



**Date:** November 15, 2013  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Elvira Hallinan, Acting Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2013  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

Rick DuRee, Chair  
Darlene Gidley, Vice Chair  
Peter Hogenson  
Eric Peterson  
Mike Schachter  
Scott Schaidle  
Ted Kuhn  
Randy Crawford  
David Thornburg

Marine Bureau Personnel

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

City Staff

Jeff Garcia, LBPD Sgt. Marine Patrol Unit  
Randy Foster, Chief, Marine Safety/Lifeguards/LBFD  
Don Easterby, Interim.Supt., Beach Maint.  
Julie Maleki, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. Council

Commissioners Absent

Guests

Bob Vatz, LBMBOA  
Christine Whitcraft, FOCL  
Taylor Parker - FOCL

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 October 10, 2013, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Elvira Hallinan gave a review of the Basin 5 Rebuild. She noted that letters had been mailed to residents on the Peninsula explaining procedures that will be occurring with the rebuild. She said that Bellingham is moving fast on rebuild and is two weeks ahead of schedule. They should be done with piling pulling by tomorrow and hope to start dredging.
- Elvira Hallinan said that she spoke with the Director and asked him about the MAC's letter to the City Manager's office regarding splitting the 401/403 Fund costs. She said that she has not received a response. She did say that this last fiscal year Hurley Owens, Marine Maintenance Superintendent, went through all his work orders and found \$293,000 in Fund 403 that should have been charged to Fund 401. These funds were shifted back into Fund 401 and from this point on charges will be charged to the correct fund. She said by the end of this Fiscal Year we should see a clearer picture as to how much 403 funds had been used in 401 areas.
- Elvira Hallinan reported on Basins 2 and 3 and said that the City is working with Kaiser Marston, financial analyst. She said she should receive a report by the first of December. Basin 2 and 3 waterside costs will equal \$43.3 million.
- Elvira Hallinan reported that nothing has changed regarding the ABM Fuel Dock. Public Works is still hoping to get the permit on the Coastal Commission Agenda in January. If they can get on the January agenda they will start work in March and must be done by the first of May. If they cannot get on the agenda in January, they will wait and start work in September.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Taylor Parker, Education Director of the Friends of the Colorado Lagoon (FOCL), introduced Dr. Christine Whitcraft, President of FOCL. Christine is a professor of biology at CSULB and lives in the neighborhood. Christine spoke to the MAC and said that FOCL planted 14,000 plants along the whole western arm of the Lagoon and they are now working on the section closest to the golf course. Some of the Commissioners commented on how good the Lagoon looks and thanked the FOCL for a job well done.
- Elvira Hallinan spoke regarding the coastal permit for expansion of the Rosie's dog beach. The intent of the expansion is not only to make it larger, as it is a highly used area, but to also make it handicap accessible and try to stop some of the traffic that cuts across diagonally. She said they are trying to find a way to delineate the dog beach and help with enforcement. She said that Hurley Owens has been working with an artist to develop signs (art work) for the area.

## **BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT**

### Marina Operations Report

Elvira Hallinan gave the report on the slip status for the month of October.

- The In and Out Report shows eight vessels came in and eight vessels left in the month of October. Most people state that they are leaving the marina because they have sold their vessel or are leaving the area.

### Maintenance Operations Report

Don Easterby, Superintendent, Beach Maintenance, gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of October.

- Don Easterby reported that the Peninsula has gained beach area due to the beach replenishment program introducing sand at 62 Place, which has a trickle effect depositing sand down along the beach.
- Don Easterby reported on fencing along the bluff and the second phase of the stabilization project. Public Works is installing another gabion wall to help stabilize the area. He said he would bring plans for viewing to next month's meeting.

### LBFD/Marine Safety Report

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

- Lifeguards are gearing up for another safe boating PR campaign along the Peninsula.
- Lifeguards just completed their annual swift water rescue-training program.

### LBPD/Marine Patrol Report

Jeff Garcia, LBPD Sergeant, Marine Patrol Unit, gave the Marine Patrol status report for October.

- Sgt. Garcia reported zero outboard thefts this last month.
- Sgt. Garcia reported that there have been a few vehicle accidents along the Mole Road in LBSM due to speeding. LBPD motor officers have been assigned to the area and are issuing citations.
- Sgt. Garcia reported an increase in smuggling (pangas). He said smugglers are bypassing Long Beach and going up to Oxnard. The State National Guard has increased their flights from one every two weeks to two flights per week with good success. They are asking the boating community to keep their eyes open for any suspicious vehicles, i.e., large vehicles, U-Halls, in the parking lots waiting to pick up drugs/people.
- Sgt. Garcia reported that they will be hiring three additional officers and added that Sgt. Dennis Sullivan will be retiring at the end of December.

- Commissioner Schachter asked who controls the gate arm at Parkers in LBSM. He said that it has been closing early (8 p.m.). Sgt. Garcia said it could be a timer issue and that he would check into it.
- Commissioner Schachter said that since the beaches are not really being patrolled much he has noticed that there are a lot of people beyond the LBSM fuel dock at night, and that they are sleeping/camping on the beach. Sgt. Garcia said that this is a huge issue that has not been resolved. He acknowledged that crimes are being committed, and encouraged people to call LBPD when they see suspicious activity. Sgt. Garcia said he would ask about the use of K-9 Units to respond to issues on the beach.

#### Executive MAC

- All items covered

#### Operations Committee

- All items covered

#### Facilities Committee

- Next meeting - January

#### Finance Committee

- Next meeting – January

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- None

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Chairman DuRee reminded everyone that the monthly MAC meeting and all sub-committee meetings would be dark in December.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next meeting is set for January 9, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. at the **Long Beach Yacht Club**.

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