



**Date:** July 21, 2014  
**To:** Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Elvira Hallinan, Acting Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2014  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

Rick DuRee, Chair  
Darlene Gidley, Vice Chair  
Eric Peterson  
Mike Schachter  
Scott Schaidle  
Ted Kuhn  
Mark Turpin

Commissioners Absent

David Thornburg  
Tom Mayes

Marine Bureau Personnel

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

City Staff

George Chapjian, Director, PRM  
Randy Foster, Chief, Marine Safety/Lifeguards/LBFD  
Hurley Owens, Supt., Marine Maint.  
Don Easterby, Acting Super., Beach Maint.  
Diana Hohman, LBPD Sgt., Marine Patrol Detail  
Joseph Schlobohm, MP Sgt., LBPD/Marine Patrol

Guests

Bob Vatz, LBMBOA (Boatowner's Asso.)  
Alfredo Fernandez, LBMBOA

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 June 12, 2014, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted. Chairman DuRee welcomed new commissioner Mark Turpin to the Commission.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Bob Vatz, boatowner, made the comment that he has a problem with the concept of charging people in concrete slips more than people in wood slips (this was discussed further under New Business).
- Bob Vatz asked for clarification on what the right of way precedence is with gondolas, sailboats and paddle boats. Chief Foster answered that it is incumbent upon everyone to prevent collisions and that, according to hierarchy, the powerboat has the least right of way, after that the sailboat and then the paddle boat; the sailboat yields to the paddle boat as the paddle is the least maneuverable.
- John Dunay along with James Kashyap asked about the wakeboarding concession in Marine Stadium. He said he was hopeful of replacing the concessionaire, as the previous provider has moved on. Elvira Hallinan stated that she had spoken with Don previously and explained that it is now mid-July and that even if she fast-tracked his proposal it would not be placed on the City Council agenda until September. She further explained that as a new concessionaire coming in he must be vetted through Risk Management, Contracts Management, provide insurance to be weighed against the proposal, and then be placed on the City Council agenda. With all this to complete, they would not be able to get a permit to operate this year.
- Alfredo Fernandez, LBMBOA, spoke again about the issue of the Southern California Edison (SCE) power plant closing down and its effect on Alamitos Bay. He explained that Edison will be shutting down the through water cooling system, which keeps Alamitos Bay water clear. He stated that in Huntington Beach there is a power plant off of PCH and that a company was trying to get a contract to use the plant as a desalinization plant once the pumps are turned off. He said that the company was told that this could not be done because this would be doing the same thing as the through water cooling system. He said that it will not go easy for the through cooling pumps to keep going once the plant closes down. Elvira Hallinan said that she is continuing to look into this issue.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Elvira Hallinan said that Eric Lopez, Tidelands CIP Officer, was not able to attend this meeting and will be rescheduled for next month.
- Elvira Hallinan reported that SCE has begun the process of saw cutting and installing coax cables needed to connect the electricity and utilities to the docks at ABM Basin 2. This process should be completed by October 2014.
- Elvira Hallinan reported that in late April all boatowners in ABM Basin 2 were sent a letter informing them that construction would begin in the Fall and that they would need to bring their vessel up to the front dock for inspection to ensure seaworthiness and to verify their insurance and registration/documentation on file is current. So far, approximately 300 vessels have passed inspection, 31 vessels need corrective action, 25 boatowners have cancelled because their vessel cannot pass inspection, 3 boatowners were found to be the owner of the vessel but not to be the permittee of the slip, and in 4 instances the permittee of the slip has passed away and the family members failed to notify the Bureau (two of these boatowners were able to move to LBSM). Approximately 40 boatowners have not contacted the office and it is likely that most of these boatowners may not be able to pass inspection.

Elvira Hallinan said that on August 12 the Department will be going to the City Council for the \$10.9 million. She said the intent is to begin reconstruction on docks 11, 12, and 13. The next phase should start in October, and movement should begin mid to late September.

Commissioner Schaidle asked when the MAC will be able to review the information on bond funding. Elvira said that she would be providing this information by end of day Friday.

- Alfredo Fernandez asked if he could add a link from his website to the City's Marine Bureau website. Elvira said that she had no problem with this. She said that the schedule for the SCE portion of the rebuild and the schematic are already on line. She said this work should not impact boatowner parking and asked to be informed if it does.
- Elvira Hallinan stated that Public Works is the project manager the ABM Fuel Dock project. Coastal Commission approval for the application and the plans were received in June. Elvira will be meeting with Public Works on July 21st to set up a timeline. She said that the fuel dock will not close down until after Labor Day.
- Regarding Dock 10, Parker's Lighthouse Dock, Elvira Hallinan reported that there is a 69,000 volt cable in the ocean that the contractor cannot locate. This cable feeds the oil islands, Shoreline Village and the Shoreline Marina. She said the contract states that they cannot pile drive until they locate it. They are looking at possibly redeploying in January.
- Elvira Hallinan spoke about the Coke machine at LBSM gangway GG. She said the outlet has been vandalized and the company is hesitant to move it from that location because it is one of their highest volume machines. They have asked for permission to bolt it to the ground. Elvira will be meeting with Hurley Owens to be sure that, if given permission, it will state in the contract that the company will pay for any damage done to the concrete once the machine is removed. Commissioner Schachter recommend that the machine will be hard-wired in with conduit – no soft connections.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Elvira Hallinan submitted the slip fee proposal for MAC to review and asked for support for these changes for the year 2015. These proposed changes will be presented to the City Council, adopted along with the budget adoption process and will take effect October 1, 2014. The proposed changes are: A 3% fee increase for concrete docks, a 3% increase for temporary assignment slips (TAs), and a 2% increase for wood docks. These increases will generate \$579,778 for the Marina Enterprise. She noted that the City Council has already approved a minimum of 2% annual slip fee increases as necessary to complete the rebuild project. These increases are to ensure that the marina enterprise fund will cover all the operating costs, debt service and generate excess capital (approximately \$2 million) to be reinvested every year in the project. PRM has been working with Financial Management to identify funding for this project. Kaiser Marston and Public Financial Management have developed a strategy for the City to use in order to issue revenue bonds for this project so that the Marina Fund could be marketable.

They found that the City could probably bond for approximately \$30 million. In order for the City to get the best rating possible and the best interest rate on the bond issuance, the City would need to implement annual slip fee increases.

Commissioner Schachter asked why, if the City Council has already stated that they are in favor of a 2% increase are they asking for a 3% increase. Chairman DuRee responded that this is step one. He said that this is the recommendation that will be coming from PRM to the City Council for the budget process, it is up to the MAC to vet this letter regarding the proposed increases and come back with the MAC's response as to whether or not to support the recommendation.

Commissioner Schachter asked Bob Vatz about his comment regarding wood vs. concrete. Bob Vatz said that he agreed that a certain amount of money was needed to start the bond issue for the rebuild, however, as a LBSM boatowner, asked why does he have to pay more than an ABM boatowner. Chairman DuRee responded that the original intent was the other way around. The Commission and the Slip Fee Committee felt it was wrong to charge boatowners on deteriorating wood docks as much as boatowners on newer concrete docks. Also, back when LBSM was being built/re-built, the ABM boatowners with wood docks paid the same rate as LBSM boatowners.

- Chairman DuRee discussed the development of the Slip Fee Sub-Committee to review the proposed slip fee increase. Commissioners Peterson, Schaidle, Schachter and Mayes will sit on this committee. Kevin Hendra, LBMBOA, will also sit on the committee.
- Chairman DuRee discussed the realignment of the MAC subcommittee assignments and the election of new officers. He asked that the commissioners let him know which committee(s) they might like to sit on. He felt that with some of the commissioners absent from this meeting, voting on officers should be held over until next month.
- Commissioner Schaidle asked who the vendor is for the ice cream trucks. Elvira Hallinan said that she would get him that information.
- Commissioner Schaidle asked if the vehicle decals/passes issued to permittees in ABM could be handled the way they are in LBSM, i.e.; reissued annually. Elvira Hallinan said that this is a procedure that she will be implementing.
- Director George Chapjian reported that there is a finalist candidate for the position of Marine Bureau Manager. He said the contract is being negotiated at this time and he hopes that this person will be on-board within the next several weeks.

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

### Marina Operations Report

- Elvira Hallinan gave the slip status report for the month of June. 70 vessels left the marinas; 25 of them as a result of vessel inspections, 17 were cancelled due to non-pay, and some of them were TAs (temporary assignments). The temporary program was initiated to generate revenue during the rebuild process.

### Maintenance Operations Report

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

- Hurley Owens reported that the Preventive Maintenance Supervisor should be starting within the next two weeks. He stated that Marine Maintenance has also interviewed for Maintenance Assistant I, II and III positions, and that he has been given permission to hire 12 more employees.
- Commissioner Gidley asked about the earlier discussion of changing the locks on the restrooms in ABM. Hurley Owens said that the locks were inspected, however there were only a couple of complaints so the locks/keys will not be replaced with another system. Boatowner Alfredo Fernandez said the problem is that people do not know how to use the key and explained how it operates.

### LBFD/Marine Safety Report

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

- Chief Foster said that over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend the beaches experienced some very high tides and large surf. He thanked Don Easterby and his beach crew for the good work they did on building the berms.
- Chief Foster reported that in the first week of the Junior Lifeguard Program five of the kid's bicycles were stolen. Maintenance quickly provided bike racks for the area and LBPD did an undercover operation and caught the individual.

### LBPD/Marine Patrol Report

Joseph Schlobohm, Sergeant, Marine Patrol Detail/LBPD, gave the Marine Patrol status report for June.

- Sergeant Schlobohm reported that July 4<sup>th</sup> went well. Commissioner Schachter stated that all the parking along the LBSM Mole Road was taken up by the boatowners and that with the Parker's gate down there was virtually no traffic going through, which makes it safer.
- Commissioner Schaidle asked if the LBPD could assist Fish and Game with monitoring fishermen on the beach catching fish that are not legal size. Sergeant Hohman said that she will bring up this issue with her Lieutenant.

- Commissioner Schaidle said that Marine Patrol use to be on the beach patrolling, however, since Marine Patrol transferred to LBPD there is no one patrolling the beaches. He said that there is no enforcement to keep people who are drinking, doing drugs and urinating off the beach at night. Sergeant Hohman said she is looking into this issue.

#### Executive MAC

- All items covered

#### Operations Committee

- No meeting held

#### Facilities Committee

- No meeting held

#### Finance Committee

- No meeting held

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- None

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for August 14, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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