



Date: January 24, 2008
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 10
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Absent

Area Residents:

Kim Amidon
Lee Lawrence
Vicki Lawrence
Linda Baron
Linda Childers
Matt Duggan
Robert Candelara
Elizabeth Candelara
Margaret Jones
Jim Hagg
Harry Hill
Glenna Castillo
Paul Castillo
Donna Williams
Richard Wilner
Kathy Scott
Kerrie Aley
Frank Foellmer

Marine Bureau Personnel

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

City Staff

Louie Martinet, Captain, Marine Safety, LBFD
Bill Money, Sergeant, LBPD-MP Unit
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Plan. & Devel.
Christine Sanburg, Superintendent, Marine Maint.

Guests

Mike Malbon, former MAC commissioner
John Callus, LBRA Secretary
Joe Nicotera, LBMBOA
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA
Carla Collado, Gazette Newspaper
Ted Kuhn, boat owner
Jill O'Leary, Flying Cloud Yachts
Larry Goodhue
Evelyn Binder

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Tom Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations Bureau (MOB), briefly reviewed the Tree Trimming Policy. In an effort to resolve concerns from the environmental community regarding timing and methods used to trim the trees related to birds and their nesting habits, MOB staff met on numerous occasions with the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Coastal Commission, representatives of local commercial establishments, the City's Health Department, and a number of environmentalist, including representatives from the Audubon Society to develop the Waterfront Area Tree Trimming Policy.

The policy was reviewed and a discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that the MAC support the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine Tree Trimming Policy for the waterfront area. The motion passed unanimously.

- Mark Sandoval explained that the issue regarding possible alteration or removal of the fence on the southwest side of Marine Stadium, between the neighborhood and the stadium, came to the Marine Bureau a couple of years ago by way of a petition from the residents. In response to this request, in May of 2007 the Marine Bureau sent out a survey to everyone whose residence abutted the south shore of the stadium down to Bayshore. The results of the survey came before the MAC in July and a public meeting was held in August with no unanimous feeling among the neighborhood one way or the other; there did however appear to be a majority thought. A second survey was done in September with clearer instruction and was sent out to the residents. Mark Sandoval's recommendation to the MAC followed the majority decision of the homeowners, which is to remove the fence from the entrance of the stadium to the gate arm and replace it with a more aesthetically pleasing fence, and from the gate arm to the end of the stadium remove the chain link fence and maintain and repair the block wall where needed.

Mark Sandoval explained that the stadium is an event stadium and not a beach by definition or by usage. The stadium was built for rowing and is now also a water-skiing area and an event area. He explained that the City does rent it out, and when it does it rents out the whole area. He further explained that when an organization rents the area they are allowed to close it off for their event. Some events do not allow access without paying. He stated that the City could require special event users to erect a temporary fence as part of their permit. He said that the Coastal Commission recognizes how the stadium is used and is supportive; it is legally a rentable venue.

A discussion was held, questions were asked and comments heard from residents and other interested parties. Those who spoke gave their input regarding the pros and cons for removal of the fence, i.e.; safety and security of residents and property, traffic flow, historical viewpoint, unimpeded view of the water, easier access to the beach area, damage to fence (holes cut for access by residents), fence is an eyesore, and more public use of "beach area" with fence down.

Commissioner Turrentine remarked in summary that he did not hear a compelling reason why the MAC should override the majority decision of the residents.

It was moved by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Hogenson that the MAC support the decision of PRM and the majority vote of the residents to remove the chain link fence from the entrance of Marine Stadium to the gate arm and replace it with a decorative fence on top of the short masonry wall, and from the gate arm to the end of Marine Stadium remove the chain link fence and retain and repair the masonry. The motion passed with Commissioner Hutton abstaining and Commissioner Reed opposed.

Mark Sandoval said that he would identify two or three residents to work on a committee to determine the parameters of the new fence and to determine where additional gates will be installed in the remaining fence area.

- Mark Sandoval explained that the Marine Bureau has been seeing an influx of individuals who essentially live on their vessel and have been taking advantage of free mooring in neighboring marinas. Many of these marinas are starting to eliminate their free mooring areas. These individuals who live on their vessels have been using Marine Bureau guest end ties, which are geared towards people who are truly cruising. He explained that what he is attempting to do with the changes in the guest policies is to make sure that the guest ties are used by those individuals who are legitimate guest cruisers. The Marine Bureau Policy will require guests to put a deposit down for a head key. Some boaters only have enough money for one night's stay; they then bother other boaters to let them into the rest rooms. Also, the Marine Bureau will require a credit card in the customer's name or prepayment in cash or check for the entire length of stay.

It was moved by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Hogenson that the MAC support the Marine Bureau policy regarding Guest Stays. 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 December.

- Mark Sandoval remarked that the Bureau is still being very aggressive in renting slips, and that the Waiting List is very strong.

Maintenance Operations Report

Superintendent Sanburg gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of December.

- Commissioner Hutton asked about the comment in the report that talked about consistent contractor repair of the booster pumps. He wanted to know if these are new pumps and if they are under warranty. Mark Sandoval explained that there are certain maintenance issues with the pumps that are not warranty items. A contractor has been hired to manage a certain level of maintenance that is required.
- Commissioner Hogenson asked how Maintenance was coming along with a method to track ratio between LBSM/ABM work orders. Tom Shippey replied that Maintenance is still working on it.
- Commissioner Hogenson asked about the pump-outs at Station 31. Chris Sanburg replied that one of the two pumpouts is working.
- Chairman Whyte asked how the clean up of debris in RBH and LBSM was going. Christine Sanburg reported that staff is working to remove debris in both marinas as fast as they can.

Marine Safety Report

Captain Louie Martinet gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of December.

- The boat parades in Naples and in LBSM/RBH went well, and were very well attended.
- The new rescue boat is one month away from delivery. The boat is being built by Seaway and will be in service in two months. It is a low-profile boat, good for the ABM area.
- The Division's new vehicles have been delivered and are now in service.
- Due to complaints in the LBSM area regarding noise from cigarette boats, the Marine Safety Division will embark on a noise abatement and education program. Noise levels will be monitored and state noise regulations will be enforced.
- The new Lifeguard Headquarters is still in the planning stage at the foot of Molino.

LBPDP MP Unit Report

Marine Patrol Sergeant Bill Money, LBPDP MP Unit, reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of December.

- Two officers are out due to being injured on duty.
- The Neighborhood Watch Program has been re-instituted. More information will be announced in the Marina Reader.
- Signage, i.e., beach hours, parking regulations, etc., is very important for enforcement of parking. Sergeant Money asked for support from the MAC in getting these much needed signs posted. The Operations Committee will follow up on this request.

Executive MAC

- All items covered.

Operations Committee

- All items covered.

Facilities Committee

- The ABM rebuild has received two bids.
- Basin 4 construction starts in August.
- The Mooring Buoys hearing will be held in March, with the installation of the buoys in April or May.
- There have been no new concepts for the Belmont Pier art memorial.
- The 61st Place seawall cost estimate for construction is \$450,000.
- The Coastal Commission approved Dock 10. It will be removed and replaced and extended by four feet.
- Dennis Eschen distributed the Quarterly Report to the MAC for their review.

Finance and Information Committee

- Commissioner Hutton commented on the good job done holding to budget.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- John Callos asked about derelict boats in the marinas. Mark Sandoval responded that with the rebuild, vessels are required to pass a vessel inspection before they can go back into their slips. The owner is required to motor their vessel to the office and pass a seaworthy test. Also, complete compliance is required on insurance policies.
- A comment was made by a customer that the trashcans in the Maintenance Dry Boat Storage Yard have been removed and need to be replaced.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for **February 14, 2008**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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