



Date: July 17, 2015
To: Marine Advisory Commission
From: Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marina Bureau
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2015
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Rick DuRee, Chair
David Thornburg, Vice Chair
Eric Peterson
Mike Schachter
Ted Kuhn
Tom Mayes
Mark Turpin

Marine Bureau Personnel

Kimarie Vestre, Supervisor, ABM
Carol Gonzalez, Clerical, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Don Easterby, Superintendent, Bch.Maint./QWB Ops.
Cory Forrester, Superintendent, Marine Maint. Ops.
Sgt. Steven Covarrubias, Marine Patrol Unit
Chief Gonzalo Medina, Marine Safety/LBFD
Kristina Duggan, Field Deputy, Council District 3

Commissioners Absent

Jerry Avila
Peter Schnack

Guests

Laura Muna-Landa, Caltrans Dist. 7
Ross Wallach, SCSC
Bob Vatz, LBMBOA
Bob Hubbard
Erik Thoreson
Michael Stuart
Larry Goodhue

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

ROLL CALL

Don Easterby called the roll of commissioners.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The June 11, 2015, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bob Vatz asked why the Yellow Pages section of the phone book does not mention the Long Beach Marinas. Rick DuRee said that it had been noted in a previous meeting that various forms of advertising should be used to increase the occupancy rate.
- Laura Muna-Landa, Cal Trans District 7 public outreach firm, addressed the MAC regarding repairs and/or replacement of the Alamitos Bay bridge. She talked about the project and passed out a public fact sheet. She stated that Cal Trans District 7 is looking at repairing and/or replacing the Alamitos Bay bridge. She said a public meeting is going to be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Best Western Golden Sales Hotel in the Emerald Room (6285 East PCH) and invited the MAC and audience to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to hear from the community regarding any issues they would like Cal Trans to take a look at as they begin the environmental document process. She stated it is still very early in the project. The project will take a year to prepare. She said she would be back in December of 2016 to share the findings of the initial documents that are being prepared. They will then move toward the final environmental document and design sometime in the spring of 2017. Construction could begin in the winter of 2020, with completion in the summer of 2022. Input at the August 5th meeting would help shape these alternatives and/or help modify them. She said, regarding the bridge, that seismic deficiencies were observed in a report that was completed a little while ago. She stated that Cal Trans is working with the local council district office to identify some of the local groups and will be sending out a project mailer. She asked the MAC to contact her with information on any group or individual they believe should be notified.
- Alfredo Fernandez remarked on trash floating in Basin 3, due to the lack of circulation caused by the shutdown of the Haines Plant.
- Erik Thoreson commented on the new docks in ABM, which he said are very nice, however, they are solid and debris cannot flow through them.

OLD BUSINESS

- Don Easterby reported on the ABM Rebuild, Phase 5, Docks 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Basin 2. Docks 6 and 7 were open to boatowners on July 1st for slips 45 to 50 feet. Dock 9 is scheduled to open on July 24. Phase 6, Docks 10, 11 and 12 in Basin 2 are on schedule with dredging to begin this week and estimated completion in the spring of 2016. Dock 8 is projected to be completed by August 1.
- The ABM Fuel Dock was open the end of June for dispensing fuel.
- The City Council adopted the Public Seawall Mooring Lease Program on June 16.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ross Wallach of the Southern California Speedboat Club (SCSC) addressed the MAC requesting a noise variance of 120 dcbs over the two-day annual event scheduled for August 8 and 9.

It was moved and seconded that the MAC uphold the Department's decision to approve the SCSC's request for a noise variance of 120 dcbs over a two-day period, August 8 and 9, 2015, for their annual race. The motion passed unanimously.

MARINE BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Marine Maintenance

- Cory Forrester, Superintendent of Marine Maintenance, reported that six more boatowner restroom roofs will be replaced in ABM.
- Cory stated that the trash build-up between the new gangways in ABM Basin 2 area is part of the contractor's responsibility during construction. Once the completed basin is released, Maintenance staff will monitor and mitigate as necessary.
- Cory reported that Maintenance added extra lights between the stalls in the LBSM restrooms. This has dramatically increased the visibility in the restrooms.

Beach Maintenance/Queens Way Bay

- Don Easterby reported that July 3rd and 4th went smoothly and the beaches are back to normal.

Marine Safety Operations

- Chief Medina reported that Lifeguards handled 192 water rescues, 33 boat assists, and 19 boat rescues. Every boat was staffed over the 4th of July holiday weekend. A higher than usual number of illegal fireworks were fired off on the beach on the 4th. Marine Safety is working with LBPD, looking at ways to mitigate this citywide problem. He said that from the public safety side, there were no issues with the July 3rd fireworks display in ABM. He said Chinese lanterns were flying over Naples on the 3rd, and that Fire Prevention was sent over to try to curtail this problem. Chinese lanterns are very dangerous. Chairman DuRee asked about the growing crowd for the 3rd of July event in ABM. Chief Medina said that the word is getting out and the crowd is growing; i.e., everyone is walking over from Seal Beach to see the fireworks.
- Alfredo Fernandez commented that on the morning of the July 4th, after the ABM fireworks event on the 3rd, he could see no trash, not one bit.

LBPB - Marine Patrol Unit

- Sergeant Covarrubias reported that Marine Patrol staffed several special events in the marina areas, with no major incidents to report regarding these events.
- Sergeant Covarrubias reported that last month Marine Patrol Officer Jose Mata was selected as Employee of the Year out of the entire LBPB.
- Marine Patrol Officers recovered a stolen vehicle, stolen motor home, and a stolen barge over the last couple of weeks; investigations are on going.

Executive MAC

- All items covered

Operations Committee

- Meeting cancelled.

Facilities Committee

- Meeting held quarterly.

Finance Committee

- Meeting held quarterly.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Peterson reported that several boatowners in LBSM complained to him about the recent events in the LBSM area. The Punk Rock Concert caused a lot of grief, so much so that many boatowners left their boats in the marina and went home. The Jennie Rivera concert was very, very loud and strongly impacted the boatowners in the marina. Commissioner Schachter also commented that while in the Shoreline Yacht Club building, the Jennie Rivera concert was so loud that you could not concentrate or hear each other speak. Commissioner Peterson also stated that the value of the marinas is diminishing with some of these events. He said that during these events the crowds are so big he cannot even get into the marina and many times are turned away. Commissioner Peterson also mentioned that the Gay Pride Event staff cut off the hardwiring for the chain-link fence and always leave the debris in the parking lot. This group does not pick up their debris and it can damage a tire. Chairman DuRee asked that a representative from Special Events attend the next Marine Advisory Commission meeting in August, so that they can be made aware of these events and their impact on the marinas.

Kimarie stated that the Punk Rock Concert is not coming back. That event was shut down. She agreed that a representative from Special Events should attend the next meeting. She also agreed that boatowners should not be locked out of the marinas. She asked that the commissioners please contact her with any issues so that she can address them.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- The suggestion was made to add verbiage to the parking pass reminding boatowners not to park in the boatowner restricted parking areas. Kimarie Vestre said that she would be able to make this change/addition on the next order.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The August 13, 2015, MAC meeting will be held at 2:30pm at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

cc: Stephen Scott, Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk