



**Date:** October 22, 2007  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2007  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

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

Marine Bureau Personnel

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

City Staff

Mark Boone, Superintendent, Marine Safety, LBFD  
Tom Shippey, Manager, Maint. Oper. Bureau  
Phil Lopez, Supervisor, Marine Maint.  
Sergeant William Money, LBPD-MP Unit  
Julie Maleki, Asst., Councilmember DeLong

Commissioners Absent

Mike Reed  
Darlene Gidley

Guests

Bud Johnson, former DBW commissioner  
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA  
Ted Kuhn  
John Yeamens, resident

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 September 13, 2007, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- John Yeamans, resident on Paoli Way, spoke regarding the Marine Stadium Fence issue stating that he had met with some homeowners. He said that a good question to ask the residents is, "Would you be willing to have a gate located across from or very near to your property?"

Also, he said that he measured the road from the inside of the wall to the very edge of the curb, and it measures 96" wide.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mark Sandoval said that the Marine Stadium Survey responses were due Monday. He said that the Bureau plans on keeping individual votes private, not public, and talk in generalities during the public meeting. This issue will be on the MAC agenda next month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mark Sandoval spoke about the Annual Marina Survey. He explained that the Bureau switched to a local firm last year. He noted that the Lifeguards/Fire Department received the highest scores. The survey showed very high satisfaction with services provided in the marina. Maintenance in ABM showed less than stellar grades, this due to the aging infrastructure. The question was asked if the respondents thought that the slip fees were fair for the services and amenities provided, and 82 percent said yes; however, this survey was taken right before the fee increase in the LBSM.

Commissioner Hutton asked why the question, "How many years have you been a permittee?" is asked. Mark Sandoval responded that this question gives the Bureau a feel for how mobile the population is. He compares this information with other marinas at the marina conferences he attends. He said he will be reviewing the questions asked, and may remove some of them.

Chairman Whyte commended the Bureau on the good job that is being done, and suggested that the MAC receive and file the survey.

**It was moved by Commissioner Hutton and seconded by Commissioner Hogenson that the Annual Marina Survey be received and filed as submitted. The motion passed unanimously**

- Mark Sandoval mentioned that Phil Lopez, Superintendent of Marine Maintenance, will be attending the Boat Owner's Association meeting next week to answer any maintenance questions.

## **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 September.

- Mark Sandoval reported that LBSM is steadily filling empty slips, and that in the near future, slips will be 100 percent full. He also said that the Bureau is still generating revenue from the temporary slip assignment (TA) program in ABM.

### **Maintenance Operations Report**

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

- Phil Lopez reported that Maintenance checked out the lighting at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Place restroom and found that the lights are working, but that more lighting needs to be added to the facility. He said that City Light and Power has been called to check out the parking lot lights.
- Regarding the installation of addresses on marina facilities, Phil Lopez said that fairly large signs have been installed on the front of the facilities. Maintenance is still working on installing signs on the backside (waterside) of the facilities.
- Commissioner Hogenson asked why some of the orange cones are nailed onto the planks on Gangway 4 in ABM. He said they have been there for a long time, and that boaters are complaining and asking when the problem will be fixed.

Phil Lopez said that Maintenance worked on Gangway 4 last week. He said he would check it out and report back.

- Phil Lopez reported that the B-7 restroom in LBSM will be demolished the beginning of next year.
- Commissioner Schaidle suggested lighting be installed on the backside of the restrooms (beach side) to deter unwanted activity.
- Phil Lopez said all locking and unlocking of restroom doors will be placed on a timer. A person will be able to exit the restroom after the doors are locked, but no one will be able to enter after-hours.

### Marine Safety Report

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

- Chief Boone remarked that the stats reflect a cooler summer than last year and show activity down.
- Steve Gerber, a mechanic with the City for over 58 years, suffered a massive heart attack and died last week. Steve Gerber was a member of a motorcycle group. His funeral was attended by a large group of bikers and City personnel. Steve Gerber was a great mechanic; he had a good work ethic and was a hard worker. He will be very missed and hard to replace.
- Chief Boone stated that the new rescue boats are coming along very well.
- Marine Safety is working on a contract for equipment with the office of Emergency Services.
- Marine Safety has two vacancies at this time, due to retirements.
- The new dive rig has been outfitted, is in service, and is working out really well.

### LBPD MP Unit Report

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

- Sgt. Money commented that proper signage helps officers unfamiliar with the area.
- Two different groups of gangs were caught in the act of tagging. The City will be able to recover the cost of damage repair from these taggers.
- The Marina Watch Program is being revitalized/restarted.
- An incident occurred approximately three weeks ago where a boater reported suspicious activity at a women's restroom in ABM. The boater reported a man coming out of the women's restroom. The man was under the influence and was caught with three balloons of heroin on him. The woman in the restroom was also under the influence of drugs and was in the process of damaging the restroom with a blowtorch. This woman had nine felony counts of identity theft. She and her partner had stolen a vehicle belonging to a boatowner from Seal Beach a week earlier. They had the boatowner's keys to the vessel and had come down to the marina to vandalize the vessel.
- At this time, one officer is pending approval of a background check before hiring, and three new officers are in training.
- Commissioner Hogenson asked where the truants caught in the downtown area come from. Sgt. Money responded that approximately 80 percent come from out side the City. They come down on the Blue Line.

### Executive MAC

- All items covered.

### Operations Committee

- All items covered.

Facilities Committee

- None.

Finance and Information Committee

- Meeting next month.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- None

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Mark Sandoval reminded MAC that next month's meeting has been backed-up one week to November 15, and that the ExMAC meeting will be moved back one week to November 13 (7:30 a.m.). The Finance Committee will also meet on November 15 (at 1:30 p.m.). The Facilities (11/6) and Operations (11/7) Committee meetings will remain unchanged.

- Mark Sandoval said that the bid for the ABM rebuild has hit the street. Sixty companies have been sent notices and information has been put on the City's Purchasing website. Bidders are being charged \$100 for each of the three separate bid documents. They are looking at the possibility of putting the information on CDs for a nominal fee. A lot of interest is being generated.

Mark Sandoval said that he does not believe eelgrass will be a big issue. He said the Bureau is looking at dealing with approximately 2,000 square feet of eel grass, which is very good news.

The pre-proposal meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 5, at the SBYC. Bidders have until November 29, 2007, to submit their responses.

Mark Sandoval said that his goal is to complete Basin 4 by the end of next year. The rebuild will not be able to start in Basin 4 until June 2008, in order to allow the LBYC to host the Congressional Cup and to hold the 2008 yacht club opening.

Mark Sandoval said his plan is to rebuild the ABM restrooms at the beginning of the project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next meeting is set for **November 15, 2007**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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