



**Date:** January 19, 2016  
**To:** Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marina Bureau  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2016  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

Rick DuRee, Chair  
David Thornburg, Vice Chair  
Eric Peterson  
Mike Schachter  
Peter Schnack  
Jerry Avila  
Ted Kuhn  
Tom Mayes

Marine Bureau Personnel

Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marine Bureau  
Kurt Borsting, Marine Operations Superintendent  
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau  
Kimarie Vestre, Supervisor, Marine Bureau  
Cory Forrester, Superintendent, Marine Maint. Ops.  
Tony Esparza, Build.Svs.Super., Marine Maint.

City Staff

Gonzalo Medina, Chief, Marine Safety/LBFD  
Patrick Morrison, Marine Safety/LBFD  
Tess Parkhouse, Marine Safety, LBFD  
Diana Hohman, Sgt. LBPD – Marine Patrol Unit  
Michael Johnston, Tidelands CIP Division

Commissioners Absent

Mark Turpin

Guests

Eric Thorsen  
Richard Rangel  
Charlie Legeman, LBYC

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 12, 2015, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Charlie Legeman introduced himself as the new Port Captain for the LBYC.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Elvira Hallinan followed up on the cancellation of the slip permit for Mr. Richard Rangel, for violation of Rules and Regulations: Vessel as Place of Abode. She stated that during the month of July 2015, she received several phone calls from boatowners reporting that they believed illegal liveaboard activity was occurring at LBSM Slip F3. During the month of August, investigations revealed that Mr. Rangel stayed aboard his vessel 16 consecutive nights. The Rules and Regulations allow 12 nights; anything past 12 nights is considered to be illegally living aboard without proper permit and is in violation of the City's Municipal Code.

Mr. Rangel said that the surveillance report was correct and that he and his girlfriend did stay aboard those days. He said that he thought he was "good to go" because he had submitted a request to liveaboard, he did not know that he needed to do more than that.

Commissioner Mayes asked why Mr. Rangel had cancelled his slip and moved out of the marina.

Mr. Rangel said that he felt he needed to secure a slip with liveaboard, incase the cancellation appeal did not move in his favor; so, when he found a marina with a liveaboard slip, he took it.

Elvira Hallinan clarified that she met with Mr. Rangel after he received the cancellation letter and at that time she explained that he could remain in the slip until he had his hearing and the issue was resolved, but that he could not liveaboard during that time. Marine Bureau practice is that once a boatowner asks for a hearing to appeal their cancellation they can stay in the slip (without liveaboard) until they have their hearing before the MAC and the issue is resolved.

Mr. Rangel stated that the request to liveaboard form was submitted by his girlfriend, who was an employee of the Marine Bureau. He said that he was never informed that he was breaking the rules.

Chairman DuRee asked Mr. Rangel if his girlfriend was living with him on the boat, and she worked for the Marine Bureau, she had to have known that she was breaking the rules. Chairman DuRee further stated that it does not matter who was living aboard the boat, weather it was his girlfriend or anyone else the rules were being broken. Chairman DuRee said he found it difficult to understand how his girlfriend, who worked for the Marine Bureau and was aware of the regulations, did not make him aware that he was breaking the rules.

**It was moved by Commissioner Mayes and seconded by Commissioner Kuhn that the MAC uphold the slip permit cancellation for Mr. Richard Rangel for illegal liveaboard. The motion passed. Commissioners Peterson, Schachter and Avila abstained from voting.**

- Elvira Hallinan reported on the Alamitos Bay Rebuild. She said that boatowners started moving onto the (new) Docks 13 and 14 the week of Christmas. Elvira reported that the dredging permit had expired October 31 and in December she went before the Regional Water Control Board and was given an extension. With this extension she will be able to dredge Basin 3. In February, Elvira will be going before the Regional Water Control Board again to acquire the permit to dredge Basins 6 and 7. Kimarie Vestre, ABM Supervisor, is working with BMI to demo a few of the docks while they are completing Docks 10, 11, and 12, which will allow the rebuild to move faster and save money.
- Kimarie Vestre stated that with the rebuild the Bureau now has 50-foot slips available in ABM for immediate occupancy. She asked the MAC members to spread the word.
- The draft of the MAC Annual Report for 2013 will be put together and made available for review by the MAC.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Kurt Borsting, Marine Operations Superintendent, reported on the Liveability Task Force, whose goal is to make Long Beach a more friendly city for the type of activities that make this such a great place to live, which not only includes biking but swimming as well. He introduced Michael Johnston of the Tidelands CIP Division. Mr. Johnston remarked that Long Beach offers three marinas, beaches and waterways, restaurants, special events, a mild climate and some of the best weather in the country. He said there has been a dramatic improvement to water quality and that the City of Long Beach received a 100% A-grade for water quality including seven (7) A-plus grades according to Heal the Bay's 2015 Annual Beach Report Card. He said staff wants to get the message out that the City of Long Beach supports healthy living. The City wants to encourage more people to recreate in our waters and get outside and enjoy our natural assets. He said that one of the first projects will be to create and install water quality signs (working with the City of Long Beach Health Department) throughout the waterways; i.e., Colorado Lagoon, Mothers Beach, Bayshore North, and Leeway Pier.

## **MARINE BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Marine Bureau Report**

- Elvira Hallinan shared information with the MAC regarding the Marina Bonds that she submits to the bond holders/investors; i.e., slip occupancy.
- Kurt Borsting reported that, due to a retirement in RBH and the departure of a staff person in LBSM, two staff members have agreed to serve on an interim bases to fill these positions. This is creating opportunities for others in the Bureau to get some new experience on a temporary basis. With regard to Marine Operations staffing, the Bureau is now in the process of looking/recruiting to fill these positions on a permanent basis.

- Kurt Borsting reported that the Bureau used Survey Monkey, an on-line survey platform, and sent out surveys to anyone who used the marina's guest slip services over the last three (3) months. The vast majority of the boaters who responded said that they wanted to come back again. These guests shared that they went out to dinner, the movies and shopped while they were visiting here. The boaters gave input on security and safety in the marinas. He said the goal was to try this out, and that there are more important topics the Bureau would like to bring forward, but for an early experiment it did well.
- Kurt Borsting shared that the Press Telegram sent a reporter and a photographer to meet with Bureau staff at the Marauder vessel, which helps keep debris away from Rainbow Harbor and Shoreline Marina. The article should come out in this weekend's paper. Elvira Hallinan added that after the storms, Don Easterby and his Beach Crew have to pick up the trash left on the beaches and waterways. Don's staff, along with Cory Forrester's Marine Maintenance staff, collected and disposed of 16.4 tons of trash out of Rainbow Harbor, Shoreline, and Rainbow Marina; and, off the beach between Tuesday and Sunday they removed 217 tons of debris.

#### Marine Maintenance

- Superintendent Cory Forrester introduced Tony Esparza as the new Marine Maintenance Building Services Supervisor. Tony has approximately 28 years of experience in the Marine Maintenance Division. Tony is a hands-on supervisor and is in the field quite often; he will be a great asset in his new position.
- Cory Forrester reported that Marine Maintenance has approximately 65 percent of the Trees in the Bay removed and stored away and should be completed with the project in a couple of weeks.
- Cory Forrester reported that last month there were quite a lot of issues with the beachfront restrooms; i.e., vandalism and/or occupancy. In looking to reduce vandalism, all the restrooms will be re-keyed within the next two weeks, removing fastener hardware and replacing with rivets. This will make the doors vandal-proof, save money, and reduce calls for service by Marine Patrol and Marine Maintenance staff.

#### Marine Safety Operations

- Chief Gonzalo Medina reported that Lifeguards have been very busy this last month with El Nino weather. Swiftwater Rescue Crews were out last week with deployments. Marine Safety has been doing a lot of preventive work advising the homeless community where the shelters are in the City. Marine Safety has just promoted an MSO to RBO (Rescue Boat Operator), which will be a big help.

### LBPD - Marine Patrol Unit

- Sergeant Diana Hohman reported that Marine Patrol Officers have been patrolling the Granada Lot and dealing with enforcement issues regarding RVs parking illegally.
- Sergeant Hohman reported that new recruits hired last year will be ready for deployment in February.
- Sergeant Hohman reported that Marine Patrol will be receiving delivery of four Jeeps in March. The vehicles will then be outfitted and ready for patrol.

### Executive MAC

- Chairman DuRee stated that another MAC orientation will be scheduled as a refresher. This will allow for review of issues that the MAC may not have addressed in the past.

### Operations Committee

- All items covered.

### Facilities Committee

- No meeting held.
- Elvira Hallinan asked the Commission how they felt about occasionally taking tours to see CIP projects in the works. The Commissioners agreed that this would be beneficial.

### Finance Committee

- No meeting held.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Mayes thanked Marine Maintenance for good job they do with their report. He said that the photos are very useful.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. ~~The December 10, 2015, MAC meeting is CANCELLED.~~ Next Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 2:30p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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