



**Date:** January 21, 2014  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Elvira Hallinan, Acting Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2014  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Absent

Darlene Gidley, Vice Chair  
Scott Schaidle

Marine Bureau Personnel

Elvira Hallinan, Acting Manager, Marine Bureau  
Vivian Crook, Secretary

City Staff

George Chapjian, Director, Parks/Rec/Marine  
Michael Lewis, LBPD Sgt., Marine Patrol Detail  
David Prentice, Sgt., Marine Patrol Detail  
Alan Powder, Captain, Marine Safety/Lifeguards/LBFD  
Don Easterby, Interim.Supt., Beach Maint.  
Julie Maleki, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. Council

Guests

Bob Vatz, LBMBOA  
John Perowe  
Tom Mayes, LBMBOA  
Lewis Smith

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

**ROLL CALL**

Elvira Hallinan called the roll of commissioners.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- The November 14, 2013, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Elvira Hallinan gave a review of the Basin 5 Rebuild, reporting that Basin 5 is moving along beautifully. She said she should receive a schedule by the end of next week and that Bellingham might actually finish a little early. Bellingham is trying to work with the Alamos Bay Yacht Club. The club is doing improvements to the property as part of their lease. They will be resurfacing the parking lots and re-doing the launch ramp.
- Regarding Basins 2 and 3, Elvira Hallinan reported that the City has asked Bellingham to come up with cost figures for everything that remains to be done waterside (Basins 2, 3, 6 & 7), and landside; i.e., rest rooms, parking lots and landscaping (Basins 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7). The cost for Bellingham alone is \$67 million. This figure does not include the cost for permits to the City for Fire, demolition, Building and Planning, Anchor QEA environmental monitoring, and all the sediment testing pre and post dredging. Transystems will give her this figure by the end of next week. The two consultants hired by the City to work on the financial plan provided a report to the City yesterday. The Financial Management Director, the City Treasurer, the PRM Director and Elvira will meet on January 27 to discuss the proposal, the ability to bond, and alternatives to bonding. The commissioners spoke about their concern with any delay in the rebuild; i.e., additional cost if Bellingham leaves and then comes back.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Elvira Hallinan said that just before Thanksgiving she spoke with the Orange County Register regarding advertising slip vacancies. The OC Register writes feature stories in a section titled "On the Waterfront." Long Beach will advertise vacancies for eight months. This advertising will allow for changes in pictures and information throughout the eight months. She said that she spoke with the marina supervisors about developing a welcome package of information to be given to boatowners inquiring on available slips. Commissioner Schachter said that he would provide Elvira with a booklet that was developed, which gave information to Transpac racers on what is available in the LBSM area; i.e. restaurants, stores, etc. Elvira also mentioned that she is looking at possibly implementing a Facebook page for advertising slip availability and amenities.
- Elvira Hallinan reviewed a memo from Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager, to the MAC in response to their letter regarding the Tidelands Operating Fund. In her memo Ms. Frick stated the following:

A one-time transfer of \$293,000 from Tidelands operating to the Marina Fund to reflect charges that were made by staff to the wrong account. No new funding is being requested.

Increase the current PRM Tidelands operating budget by \$195,000 to off-set time Marina staff devote to Tidelands operations. Parks/Rec/Marine to charge accordingly and stay within budget.

Increase the PRM Tidelands operating budget by \$52,000 to address increased operations and supply costs. Funding provided.

Increase the PRM tidelands operating budget by \$213,000 to address increased water charges in the Tidelands area. Funding provided in FY14. Parks/Rec/Marine to identify water conservation programs

- Commissioner Hogenson stated that in the Assistant City Manager, Suzanne Frick's response memo to the MAC's letter, she says that George Chapjian was "requesting that Tidelands Operating Funds be transferred to the Marina Fund," however, that is not what the MAC was asking. What the MAC was asking for was that "incorrect marina expenses be transferred to the Tidelands Fund. George said that he believes Ms. Frick got the gist of their request, but that the wording is reversed. Commissioner Hogenson then said that expenses should be reduced by as much as \$500,000, which should affect the surplus and have some affect on future slip increases. Elvira Hallinan clarified that it would affect the proforma for future builds.

## **BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Marina Operations Report**

Elvira Hallinan gave the report on the slip status for the month of December. Elvira said that this morning she signed 16 refund checks for boatowner slips and that out of that 16, 14 were for boatowners who were leaving because they sold their vessels (in sizes 30 feet and under).

- Other issues discussed/mentioned for future review were: More/better advertising; the number of liveaboards allowed per gangway/marina; liveaboard fee (which has not been raised since 2005); charging boatowners for electricity use; charging liveaboards more for electricity than non-liveaboards; charging larger vessels more for electricity than smaller vessels; removal fingers in LBSM to make room for wider vessels; and, "where are the boats are going when they leave Long Beach."

### **Maintenance Operations Report**

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

### Lbfd/Marine Safety Report

Captain Alan Powder, Marine Safety Lifeguards, gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of December.

- All events over the Christmas and New Years holidays went very well.
- Captain Powder reported that in the last couple of weeks there were two separate public suicides on the beaches.
- Lifeguards are working at certifying eight Marine Safety Officers in flood rescues and the operation of small boats in that type of scenario. Lifeguards are preparing to certify more MSOs as public safety divers.

### Lbpd/Marine Patrol Report

David Prentice, Lbpd Sergeant, Marine Patrol Detail, gave the Marine Patrol status report for December.

- Sgt. Prentice reported that boat burglaries have been significantly down due to increased patrols.
- Sgt. Prentice reported there have been transient problems on the beach and some of Lbpd enforcement teams have been responding to reduce the transient camps. This has been a good reduction/deterrent to problems on the double letter docks in LBSM.
- Sgt. Prentice reported there have been problems with transient encampments near the rest room at Cherry. A camera has been installed at that rest room and has helped greatly in deterring transient gathering at that location.
- "No Trespass" signs have been installed at the docks in LBSM and at the dry boat storage location on Boathouse Lane.
- Two new recruits are currently being processed for open Marine Patrol Officer (MPO) positions
- Lieutenant Lewis reported that he is increasing training for MPOs on homeland security awareness and knowledge.

### Executive MAC

- All items covered

### Operations Committee

- All items covered
- Commissioner Hogenson asked about an article he read in the Marina Reader that said the Marine Bureau is organizing a committee to review the Rules and Regulations. Elvira Hallinan explained that Marine Bureau and Marine Patrol staff along with a group of boatowners will be reviewing the marina rules and regulations. The committee results will be brought to the MAC for review and input.

### Facilities Committee

- Quarterly meetings

### Finance Committee

- Quarterly meetings

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- Someone in the audience asked for clarification on an email sent to them by George Chapjian regarding restoration of maintenance funds back into the marinas. George Chapjian responded that the amount in question was \$ 488,000.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Peterson again pointed out that marina boatowner dock carts are being removed by non-boatowners and taken for use in areas away from the marinas; i.e., Friends of the Colorado Lagoon and at the Nature Center at El Dorado Park. He said that he is not happy that marina boatowner dock carts, at a cost to the boatowners through their slip fees, are being used in areas other than the marinas. He commented that the marinas are always short of dock carts.

Elvira Hallinan said that she would look into this issue and report back.

- Commissioner Schachter said that he regularly walks the LBSM area and sees homeless people on the beach by the first Lifeguard tower east of the marina. He said he had contacted Suja Lowenthal's office to report seeing a homeless person with an open fire on the paved road that goes out to the fuel dock, six feet from the pressurized fuel lines that hold diesel and gasoline. He was very concerned that a possible fire situation could quickly spread to the rest of the marina. He said that response from LBPD was very quick and that since that time the problem seems to have gone away. He thanked Marine Patrol/LBPD for patrolling the area and hoped patrols would continue.
- George Chapjian, stated that next week he will be reviewing a job spec for the Marine Bureau Manager position. He said that this will be a national search, and that hopefully the position will be filled in three months.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. The next meeting is set for February 13, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. at the **Long Beach Yacht Club**.

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