a lot of money for parts and that he still does not have them. He did say that he could not blame them entirely, that he should have been more "hands-on." He said that he has been a good dock neighbor and has been part of the marina community for 12 years. He said that he now wants to take over the repairs himself. He said he needs to locate the parts and that it would take him two months to complete the repairs. He said he appreciated the position of Mark Sandoval and Laurie Little, and that they have been more than cooperative. He said he had no complaints with regard to how they have handled this situation.

There was discussion regarding Mr. Feichtinger inability to bring his boat to a seaworthy condition, the length of time he would require to make the repairs, and his statement that he is still looking for parts.

Mark Sandoval said that he would agree to keeping Mr. Feichtinger's cancellation in place, but that he would issue Mr. Feichtinger a temporary slip (TA) for two months until the end of September, however, after that "drop-dead" date there would be no further extensions, and his permit/slip would be cancelled.

Commissioner Turrentine recommended the Bureau inspect the vessel and give Mr. Feichtinger a list of all the items that need to be completed in order to pass final inspection.

It was moved by Commissioner Hutton and seconded by Commissioner Gidley that the MAC support the Marine Bureau's cancellation of Mr. Feichtinger slip/permit, and that Mr. Feichtinger be issued a temporary slip for two months until the end of September, at which time he is to have his vessel in seaworthy condition and ready to pass inspection. Should Mr. Feichtinger's vessel not pass inspection, his slip/permit cancellation will stand. The motion passed with Commissioner Schaidle opposed.

- Tom Shadden spoke to the MAC regarding naming Long Beach as “Long Beach, Aquatic Capital of America.” He distributed a long list of aquatic activities held in Long Beach for the MAC’s review. He introduced Drew Satariano, Ray Burton, Chase Merrill, Lenny Arkinstall, and John Callos who were in the audience and are volunteer committee members in support of the new title for Long Beach. Tom Shadden explained that this project came to fruition two years ago. He believes Long Beach has not recognized what aquatics means to this City. Mr. Shadden showed a video clip of the various and many water activities (i.e., two world class annual sailing matches, women’s only Mayor’s Cup, Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival, Out-Rigger Canoe Challenge, Fishing Rodeo, disabled and at-risk youth sailing, etc.) that occur in Long Beach throughout the year.

Commissioner Turrentine remarked that the intention is for Long Beach to “own the brand.” Tom Shadden responded yes, and that he researched and found that no one else is looking for this name, at this time. He requested the endorsement of the MAC before moving forward to the City Council. He said that this is a work in progress.

Commissioner Crawford asked about funding for this project. Tom Shadden responded that the committee is a volunteer committee. Mark Sandoval said that the City hired a trademark attorney to do the research. He explained that PRM funds programs that are deemed beneficial to the City.

Drew Satariano said he has been on the SeaFest Committee for four years now, and that the SeaFestival holds 88 events over a period of 100 days, and 80% of these events are aquatic. He said this move should be made before someone takes the name. He said that the Parks and Recreation Commission is supportive of this project.

Tom Shadden said that Huntington Beach has received \$10 to \$20 million a year with the licensing of its brand name, “Surf City.”

It was moved by Commissioner Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that the MAC support the effort to name Long Beach, “Long Beach, Aquatic Capital of America.” The motion passed unanimously.

- Mark Sandoval spoke regarding the Marine Stadium fence issue and explained that he had received a call from a resident who said she wanted the fence to come down. Mark told her to bring him a list of neighbors in support of the fence removal. The woman complied and discussions were held with Councilmember Delong. It was then decided that a survey of the homeowners nearest the fence would be done. One hundred and twenty-nine homes were surveyed and 111 responses were received. Letters, emails and phone calls were also received.

Mark said that he was not seeking recommendation or support. He asked that the MAC attend and facilitate a public meeting; and then review and come to a decision regarding the fence removal.

Larry Goodhue addressed the MAC, indicating that he is not a resident of sections A, B, C, or D as indicated on the Marine Stadium Fence Survey, however, he did agree with holding a meeting. He suggested however that the MAC hold off and re-address this item at next month's meeting. He suggested the newspapers be notified so that the public can attend the MAC meeting and discuss the issue.

Vice Chairwoman Carpenter informed Mr. Goodhue that the residents have been notified, a survey has been done, and that there will be a meeting of the residents affected on August 8 to discuss the issue further.

It was moved by Commissioner Schaidle and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that the MAC facilitate a public meeting to discuss and review the Marine Stadium Fence Survey. The meeting will be held Wednesday, August 8, 2007, at Lowell Elementary. The motion passed unanimously.

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the report of 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 June.

- Mark Sandoval reported that the Bureau is now filling slips on LBSM Gangways DD and EE that were not needed for the Transpac Event.
- Mark Sandoval explained that some 40-foot slips in LBSM are too narrow for a 40-foot boat to fit into, and that the Bureau will undersize in these situations.

Maintenance Operations Report

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

- Phil Lopez reported that pumpout inspections are on going.
- Phil Lopez said that because LBSM is new, more resources will shift to maintain ABM.
- Phil Lopez said that Marine Maintenance will put together a report showing maintenance items separated out between ABM and LBSM. He asked for two-months time to get the report in order and, once set up, the findings would be included in the monthly report.

Marine Safety Report

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

- Lifeguards reported 99 swimming rescues on the 4th of July.
- A 45-foot powerboat hit Pier J and sank on the 4th of July, after the fireworks.

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- The new placement of the fireworks barge is closer to the beach and better for viewing.
- A six-foot blue shark was found swimming in Marina Pacifica. It had a damaged eye, a hook in its mouth, and seemed dazed. Aquarium of the Pacific staff rescued the shark with a large fish net and, after removing the hook from its mouth, took it outside the breakwater and released it.
- A sewage spill in San Pedro occurred on Monday evening. As a precaution, advisory signs were posted on the waterfront in Long Beach.

LBPB MP Unit Report

Marine Patrol Sergeant DeLeon reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of June.

- Marine Patrol officers issued 40 parking citations on July 4th.
- A report of a suspicious person at 600 East Shoreline Drive led to the arrest of a registered sex offender trying to solicit children.
- The LBPB has staffed officers on the beach (on quads) this summer. They detained a man in the Granada parking lot who had five felony counts for forgery fraud, and 12 different stolen credit cards on him at the time.

Executive MAC

All items covered.

Operations Committee

All items covered.

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Hutton reported the following:

- Dock 9 is nearing completion.
- Jack Nichol Park is complete. The Grand Opening is August 4.

Finance and Information Committee

- Nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Don Cobleigh asked if Mr. Feichtnger would be allowed to liveaboard his vessel while it is in the temporary slip. Mark Sandoval said that the Bureau would make an exception in this case and allow him to liveaboard during this time period.
- Bud Lorbeer reported to the MAC that the seeds from the palm trees are falling on his boat and staining it. He asked why trees are being trimmed all over the City, but not in the marinas.

Tom Shippey responded stating that by the end of next month, a purchase order will be in place and trees in the marina area will be trimmed. They will be trimmed during the downtime for Heron nesting. Trimming of trees in the marina is restricted from January through September due to Heron nesting. Marina trees are designated as a protected habitat, and Federal and State laws forbid trimming during nesting season. The Coastal Commission is opposed to the removal of trees unless PRM can show successful relocation. Section 4:13 of the California State Code says that nothing can be done that will harm the birds.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Reed encouraged the MAC to make a recommendation as a commission one way or another regarding the Seaport Marina Hotel project.

Mark Sandoval said that he could agendaize this item for next month's MAC meeting. He said however that he felt the Lennar Group heard the MAC's concerns that the traffic issue must be solved.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next meeting is set for **August 9, 2007**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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