



Date: January 9, 2009
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2009
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Absent

Bradley Whyte, Chairman

Marine Bureau Personnel

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

City Staff

Bill Money, Sergeant, LBPD-MP Unit
Louis Martinet, Capt., Marine Safety/LBFD
Philip Lopez, Superintendent, Marine Maint.
Julie Maleki, 3rd Dist., City Council
Heather Martin, Maint. & Develop.

Guests

Drew Satariano, P/R Commissioner,
Sea Festival Association President
John Parks, International City Racing

Vice Chairman Hutton 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 November 13, 2008, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Sandoval said that the Sea Festival is as good as it has ever been. This is a status report.

- Mark Sandoval introduced Drew Satariano, Parks and Recreation Commissioner and Sea Festival Association President. He explained that a brief video clip had been shown to the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission. The video highlights successes from last year and looks to the future. It also talks about some organizational changes.

Drew Satariano stated that there will be challenges in 2009 from an economic standpoint. Sponsorship is hard to come by and sponsorship is really the lifeblood of SeaFest. The goal of SeaFest is to be self-sustaining and to be able to give back dollars to the City. SeaFest is hoping to see an increase in attendance and sponsorship in 2009.

John Parks, International City Racing, reported that SeaFest is in the fourth year of a five-year contract. He said SeaFest has enjoyed relative success in growth, with 94 events and 258,000 spectators in a 90-day time window. SeaFest has a \$5.5 million economic impact in Long Beach. SeaFest has brought in kids from other parts of the City to participate in the fishing rodeo, sand castle building and Capture the Wind Beachday. Charter Communications is the primary sponsor. He thanked MAC for their support as the facilities are under their purview.

A video of news clips of Sea Festival events was shown to the MAC.

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 reported that the marinas are not seeing boats leaving due to the bad economy, and that the Waiting List is still strong, but there are a lot of vessels for sale.

Maintenance Operations Report

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

- Phil Lopez said that he is working on better communication between boatowners and the Marine Maintenance Division regarding the workorder system. He said that he talked to Tech Services about the possibility of getting an on-line, web-based system in place. At this point the company working on this project is still working on the web-base version. He said that this project is probably about a year away from completion. He also said that Tech Services is working on an e-mail notification system with the ability to notifying the calling party that the job (work order) is completed.

- Mark Sandoval said that he will be meeting monthly with the Boatowners Association and Marine Maintenance to develop better communications.
- Phil Lopez stated that the Preventative Maintenance Crew will be working in LBSM beginning this month, concentrating on those docks. He is hoping to have this crew housed in the LBSM area. This move will help cut down on travel time. The larger part of the Maintenance crew will cover ABM (electrical, plumbing, restrooms).
- Commissioner Crawford complimented Marine Maintenance on their work done on the two new fingers on Gangway 21.

Marine Safety Report

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

- The Naples Christmas Boat Parade was a great success. At one point the Coast Guard said that they were going to shut down the event due to the bad weather, however the storm died down in ABM and the parade went on. The LBSM parade was cancelled due to bad weather.
- The Marine Safety Division has completed its reorganization, with eight promotions in the last two months.
- Marine Safety, in a joint effort with Marine Patrol, saved a sinking boat on Gangway 23.
- The City Manager has directed Marine Safety to look at possible cuts.

LBPD MP Unit Report

Sergeant William Money, LBPD - MP Unit, reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of December.

- Sergeant Money spoke on the new format for the Marine Safety reports.
- LBPD Sergeant Jeff Garcia is back to work after fully recovering from back surgery.
- The Marine Patrol Division received 30 new radios. The radios are digital and have better transmission.
- The Marine Patrol Division is in line to receive seven new vehicles.
- Several possible new recruits are in background checks at this time.
- Marine Patrol officers took delivery of prototype bike.
- Mark Sandoval reported that Robert Lindsay, a boatowner who was temporarily authorized to remain in a slip in LBSM in hopes of restoring his permit from cancellation, will not have his permit reinstated and left the marina as of December 31, as he did not fulfill the requirements of his agreement with the Bureau.

Executive MAC

- All items covered.

Operations Committee

- All items covered.

Facilities Committee

- Commissioner Hogenson reported that the day and time for the Facilities Committee meeting has been changed to the Wednesday before the MAC meeting at 4:30 p.m., at the ABM office.
- Mark Sandoval stated that with regard to the ABM rebuild, the eelgrass issue continues to be discussed with the regulatory agencies. He said that the EIR will be completed. He stated that a meeting with NOA and Anchor Environmental might be held to discuss the eelgrass issue. He reported that he met with the Rowing Association and the LBYC and has taken the rowers recommendations into consideration regarding their concerns on how the rebuild will affect their water use.
- Commissioner Hogenson said that some projects will be suspended because State money is not being granted at this time. Mark Sandoval introduced Heather Martin, Administrative Analyst with the Planning and Development Bureau. Sandra Gonzalez from Public Works will take Dennis Eschen's place as Manager. A list of projects will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- The State will no longer be funding the Breakwater Feasibility Study. However, Heather Martin stated that the City/Tidelands, along with the Coastal Conservancy, will fund the feasibility study.
- A height variance is needed for the Belmont Pool rehabilitation project.
- The Aqua Link is short \$640,000 and need a contract in place by next month, or the bid goes away. This is an unfunded and unbudgeted shortfall. This situation will affect the Mooring Buoy Program.
- Commissioner Hogenson said that that refurbishment of the 72nd Place restroom has been removed from the project list. He said that this restroom is adjacent to a residential area and needs to be refurbished, as there is illegal and illicit activity occurring in the rest room (sex and drug dealing). Heather Martin explained that the 72nd Place restroom has not been removed, but moved to Phase 2. Refurbishment of this restroom will still take place. Commissioner Hogenson said that the residents would prefer to have an earlier completion date, in order to deter illegal and illicit activity in the restroom. Mark Sandoval said that he understands the issue and will share Commissioner Hogenson's concern with Phil Hester.
- Mark Sandoval reported that the Marine Stadium fence design is still being worked-out with the neighborhood.

Finance Committee

- No report.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Schaidle stated he heard that the City was going to eliminate certain Commissions for cost savings reasons. He wondered how this would affect the MAC, as it is a volunteer commission.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for February 12, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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