



**Date:** September 11, 2014  
**To:** Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Elvira Hallinan, Acting Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2014  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

David Thornburg, Vice Chair  
Darlene Gidley  
Eric Peterson  
Scott Schaidle  
Mike Schachter  
Ted Kuhn  
Tom Mayes  
Mark Turpin

Commissioners Absent

Rick DuRee, Chair

Marine Bureau Personnel

Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marine Bureau  
Vivian Crook, Secretary

City Staff

Randy Foster, Chief, Marine Safety/Lifeguards/LBFD  
Scott Dixon, Capt. Marine Safety/Lifeguards/LBFD  
Hurley Owens, Supt., Marine Maint.  
Don Easterby, Acting Super., Beach Maint.  
Diana Hohman, LBPd Sgt., Marine Patrol Detail  
Jody Schlobohm, Sgt. Marine Patrol Detail

Guests

Alfredo Fernandez, LBMBOA  
Bob Vatz, LBMBOA  
Karl Weimer  
Arnold Haskins  
Dan Jones  
Richard Frickie  
John Callous  
Bob Hubbard  
Bill Vernon  
Parimal M. Rohit  
Larry Goodhue

Vice Chairman Thornburg 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 August 14, 2014, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Arnold Haskins, ABM boatowner, asked for an extension on the cancellation of his slip permit. He said he has had medical issues to deal with and has not been able to work on his boat and get it running.

Elvira Hallinan explained that cancellation letters were sent out to approximately 40 boatowners in Basin 2 who had not yet scheduled an appointment or made any contact with the office regarding having their boat inspected for seaworthiness. She further explained that letters were originally sent out in April and that it is now September, five months later. She said that she needs to continue to move towards the rebuild of Basin 3, and that with the recent mailing of cancellation letters, boatowners are now responding. She said that she might be able to move Mr. Haskins somewhere else to give him time to work on his boat.

Mr. Dan Jones, boatowner, ABM, said that he spoke with Elvira Hallinan at the office and at that time he said he needed four or five days to get a mechanic down to his boat. Elvira responded that this meeting and discussion was held over a month ago. Elvira said that she would speak with Mr. Jones at the end of the meeting to try to come up with a timeline for him to get his boat repaired and running.

- Alfredo Fernandez asked why the LBYC is the gatekeeper of the boat hoist in Basin 4, since the hoist is to be made available to all the marina boatowners. He also asked what kind of revenue is being generated from the hoist. He asked about the long dock at LBYC and stated that in reading the Coastal Commission Environmental Report it states that the long dock belongs to the marina. He said that the wording would need to be changed to show that it belongs to the LBYC, if this is in fact the case. He commented on the gated parking lot at LBYC, saying that the Junior Sailors store their sabots there and asked if the marina is getting revenue for this area. Elvira said that she would look into his questions and have a response for him at next month's meeting.
- Larry Goodhue spoke again about the idea of dry storage for powerboats back in the Sea Dip area. He said that the completion date for the Sea Dip project is 2016.
- Larry Goodhue suggested that the wording of the City Ordinance pertaining to "wading" in Marine Stadium be clarified. He said that people have been "swimming" and suggested that the wording be changed to, "entry into the water is permitted for those engaged in a permitted boating activity." Chief Foster said that prior to four years ago there was an ordinance that said "no swimming/no wading." Four years ago the "wading" portion of the ordinance was removed from the books, this has created difficulty in enforcement in that area. He said that more people have been coming down and trying you use that area as a swimming beach. Commissioner Schaidle stated that the change was made to allow the boater to get off their boat and get to the shore and back without being cited, which now seems to have been written too broadly. Commissioner Schachter agreed. Commissioner Peterson said that the MAC did not want to permit anyone to swim or wade, but the intent was to allow boaters to unload water skiers or wake boarders. He said that it appears better wording is needed and that this item should go to the Operations Committee for review. Chief Foster added that informing bathers that a swimming beach is available at the Colorado Lagoon would be helpful.

- Rick Frickie, ABM boatowner, asked for leniency with regard to the “red tagging” of items on the dock. Elvira Hallinan said that she would review his concerns with staff.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Elvira Hallinan gave an update on the ABM Rebuild. She reported that Southern California Edison (SCE) is working on the electrical and utility lines in the area. She explained that they finish 200 feet every five days. Right now, SCE is working behind West Marine. SCE is trying to be very cognizant of the businesses in the area. Marina Drive will be down to only one lane for approximately one to two weeks, October 1<sup>st</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. On October 10<sup>th</sup> they will turn the corner on Marina Drive. In order not to impact Farmer’s Market during work in the area, the Market will move over two rows. SCE work will probably be done by the beginning of November.

Bellingham Marine Industries (BMI) and the City Manager have signed the contract for the next phase (ABM Basin 2, Gangways 11, 12, 13 and 14). Relocation letters to Basin 2 boatowners should go out this week. Boaters will have until October 19 to move into their temporary slip. Marine Maintenance staff will begin removing reusable material from Basin 2 on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Right now BMI is working with Anchor QEA on the pre-dredge survey. They are hoping to be able to dredge the first week of December. The docks are already being fabricated. Dock delivery will be around the week of Christmas. Boaters should be able to move back into Basin 2 by July 2015.

- Elvira Hallinan reported that she is still waiting for the permits for the ABM Fuel Dock. The project is on hold due to the ADA restroom requirement. She has requested a schedule from Public Works.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A draft of the MAC 2013 Annual Report was distributed and the Commissioners were asked to update the sub-committee sections of the report. Vice Chairman Thornburg asked the sub-committee chairs to submit their updated portion of the Annual Report by next month’s meeting.

## **MARINE BUREAU MANAGER’S REPORT**

### **Marina Operations Report**

- Elvira Hallinan, Manager, gave the slip status report for the month of August. She reported 48 boats left the marina and 29 boats came into the marina. She explained that sixteen of the cancellations were due to boatowners selling their vessels, ten cancellations were for non-payment, eight gave no reason for leaving, and one boatowner went to another marina.

### Beach Maintenance Operations

Don Easterby, Acting Supervisor, Beach Maintenance, gave the Beach Maintenance status report for the month of August.

- Don Easterby reported that August was a very busy month due to the storm surges. He stated that there was little property damage to speak of. He said that the beach is pretty torn up and beach crews are still in the process of cleaning and rebuilding. Chief Foster took the opportunity to state that Don Easterby and the beach crews were heroes over the last two weeks. He said they were out there 24/7. He commented that we all know what happened in Seal Beach with the storms, however in Long Beach not one drop of water got into the street, and it was all due to the efforts of the Beach Maintenance crew. He said preparations were in place (mobile command center on site); residents were notified, sand bags were filled and other departments assisted. He commented on the skilled way in which the Beach Maintenance staff operate the machinery. He explained that the berms were built really high for the first waves, however trying to keep rebuilding them while the storm was breaking was very difficult. Don Easterby reported that no one was injured while operating the equipment. Commissioner Peterson commented that large sections of the breakwater were lost. Commissioner Schachter commented that \$20 million in damage was done to the outer breakwater, yet no damage was done to the homes. Chief Foster explained that the crews would build the berms, then the surfers would climb over the berms breaking them down to get to the surf, then the “lookieloos” would stand on the berms breaking them down to watch the surfers. He said that the crews were trying to build up the berms, which was very difficult because the people would not move. Marine Patrol Officers were called in and did an amazing job of keeping the “lookieloos” off the beach so that Beach Maintenance crew could do their job. He said that the departments really work together as a team and everyone came together, filling in where necessary. Don Easterby remarked that it was a great team effort.

### Maintenance Operations Report

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

- Alfredo Fernandez asked about the decal for the rest room doors that would show boaters how to use the keys. Hurley Owens stated he would look into ordering the decals.
- Hurley Owens commended Don Easterby and the Beach Crew on their outstanding work during the last storm. He also commended Marine Patrol and Lifeguards for their outstanding work.

- Commissioner Schachter asked about the study being done to remove the Federal Breakwater. He felt that it would be good to have a report from Beach Maintenance and Fire/Lifeguards as to what they went through and what had to be done to keep water away from homes, etc., and that this information needs to be communicated to those who are doing the study. He feels it is important that the MAC have some input into this study. Commissioner Peterson said that the City paid \$200,000 for a detailed study done by Moffat and Nichol, and in this report it was clearly stated and highlighted as a clear risk that the removal of the breakwater would expose the oil islands, the homes, the marinas and the Port to damage during these unusual storm periods. He commented that now we have very clear evidence of damage to the seawall, and the Navy Mole Road due a large storm event. Vice Chairman Thornburg said that the Port closed a couple of berths during this storm. Commissioner Schachter added that there are thirteen major breaks along the breakwater.

#### Lbfd/Marine Safety Report

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

- Chief Foster reported that Lifeguards worked alongside Beach Maintenance during the last storm. He stated that hundreds of surfers and kite sailors came down to the surf. Lifeguards fully staffed the East Beach from the Belmont Pier to 72<sup>nd</sup> Place and made 55 swimming rescues and 23 kite sailing rescues. Lifeguards brought in jet skis to make effective rescues inside the surf zone on the oceanfront and inside the channel. Everyone went home safe with no major injuries. Vice Chair Thornburg read from the report that showed 160 more responses this year than last August; 265 more rescues, 344 more minor medical aids and 25 more major medical aids; he thanked Lifeguards for their amazing work.

#### Lbpd/Marine Patrol Report

Diana Hohman, Sergeant, LBPD/Marine Patrol Detail, gave the Marine Patrol status report for August.

- Sergeant Hohman commented on the good work done during the high tide event and was happy that Marine Patrol could assist.
- Sergeant Hohman reported that two new Marine Patrol Officers were hired and started work on August 30.
- Sergeant Hohman said that Marine Patrol is going through a standardization of the Special Services Officers within the City that will incorporate the Marine Patrol Detail with the Park Rangers, the Harbor, and the jails.
- Marine Patrol officers responded to a several complaints of a cat aboard a vessel in LBSM, which turned into the discovery of a narcotics lab aboard the vessel.
- Commissioner Schaidle asked why Marine Patrol officers are not allowed to write enforcement tickets on the beach. Sergeant Hohman said that this is under review and that she has a meeting with her commander to discuss Marine Patrol's level of enforcement. She said that she would like to support Marine Patrol's ability to issue citations. Commissioner Schaidle said that at this time Marine Patrol cannot issue citations. He said Marine Patrol officers have to wait for an LBPD unit to come down and issue the citation, which is a big waste of time, staff, and resources.

### Executive MAC

- All items covered.

### Operations Committee

- The Committee held a discussion on what the Operations Committee should be looking at this coming year.
- Elvira Hallinan stated that she had ask the Operations Committee to review the Kite Surfing Master Plan. Commissioner Schaidle asked if he could sit on this review committee.

### Facilities Committee

- No meeting held.

### Finance Committee

- No meeting held

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- None

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Alfredo Fernandez congratulated Elvira Hallinan on her new position as Manager of the Marine Bureau.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting is set for October 9, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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