



**Date:** July 10, 2009  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2009  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

Bradley Whyte, Chairman  
Randy Crawford  
Darlene Gidley  
Scott Schaidle  
Peter Hogenson  
Eric Peterson  
Ben Goldberg  
Mike Schachter

Commissioners Absent

Harry Hutton, Vice Chairman

Marine Bureau Personnel

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

City Staff

Louie Martinet, Captain, Marine Safety/LBFD  
Hurley Owens, Interim Superintendent, MOB  
Richard Dana, Interim Supervisor, MOB  
Rob Taylor, Interim Supervisor, MOB  
Julie Maleki, Field Deputy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.

Guests

A.C. DuPont, LBRA

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. He also introduced newly confirmed MAC Commissioners Eric Peterson and Michael Schachter.

The Commissioners were asked to give a little information about their background. Commissioner Schachter spoke first and said that he has lived in Long Beach for about twelve years, is a liveaboard in LBSM and a member of the Board of Directors of the Shoreline Yacht Club. He has sailed all his life and has enjoyed many years of boating. Commissioner Peterson was born and raised in Long Beach and grew up on Alamitos Bay graduating from the Leeway Sailing Club. He currently has a 35-foot trawler and spends a lot of time on the water.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The June 11, 2009, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mark Sandoval spoke about the ABM Rebuild Plan. He said that no date has been set for a public meeting. He is looking at scheduling it for sometime in August. He noted that not much has changed and that he is still trying to figure out how to deal with the mercury issue in Basin 1, and is still moving forward on trying to alleviate some of the rowers concerns. He has received two letters in response to his letter sent to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) questioning the policy regarding eelgrass and highlighting the effect it has on rebuilds. In their response letter they said that they understand there are concerns and agree that there could be different interpretations to the policy, which Mark sees as an open door to challenge the policy. The last issue, and one of most concern, is financial. He said the Finance Department is very leery about bond issues at this time, as are the underwriting consultants. He said that the Marine Bureau is not entertaining a fee increase for next year, but is still looking to set aside \$3.3 million for the rebuild.

Commissioner Schaidle asked if the rebuild would be considered a “shovel ready” project and able to receive “stimulus money.” Mark Sandoval responded that he did not think that the ABM Rebuild would be considered “shovel ready,” and he was not sure about the use of Federal money for part of a business.

Mark explained that PRM has asked DBW for money in phases. He said that he asked if Basin 1 money could be used to do all of Basin 4. DBW said, no, because it would mean a contract change and they are not prepared to make any contract changes, especially one that has been in place for seven years. He said he asked the Department of Finance if PRM could model a \$30 million bond, which when combined with the DBW money will provide enough money to finish Basin 4 and Basin 1, and then figure out how to obtain money for the rest of the marina project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mark Sandoval spoke about the process for installing memorial benches. He explained that once the request for a memorial bench is made, it goes before the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval. Mark said that he feels a policy should be developed for this process and the program should be endorsed by the MAC. He said that there is only a certain amount of available land to place these benches. He also talked about the cost to maintain these benches, the ability to recoup the cost of repair and maintenance due to damage/vandalism, how long a memorial bench should be allowed to remain in place, and should memorial benches only be approved for people who are deceased.

Chairman Whyte asked the Operations Committee to review this item for discussion at next month’s meeting.

Mark Sandoval said that he would send out an email with times and dates for a tour of the area, to view benches already in place and possible new locations.

## **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 Sandoval reported that there are still waiting lists in all sizes and slips are being filled when empty.
- Mark Sandoval reported that Marine Maintenance has hired their second carpenter.
- Beverly Glavas reported that the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation applied for a grant for their Absorbent Bilge Exchange Program, and on Saturday, July 18, boaters can come down to the Fuel Dock and get a free bilge pad and be introduced to the Exchange and Clean Marina Programs.

### Maintenance Operations Report

Interim Superintendent Hurley Owens gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of June.

- Hurley Owens introduced Rob Taylor as the new acting supervisor at LBSM. Rob has been with the City for approximately ten years.

### LBFD/Marine Safety Report

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

- Captain Martinet reported that 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend was great, beaches were packed and the weather was fantastic. He said the Police Department/Marine Patrol did a great job maintaining the shore and peninsula area.
- Marine Safety logged 257 swimming rescues from July 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, and logged 271 medical aids - mostly stingrays.

### LBPD MP Unit Report

Marine Patrol stats for the month of April were distributed to the MAC.

### Executive MAC

- All items covered.

### Operations Committee

- All items covered.

### Facilities Committee

- Construction will start next week on the beach rest rooms.
- Belmont Pier Aqua Link will begin a four-month construction in September.
- The Marine Stadium Launch Ramp will be going before the Coastal Commission this week.
- The Belmont Pool Rehab is not moving, there is no money.
- A grant has been applied for from the MTA that will provide a second pedestrian path, which will parallel the bike path that runs along the beach.

### Finance Committee

- Nothing to report.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- None

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- A.C. DuPont of the LBRA, thanked Public Works for filling in the large pothole at Boathouse Lane. He commented that the rowing dock hits bottom at low tide, however the end of the dock still floats at low tide and they are able to launch from there. He said that when the tide comes up the dock works fine. Mark Sandoval and Chairman Whyte both commented that there have been very significant low tides recently.

The MAC was invited to come out and view the LB Junior Crew's summer program (8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for August 13, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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