



**Date:** February 15, 2008  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

Holly Carpenter, Vice Chairwoman  
Mike Reed  
Richard Turrentine  
Harry Hutton  
Scott Schaidle  
Peter Hogenson

Commissioners Absent

Bradley Whyte, Chairman  
Darlene Gidley  
Randy Crawford

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager  
Beverly Glavas, Spec. Projects Ofcr.

City Staff

Mark Boone, Chief, Marine Safety, LBFD  
Bill Money, Sergeant, LBPD-MP Unit  
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Plan. & Devel.  
Tom Shippey, Manager, Maint.Ops.Bureau  
Christine Sanburg, Superintendent, Marine Maint.  
Eric Lopez, Community Development  
Julie Maleki, City Council, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.

Guests

Jean Kent Unatin  
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA  
Kelly Garrison  
Carla Collado, Gazette Newspaper  
Ted Kuhn, boat owner

Vice Chairwoman 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.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Eric Lopez of Community Development gave a presentation on the Colorado Lagoon Restoration Project. He explained that the City received a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to do a feasibility study and the restoration of the Colorado Lagoon. This restoration will improve water quality, promote healthy wildlife, remove and treat sediment, and involve and educate the community. The Termino Avenue Drain Project will bypass the Colorado Lagoon to discharge into Marine Stadium. Dry-weather flows will be diverted to a sanitary sewer system, and storm drain inserts will capture trash. Approximately 40 percent of storm water and dry-weather run-off flowing into the Lagoon will be eliminated. Currently there is a project shortfall of \$ 9.4 million. Additional funding opportunities are on going for specific project components.
- Mark Sandoval spoke about the Rules and Regulations Committee. He explained that the committee is made up of Marine Bureau harbormasters, MAC commissioners, LBMBOA members, and boatowners. He said that often times this committee addresses security issues, and asked if MAC should form a safety committee that would meet monthly/quarterly to discuss/review land security items, beach responsibility issues, etc. He said customers seem to need a voice with regard to security issues and feels that the Rules and Regulations Committee is not the forum for security issues. Vice Chairwoman Carpenter suggested that security issues might be channeled through the Operations Committee, until it appeared that the Operations Committee could not handle the issues. The commissioners agreed.

## **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 January.

- Mark Sandoval said that the Waiting List has not lost momentum and that the Bureau is not having problems filling slips. There are more boats in Southern California than there are slips. He reported that the ABM Rebuild Project will go before at the Planning Commission in April, and the Coastal Commission no later than October. Also, the contract should be negotiated in March and hopefully finalized in April. The company can then start building docks off-site.

### Maintenance Operations Report

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

- Mark Sandoval reported that the entire Mole Road in LBSM has been rewired. This should eliminate the problems they were having with the key fob system.

### Marine Safety Report

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

- The first new rescue boat should be delivered next week.
- The RBO and Captain's exams have been scheduled.
- A dog beach meeting will be held and include the City Attorney's office, Police Department personnel, Animal Control staff, Lifeguards and Marine Bureau staff. Chief Boone stated that Municipal Code Ordinances do exist with regard to vicious dogs. He said that in most incidents the person with the injured dog takes their animal to the animal hospital and the owner of the offending dog(s) runs off and cannot be found. Animal Control is understaffed and not able to respond as quickly as is necessary. Mark Sandoval reported that to staff the beach area year-round with two Marine Patrol Officers would cost between \$700,000 – \$800,000. He asked at what point is the dog park worth hundreds of thousands of dollars? Lifeguard personnel are involved with monitoring the safety of individuals on the beach. Monitoring the dog beach is difficult. Mark Boone remarked that most of the problems with vicious dogs are Pit Bulls and Rottweilers. The dog beach area is a small area and cannot be divided between large and small dogs because fences are not permitted. Animal Control responds to dog versus person incidents. Animal Control is short staffed and can sometimes take from 15 minutes to 1 hour for them to arrive on scene.

Commissioner Reed stated that when the dog beach area was instituted, dog owners were supposed to monitor their own dogs.

### LBDP MP Unit Report

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

- Vendor recognition cards have been issued to licensed vendors wishing to work in the marinas.
- Municipal Codes signs have been posted throughout the area. The posting of these signs has been very beneficial, making the officer's job much easier.
- The Marina Watch Program has begun again. These meetings can also be used as a sounding board for boatowners on security issues.

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### Executive MAC

- All items covered.
- Mark Sandoval reported that the Marina Optimization Study has been terminated.

### Operations Committee

- All items covered.

### Facilities Committee

- Commissioner Reed reported that the ABM rebuild will start in Basin 4 in August.
- The Granada Game Court Plans Survey will be done for the Bemont Shore area.
- The Beach Erosion Study should be completed by the end of March.
- The Belmont Pier Aqua Link bidding will go out in April with completion in one year.
- The Bixby Amphitheatre Skate Park bids should go out in April.

### Finance and Information Committee

- None

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- None

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for **March 13, 2008**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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