Date: July 15, 2013

To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission

From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches

Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2013
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

- Peter Hogenson, Chair
- Rick DuRee, Vice Chair
- Eric Peterson
- Mike Schachter
- Darlene Gidley
- Ted Kuhn
- Randy Crawford
- David Thornburg

Marine Bureau Personnel

- Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
- Elvira Hallinan, Special Projects Officer
- Vivian Crook, Secretary
- City Staff
- Randy Foster, Chief, Marine Safety/LBFD
- Mike Lewis, Lt. LBPD
- Jerry DeLeon, Sgt. LBPD/Marine Patrol Unit
- Hurley Owens, Supt./Marine Maint.
- Don Easterby, Interim. Supt., Beach Maint.
- Julie Maleki, 3rd Dist. Council
- Mackenzie Stone, 3rd Dist. Council

Commissioners Absent

- Scott Schaidle

Guests

- Mark Lewis
- Karl Weimer, LBMBOA
- Bob Vatz, LBMBOA
- John Counts, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Alfredo Fernandez, LBMBOA

Chairman Hogenson convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners.
CONSENT CALENDAR

- The June 13, 2013, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Mark Sandoval reported that Phase II of the Basin 1 ABM Rebuild is finished and customers will be allowed to return to their slips beginning July 19. Re-slurry and re-striping of the parking lots in Basin 1 will be the last task. The Bureau will now focus on Basin 5, Phase III of the ABM Rebuild, which will start the beginning of October. Basin 5 has 30 slips, all smaller boats. Basin 5 will be open by April 2014, before the yacht club’s opening day. Regarding Basin 2 and Basin 3, the contract is being finalized with the financial consultants who will be used to analyze the fiscal component of the Marina operation. The Bureau will be looking at alternative funding options, including a possible bond issue. Chairman Peterson asked when the financial consultant results would be available. Mark said that the report should be available sometime in the fall and that it would come before the MAC for review.

- Mark Sandoval reported that the LBSM Fuel Dock is up and running. Approximately three or four years ago, when it was believed that the fuel dock would not be replaced, the pump for the sewer system was removed. It will be reconnected. There was a complaint that the flow of the fuel is very slow. It is believed that the filter is the problem and it will be replaced. They will also look at changing the type of nozzle being used.

- Mark Sandoval talked about the Strategic Plan portion of the 2012 MAC Annual Report, explaining that a steering committee was set up, which included MAC commissioners and LBMOBA members, to develop a plan. This plan was adopted in 1999, but could be removed from inclusion in the report if it is causing confusion. He asked for input from the MAC for the Observations portion of the report by next Friday. He said he would like to get this report finalized and adopted by the August MAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark Sandoval explained that Ross Wallace of the Southern California Speedboat Club (SCSC) would not be able to attend the meeting. Mark spoke for Mr. Wallace to the Commission in support of the SCSC event. He remarked that this is the 15th year of Circle Boat Races in Marine Stadium. He stated that the City has a noise limit of 85 DBA and that SCSC is seeking support of a variance to allow up to 120 DBA over the two-day period of the event, August 3 and 4, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., both days.

It was moved by Commissioner Schachter and seconded by Vice Chairman DuRee that the MAC support the allowance of a variance of up to 120 DBA over two days, August 3 and 4, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., for the Southern California Speedboat Club (SCSC) event.
BUREAU MANAGER’S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the report on the slip status for the month of June.

- The In and Out Report shows 36 vessels came in and 31 vessels left in the month of June.

Maintenance Operations Report

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

- Commissioner Peterson thanked Hurley Owens stating that the oil sheds in LBSM looked terrific. He said he appreciated that they were a little bit deeper, which will help with possible spillage. Commissioner Schachter commented that the center post between the two doors has no support at the bottom. He feels that an “L” bracket would help to give support and keep the shed assembly more solid.
- Commissioner Peterson asked about re-stenciling the “no bicycle” lettering on the sidewalk in LBSM. Hurley stated that a P.O. has been submitted to re-stencil and add delineators. Once the P.O. is approved the work will be completed.
- Commissioner Peterson said that there are quite a few nails sticking up from the walkway around the LBSM office. Hurley Owens responded that the nails pop up because the substructure is gone. Mark Sandoval stated that this issue, including the substructure, is a repair/replace item on the current CIP list. Hurley asked MAC to notify the Maintenance office if there are serious trip hazards and they will respond with a temporary repair.
- Chairman Peterson asked about Dock 10. Mark Sandoval responded that this project is on the CIP list. He said that it has been redesigned and should be completed before next summer.

LBFD/Marine Safety Report

Chief Randy Foster gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of June.

- Over the five-day July 4th weekend Marine Safety made 312 swimming rescues, 70 boat assists, 44 boat rescues, 1200 dog advisals, 15 citations, 267 alcohol advisals, and two arrests. He said that there were so many people enjoying the beach that you could not see a speck of sand from Ocean and Bayshore down the Peninsula to 72nd Place.
- The 3rd of July fireworks went very well. Mark Sandoval said that he was in ABM for the fireworks show and reported that Chief Foster’s crews did an excellent job keeping the safety zone.
- Chief Foster thanked Don Easterby and his Beach Crew for the fantastic job they did in preparation for the Summer Solstice high tides.
LBPD/Marine Patrol Report

MP Sergeant DeLeon, LBPD/Marine Patrol Unit, gave the Marine Patrol report for June.

- MP Sergeant DeLeon introduced LBPD Lt. Mike Lewis. Lt. Lewis gave some background and said that he used to oversee the Police Boat Unit, Dive Team, and Port Unit. He has been on the Police Department for 21 years and has been a Lieutenant for about six years. He also mentioned that he was a lifeguard at the Belmont Pool for five years through college. He talked about reorganization of divisions/sections within the LBPD and said that the Department put all contract service entities under one person. His section is the Homeland Security Section, of which Marine Patrol falls under. He said that he also worked the 3rd of July fireworks event and said that he feels Marine Patrol could be more involved during the planning stage of special events to give input from a Marine Patrol perspective. He said that he is in the process of identifying Marine Patrol Unit responsibilities.

Chairman Hogenson asked who is responsible for patrolling the beaches. Lt. Lewis responded that Marine Patrol is responsible for the marinas and not the beaches. East Division Patrol and West Division Patrol officers are responsible for calls for service on the beach. He said, unfortunately, that is how it stands. Vice Chairman DuRee asked the question, “Do you patrol the beach?” and said it sounds like Police will respond to calls for service, but that there is no entity that actually patrols the beach/sand. Lt. Lewis said that when a Marine Patrol officer travels from one marina to the other and they see something happening they are required to contact the LBPD to handle it. Chairman Hogenson asked if there was anyone assigned to patrol the beach at night. Lt. Lewis responded, no, there is not, Marine Patrol officers will not patrol the beaches at night. Chairman Hogenson asked who would respond if they call 911 to report a problem on the beach. Lt. Lewis said that Police officers would respond. Chairman Hogenson asked how they would get there. Lt. Lewis said that they could walk out onto the beach, or call Marine Patrol for assistance.

Executive MAC

- Chairman Hogenson asked about the study done on the economic effect of marinas on greater Long Beach and how important the marinas are to the Long Beach economy. Mark Sandoval responded that about ten years ago a professor from Michigan State University created an economic model where by you would enter your marina’s information and it would tell you what your marinas direct economic impact was to the city. Commissioner Peterson asked if this report could be made available to the MAC for review. Mark said he will bring copies to next month’s meeting.

Operations Committee

- All items covered.

Facilities Committee

- No meeting held.
Finance Committee

- No meeting held.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Mark Sandoval said that he postponed the August Finance Committee meeting because the Mayor will be releasing his budget by August 1, and he would like to share the proposed budgets with the Finance Committee.
- Mark Sandoval reminded the MAC that he will not be available to meet the second week in August and that all meetings will need to be backed up one week. The MAC and Finance Committee will meet on August 15, and the Operations and Facilities Committee meetings will be held on August 14.
- USCG John Counts responded to the question asked last month about where to deposit old flares. He said that he has been researching drop locations and is still looking into this.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. The next meeting is set for August 15, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

cc: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk