



**Date:** November 23, 2007  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

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

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager  
Beverly Glavas, Spec. Projects Ofcr.  
Vivian Crook, Secretary

City Staff

Mark Boone, Superintendent, Marine Safety, LBFD  
Jack Belden, Supervisor, Maint.Oper.Bureau  
Tom Keleher, LBPB Sergeant, LBPB-MP Unit  
Christine Sanburg, Superintendent, Marine Maint.

Commissioners Absent

Randy Crawford

Guests

Bud Johnson, former DBW commissioner  
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 City staff and guests.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The October 18, 2007, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mark Sandoval updated the MAC on the status of the Marine Stadium Fence Survey. He explained that, at this time, he was not in a position to make a recommendation, but will do so at the January 10 MAC meeting. At the January meeting, the MAC will determine if another community meeting will need to be held. He said that there was not a lot of change from the last survey, but that there is enough of a stratified vote to determine a recommendation. He said he would be sending a letter out to the residents, which will include the survey results, his recommendation to MAC, and information regarding this item on the January MAC agenda.
- Mark Sandoval announced that there will be no MAC meeting or sub-committee meetings held in December.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mark Sandoval stated that the budget year has been completed for 2007, and the budget has been adopted for 2008. The Tidelands funds did very good against the budget. He briefly reviewed the Beaches and Waterways, Rainbow Harbor Area, and Marina Funds.

Mark Sandoval said that he will continue to provide financial information throughout the year. He said he was very pleased with the way 2007 ended, and that maybe some projects can get done with the money put into fund balance. He said that Tidelands had a very good fiscal year, was able to hold expenses down, and revenues came in above budget in many areas.

- Commissioner Hogenson asked when Maintenance will be able to segregate the work orders between marinas, for tracking purposes.

Mark Sandoval remarked that he did not believe it would be beneficial to simply count work orders because one work order may take many hours to complete, while another may take minutes. He said that Maintenance staff moves around from one marina to another making it a little more difficult to track and did he not see a reason to do this. He said this might be something that the Optimization Study looks at.

## **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 October.

- Mark Sandoval explained with regard to slip occupancy in ABM, that boats are still leaving the marina, but that the Bureau is swimming up stream and keeps gaining ground. He said that the Bureau is holding a lot of slips open for the rebuild. He said that as it comes closer to determining when the rebuild is going to begin, the program of temporarily filling slips will be eliminated. He commented that the boating industry is economy driven and that there are some people who are getting out of boating for personal or financial reasons.

### Maintenance Operations Report

Supervisor Jack Belden gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of October.

- Jack Belden stated that on a weekly basis, Marine Maintenance builds new fingers to replace old rotted fingers in ABM. He said approximately three new fingers are built a week. He said it is faster to replace a finger than repair one.
- Jack Belden was asked how many employees are in the Marine Maintenance Division. He responded that there are 18 employees on the maintenance side, 7 preventative maintenance employees, and 2 vessel operators. Queensway Bay has approximately 7 employees who take care of Rainbow Harbor and the surrounding area. He did not know the exact number of employees under Beach Maintenance.
- Jack Belden explained that there has been a continuous problem with the #2 pump-out on A-Dock in LBSM, and that the contractor has been working on this problem on a weekly basis. He said the discharge line was clogged which was over-heating the pump and causing the contact switch to trip. Both pump-outs on A-Dock are working now. Marine Maintenance is going to ask the contractor to replace the contacts.

### Marine Safety Report

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

- Mark Boone explained that ordinance advisals are up due to warm days.
- Mark Boone said that he is working on the new Lifeguard structure to be located at the foot of Molino. He said that the final draft for this project should be done by the end of next month.
- Marine Safety has received four new vehicles for beach use.
- Mark Boone reported that the two new rescue boats being built are coming along well.
- The Honda Corp is providing three PWCs to Marine Safety.
- Lifeguards rescued two victims who were thrown into the water when the 40-foot, old wooden boat they were aboard exploded, blowing the cabin off. The vessel sank in the Port area. The victims survived the explosion.
- There was a double drowning off the Belmont Pier. A man believed to have been drinking heavily jumped off the pier, a fisherman jumped in to try and rescue him and they both drowned. Both men could not swim and drowned very quickly according to witnesses.
- A man drove his vehicle into the river near ABM. The driver survived, removed himself from the vehicle and left the scene. The vehicle was discovered the next morning. The vehicle owner was traced.
- Rescue Boat 3 was burglarized over the weekend. Odd pieces of equipment were stolen, approximately six different items. The boat was moved to a safer location.

### LBPB MP Unit Report

LBPB Sergeant Tom Keleher, LBPB MP Unit, reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of October.

- Joseph Johnson was promoted to MP Sergeant last Thursday. He works graveyard and is pursuing his degree at CSULB. He has been involved in search and rescue over the last ten years and is a baton instructor at the academy.
- There were two boat burglaries in Basin 4. The burglars were caught selling the items in the marina. No other burglaries have been reported since the arrests were made.
- Non-boatowners (homeless, "gangsters") were caught using the boatowner restrooms in LBSM. The keys fobs were confiscated.
- The Dock Watch Program has been reinstated and meetings will be held once a month.

### Executive MAC

- The Marina Optimization Study will be conducted by Management Partners and cost between \$150,000 - \$170,000.

### Operations Committee

- The Committee reviewed the slip status and budget.

### Facilities Committee

- Commissioner Hutton asked for clarification regarding the Belmont Plaza Pool rebuild.

Mark Sandoval said that a seismic issue is prompting the rebuild of the pool. Other issues are repair costs and the need to make the pool NCAA competitive.

- Commissioner Hutton commented on the rebuild of the Leeway Sailing Center. He reported it has been determined that the building is not a historical building.
- Commissioner Hutton said that the Committee took a field trip to three docks in ABM and noted that the docks are in very bad shape.

Mark Sandoval remarked with regard to the ABM Rebuild that the bid package contains three sets of plans with 30% drawings (conceptual) for the water, land, and rest rooms. This will allow for separate bids. He explained that in a Design Build the standard is to put out a 30% (conceptual) drawing.

Commissioner Hutton said that maintenance repair of the gangways in ABM is done on an as needed basis. Once called out, Maintenance sends staff out to fix the problem, and they do a very good job. He suggested Maintenance staff survey the docks to identify bad areas and start replacing large areas of dock before the City gets sued.

Mark Sandoval said that he is more interested in how much the facility is degrading. He's not sure if the situation is deteriorating or if the situation is just bad and has been for years. He said what needs to be done is to take a look at the areas in ABM that are not going to be addressed in the near future. Anything that is on the back-end of the rebuild schedule that has significant problems and anything that is deteriorating quickly should be addressed. He remarked that the decking could be replaced; however in many instances the substructure is so poor that the nails will not hold.

Jack Belden stated that Marine Maintenance has begun inspections and recently completed an inspection of Basin 1, noting 246 items that are in dire need of repair. He said that Maintenance staff has been attacking these areas on an as needed basis. He said that there are only five Maintenance staff qualified for dock repair. He said that Marine Maintenance can keep the facility floating until the rebuild and attack specific areas as needed. He also stated that the substructure under the decking is a big problem. He remarked that some areas could be contracted out for repair, but at what cost.

Mark Sandoval asked how much money should be thrown at something that is going to be rebuilt relatively quickly. For example, does it make sense to spend \$500,000 to repair Dock 4 when it will be replaced in 2009? He believes the marina should be surveyed with areas in need of immediate repair identified and a cost estimate be done ranking how bad the area is and note when that area is scheduled for rebuild.

Commissioner Turrentine remarked that what might be needed is to find the middle ground between leaving it broken and fixing it right. He feels it is not a problem if the job repair looks ugly as long as it is safe. He said a quick fix might be the answer. It just needs to be fixed for a short period of time.

Mark Sandoval said that there has never been a safety issue reported that has not been fixed very quickly. He said there is a difference between someone stubbing their toe on a board as opposed to falling through a plank and drowning. He said that the Marine Bureau will evaluate and rank each dock and get cost estimates for repair and weigh it against how long it needs to last before it is going to be removed for rebuild.

A suggestion was made that an article be put in the Marina Reader informing boaters to contact the office if they see an area that is in immediate need of repair. Mark Sandoval responded that the boatowners do know to call the office to report items in need of repair and that the office does receive calls from customers regarding repair issues. He said he would put a reminder in the Marina Reader.

Jack Belden said that resources have shifted from LBSM to ABM. He remarked that the Preventative Maintenance crew does the inspections and then turns over the work orders to staff for repair.

#### Finance and Information Committee

- Commissioner Hutton will give the Finance Report in January.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- Chairman Whyte asked how the ADA gate at LBSM is coming along.

Jack Belden said he would be meeting with fabricator on Tuesday.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Donald Cobleigh asked for an update on the mooring project off the Belmont Pier.

Mark Sandoval said that he needs a Fish and Game Permit and a Regional Water Quality Permit in order to move forward. Cash and Associates is working on those permits. The Coastal permit is ready to go and will probably be on the March agenda for the Coastal Commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. The next meeting is set for **January 10, 2008**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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