



**Date:** July 22, 2008  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2008  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

Bradley Whyte, Chairman  
Scott Schaidle  
Randy Crawford  
Darlene Gidley  
Harry Hutton  
Peter Hogenson

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager  
Beverly Glavas, Special Projects Officer  
Vivian Crook, Secretary

City Staff

Dennis Sullivan, Sergeant, LBPD-MP Unit  
Mike Jbeli, MPO, LBPD-MP Unit  
Grant Jeffries, Captain, Marine Safety, LBFD  
Tom Shippey, Manager, Maint.Ops.Bureau  
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning & Devel. Bureau  
Christine Sanburg, Superintendent, Marine Maint.  
Julie Maleki, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist., City Council  
Eric Lopez, Community Development

Commissioners Absent

Guests

Bud Johnson, former DBW/MAC commissioner  
Joe Nicotera, LBMBOA  
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA  
Carla Collado, Grunion Gazette  
Andrew Sienkiewich, 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 June 12, 2008, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved with the addition under Finance Committee on page 6 to read “.... and submitted the Quarterly Financial Committee Report for filing.”

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dennis Eschen introduced Eric Lopez of Community Development, who gave a presentation of the report on the EIR study of the Colorado Lagoon and distributed copies of the report to the MAC. He gave an overview of the sediment, water quality, habitat and recreational improvements that will take place. Sediment will be dredged out and there is a plan to develop an open channel through Marina Vista Park. This is designed to allow full flushing of the Colorado Lagoon. Two bridges will be built as part of the open channel component. He said that non-native plants will be removed from the area and replaced with native plants. The baseball diamond and soccer fields at Marina Vista Park will be redesigned, however, it will still be a park. If the EIR is certified in September then, hopefully, Public Works can break ground with the first phase of the project in April 2009, this will not include the open channel portion of the project. State and Federal grants have been obtained to pay for the first phase of the project, and funding for the second phase has not been identified.

**It was moved by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Hogenson that the MAC support the EIR study of the Colorado Lagoon as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mark Sandoval commented that he had received approximately six e-mails regarding the square foot pricing structure. Two emails were complimentary, telling him that he is doing the right thing and not to let the opponents bother him. A point made by a couple of boatowners was that since the rebuild of LBSM, and because the slips were built around the existing piles, some slips are narrower, some very narrow, and some are wide. They commented that with the new fee structure, those in very narrow slips will be paying more but have less water space than other slips, and they can't bring a dinghy into their slip. They asked that their concerns be addressed. Mark explained to them that the goal of this new pricing structure is to try to bring standardization of the slips. He told them that he would bring their concerns before the MAC. He explained to them that any reduction on any individual slip in the marina would cause an increase somewhere else because the policy is a net sum zero structure.

Mark said that a couple of people are trying to drum up support among the big boatowners because they are feeling the increase the most. He distributed a rate comparison sheet, which illustrates that the 80-foot slip holder has saved money over the last six years, because their rates were not raised back in 2003. Over the last six years, 80-foot slips holders have saved \$34,700. Essentially, even though the big slip holders think they are currently being penalized, the reality is that had the square foot system been implemented back in 2003, they would have been paying tens of thousands of dollars more over the last six years.

Chairman Whyte commented that Long Beach marinas are still the best deal on the coast, with a very fair rate and a very fair rate structure.

## **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 reported that the Powerfest is coming next weekend, and as result RBH had to be cleared out for this event. Boaters were reassigned to LBSM, making some slips unavailable to fill permanently, during this period. RBH will need to be cleared out again in October for the boat show.
- Mark reported that the ABM rebuild project will hopefully be on the October/November Coastal Commission calendar, however, optimistically it will probably be February 2009 for the Coastal Permit. The City is reluctant to get into a contract with Bellingham Marine, because all funding has not been secured. Mark said he has submitted a council letter to get a small contract in place with Bellingham Marine, in order to enable them to start the final design. This council letter should be on an August agenda. He said that he is still fighting the eelgrass issue. He said the Department will need to mitigate 1,900 feet of eelgrass. The Peninsula area was identified for replanting, however, the Department of Fish and Game does not like that area because there is no eelgrass growing there now. He said the City will now suggest the north most ten slips in Basin 6, for mitigation. Fish and Game is saying that by law the Department needs to mitigate areas where eelgrass may potentially grow.

### Maintenance Operations Report

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

- The pumpouts are still working.
- Chris Sanburg reported that the maintenance items between LBSM and ABM have been separated for review.

### Marine Safety Report

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

- Marine Safety will be taking possession of a Seaway rescue boat one week from tomorrow and it should be in service sometime mid-August.
- Fourth of July stats for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 132 swim rescues, 74 boat assists, 169 medical aides, 32 boat rescues, and 22 fireworks related incidents.
- The Junior Guard Program is in its third week. Commissioner Schaidle commented that trash is collecting by the bike racks and suggested a reminder to the Junior Guards not to litter would be of help.

### LBPDP MP Unit Report

Sergeant Dennis Sullivan, LBPDP - MP Unit, reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of June.

- LBPDP Sergeant Jeff Garcia will be off from six weeks to up to six months, recovering from back surgery.
- There was a rash of petty thefts in LBSM, and boat burglaries in ABM last month. Two different boat burglars were caught.
- A man with a gun by Pier Point Landing was taken into custody.
- A stolen car was found in the Belmont Veteran's Memorial Pier Parking Lot.
- An unregistered sex offender (transient) was removed from the area of the Colorado Lagoon.
- A man was arrested at the Junipero lot with possession of three pounds of marijuana, scales, baggies, and 80 tabs of ecstasy.
- Five cars were towed out of LBSM during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and approximately nine citations for possession of fireworks were issued.

### Executive MAC

- All items covered.

### Operations Committee

- All items covered.

### Facilities Committee

- Commissioner Hogenson reported that the committee reviewed lessons learned from the LBSM rebuild. These lessons need to be applied to the ABM rebuild, i.e., better quality concrete.
- The Belmont Pier Plaza repaving project is complete.
- The Bluff erosion project at 12<sup>th</sup> Place is complete.
- Nine mooring buoys are to be installed off the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier this month.
- Commissioner Schaidle commented that the landscaping at 12<sup>th</sup> Place looks great.

### Finance and Information Committee

- None

### COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- None

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for **August 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