



**Date:** February 12, 2016  
**To:** Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marina Bureau  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2016  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

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

Marine Bureau Personnel

Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marine Bureau  
Kurt Borsting, Marine Operations Superintendent  
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Gonzalo Medina, Chief, Marine Safety/LBFD  
Steve Covarubias, Sgt., Marine Patrol Unit/LBFD

Commissioners Absent

Jerry Avila

Guests

Bob Hubbard  
Erick Thoreson

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 January 14, 2016, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted, with the removal of the words: "The December 10, 2015, MAC meeting is CANCELLED" at the bottom of the last page.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Elvira Hallinan reported on the ABM Rebuild Project and stated that Dock 12 will be released at the beginning of March. Marine Bureau staff is working with Bellingham Marine Industries (BMI), getting ready to demolish Basin 3, Gangways 26 through 29. BMI will begin demolition of Basin 3 this April and should be finished in a year.
- During the ABM Rebuild the Bureau is finding that some boatowners do not have the proper insurance, some vessels are not seaworthy, and some vessels are not in the right size slips due to boatowners modifying their vessels without informing the marina office. Also, some of the liveboards are living on vessels that are unseaworthy. These issues are being discovered because the Bureau is requiring boatowners to bring their vessels up to the front office Harbormaster Dock to be inspected.
- Elvira reported that BMI is hoping to work on certain parts of the rebuild concurrently; i.e., demo while still building Docks 10 and 11 to speed up time frame, hoping for everything to be done no later than September/October of 2018. Also, BMI is working on a preliminary schedule for Basins 6 and 7.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- None.

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

### **Marine Bureau Report**

- Kurt Borsting reported that the Bureau is in the early stages of doing some marketing efforts for open slips; i.e., sending flyers out to yacht brokers, boater magazines, and yacht clubs.
- Kurt Borsting reported that the Bureau is currently in the process of recruiting for open Marina Agent positions and has developed a list of (pre-screening) questions to be asked of the applicants. He said there has been a lot of interest in the position. Hopefully, the Bureau will be able to draw from this pool of applicants for a while.
- The Marine Bureau is revisiting past practices regarding operations during the Grand Prix; i.e., the number of wristbands made available in the "Fishbowl" (Rainbow Marina). The City wants a fun, safe event. The City will be reviewing revenues and expenditures looking at future viability with regard to hosting this activity.
- Kurt Borsting is working with Fleet Services to replace two Boston Wailers (ABM and LBSM).

### Marine Maintenance

- Elvira Hallinan reported that last year Marine Maintenance rebuilt the roofs of eight boatowner restrooms and has five left to complete this year. The restrooms will not be refurbished until after 2018, however, due to staff vacancies this year she will use some of the salary savings to remodel the inside of some boatowner restrooms in ABM.
- As part of the DBW loan agreements, the Marine Bureau is required to put away two per-cent (2%) of all revenue into a trust account for LBSM and RBH, to be used for capital projects. There is now \$2 million in that account. In the near future, Superintendent Cory Forrester will be developing a list of projects, which will make use of these funds.

### Beach Maintenance

- Elvira Hallinan reported that Beach Maintenance is still working on maintaining the sand berm on the ocean side of the Peninsula. Elvira and Don Easterby, Superintendent of Beach Maintenance, are looking at working with cities up the L.A. River to try and get them to assist with the cost of disposing of trash that flows down river from upland cities and onto the beaches. Elvira and Don will be working with the City Manager's office and the Governmental Affairs Officer to find out what can be done.

### Marine Safety Operations

- Chief Gonzalo Medina reported that Marine Safety put out a small electrical fire under the dock at the Heritage Yacht Sales location in ABM a couple of days ago.
- Chief Medina reported on the plane crash off Palos Verdes. Marine Safety Lifeguards were one of the first agencies to drop divers and mark the spot where the plane crashed. Marine Safety divers searched the area and at 10 p.m. were released. The operation was then taken over by Coast Guard, and at 6 a.m. the next morning L.A. Sheriffs took over.

### LBPD - Marine Patrol Unit

- Marine Patrol Sergeant Steve Covarubias reported that a change in shifts took place on February 6. Marine Patrol officers reported to their new locations/shifts on February 6.
- Sergeant Covarubias stated that three of the new hires have passed the training program and will be added to the evening shift.
- Marine Patrol is gearing up for upcoming special events; i.e., Grand Prix.
- Sergeant Covarubias reported that two people were held-up at knifepoint at the Aquarium of the Pacific parking structure last week. Marine Patrol Officer Kim Krpan was able to apprehend one of the suspects and with adequate police backup the other suspect was captured. An investigation is ongoing.

### Executive MAC

- No meeting held.

### Operations Committee

- Commissioner Schachter stated that the Committee discussed possible improvements to the traffic flow around Shoreline Village during special events; i.e., the Grand Prix. Kurt Borsting remarked that he would reach out to City's Special Events Planning Team and ask them to meet with the MAC to discuss these ideas.
- Commissioner Schachter stated that he felt the City is missing a big opportunity to become known by the mega yacht world. He suggested the Marine Bureau build a mega dock in LBSM on the outside of the Mole Road just before the first fishing pier. Elvira Hallinan said that this would cost a lot of money to build; i.e., EIR, eel grass study, Regional Water Control Board, etc., but that she could add it to the CIP list of things to look at (feasibility study). Mike Schachter said that he would look into it further and draft something for the MAC to review.

### Facilities Committee

- No meeting held.
- Eric Lopez, Tidelands Development Officer, will attend next month's meeting.

### Finance Committee

- Commissioner Peterson reviewed the PRM Marine Bureau Operations expenditures and revenues report with the commissioners. He stated that the 2015 actuals vs. budget in expenditures shows \$860,000 total in net savings.

## **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Peterson stated that on January 21, he read an article in the newspaper about the \$3 million study to be done (cost to be borne by the City of Long Beach taxpayers) on the removal of the breakwall. He said that last year he saw at least three articles in the Press Telegram that talked about damage from last year's storms and the cost of repairs; i.e., the LBSM Mole Road, etc.

He asked why this money is being spent when two studies have already been done and paid for. He listed the findings of the studies:

- The Port was never designed to be exposed open ocean;
- The Oil Islands were never designed to be exposed to open ocean;
- LBSM was never designed to be exposed open ocean;
- The Navy load their ships inside the breakwall – not designed to be exposed open ocean;
- The entire Peninsula will be exposed to serious impact and serious damage should the breakwall be removed.

He recommended that the MAC draft a letter requesting no further funds be spent on another study, considering the previous data compiled from two previous studies.

Chairman DuRee asked Commissioner Peterson to draft a letter for the Commission's review, stating that the MAC go on record as opposing any further expenditure of City funds on study, removal or reconfiguration of the Long Beach Breakwater.

Commissioner Peterson said he would have a draft letter for the MAC to review at their next meeting.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

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