



Date: April 15, 2008
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2008
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Holly Carpenter, Vice Chairwoman
Richard Turrentine
Harry Hutton
Randy Crawford
Scott Schaidle
Peter Hogenson
Darlene Gidley

Commissioners Absent

Bradley Whyte, Chairman
Mike Reed

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager
Beverly Glavas, Special Projects Officer
Vivian Crook, Secretary

City Staff

Louie Martinet, Capt., Marine Safety, LBFD
Bill Money, Sergeant, LBPDP-MP Unit
Tom Shippey, Manager, Maint.Ops.Bureau
Christine Sanburg, Superintendent, Marine Maint.
Alan Kosoff, Analyst, PRM
Julie Maleki, 2nd Dist., City Council

Guests

Joe Nicotera, LBMBOA
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA
Darren Kopp, Shoreline Media
Carla Collado, Grunion Gazette
Melinda Cotton
Greg Stroup
Elise Loeb

Vice Chairwoman Carpenter convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners, and introduced City staff and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The March 13, 2008 MAC minutes were reviewed and approved with a notation by Commissioner Hutton that the Finance Committee Report was submitted for filing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Don Cobleigh distributed copies of the LBMBOA newsletter and informed the MAC that they were welcome to submit any articles relating to boating to the newsletter for publishing. He also extended an invitation to the MAC members to attend the Seal Beach Yacht Club's Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday, May 3, 2008.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mark Sandoval gave an overview of last month's presentation of the Green Bin Program by J.C. Squires. He introduced Darren Kopp, who gave more details regarding the Green Bin Program, responding to specific requests submitted by the MAC. Mr. Kopp gave new information regarding size and location of bins along the beach. He stated that during the summer peak season, more bins would be provided and there would be more collections made. He said that some bins would be removed from certain areas during the winter months, and if more bins were needed for events they would be installed.

Mark Sandoval stated that the City would have a guaranteed minimum income of \$52,000 to \$76,000 a year initially, based on the number of bins placed. There would be no cost to the City for the bins, recycling, maintenance, or clean up. This would be a five-year initial contract with two five-year options. He explained that this was a proposal made to the City, not a response to a Request for Proposal. He believed that the new information presented addressed all of the MAC's concerns expressed at the last meeting.

Tom Shippey commented that the bins will not change the way custodial staff operates.

Commissioner Crawford said that this is not a new program, that others have made this presentation in the past. Also, there was no prototype available for them to look at, and no history to know what possible problems there might be. He said he is worried about the five-year guaranteed contract, and that there is no test program.

Mark Sandoval countered that this program is not the same as the ones presented in the past. Those proposals wanted to simply advertise on the trashcans. This program addresses recycling and the City does not pay a dime. This program is a revenue source.

Commissioner Turrentine asked what the loss or the downside to the City would be. He said the City is not paying for the bins, clean up, maintenance, or the recycling process.

It was moved by Commissioner Gidley and seconded by Commissioner Turrentine that the MAC accept the Green Bin Program as presented. Commissioners Gidley, Turrentine, and Carpenter were in favor. Commissioners Hutton, Crawford, Whyte (by proxy), and Schaidle were opposed. Commissioner Hogenson abstained. The motion failed.

Another discussion began with various suggestions by the MAC, i.e., reducing the length of the program and the number of bins.

Mark Sandoval remarked that at last month's meeting the MAC had asked if the program could be changed with regard to the length of the program, the color of the bins, the size of the bins, and that all those requests have been accommodated.

Commissioner Turrentine asked if this program is established anywhere else. Mr. Kopp stated that this program is working in the inner city with great success. Mark Sandoval added that advertising on trashcans has been successful in Huntington Beach and other beach cities.

Vice Chairwoman Carpenter encouraged MAC members to look at the whole picture, i.e., recycling, revenue source for the City, cleaner beaches, removal of ugly trashcans.

Mark Sandoval said that there needs to be time for the company to recoup the cost of their investment, and to see how the program is working. He said that if by some chance there were a ground swell of opposition to the program, he was sure the City would somehow find a way to buy out of the contract, but that he could not imagine this happening.

Commissioner Turrentine remarked that this item would go before the City Council and that at that time the public can make their feelings known.

It was moved by Commissioner Gidley and seconded by Commissioner Turrentine that the MAC accept the Green Bin Program as newly presented. Commissioners Gidley, Turrentine, and Carpenter were in favor. Commissioners Hutton, Crawford, Whyte (by proxy), and Schaidle opposed. Commissioner Hogenson abstained. The motion failed.

Commissioner Schaidle proposed a new motion for the program with a one-year buy-out option.

It was moved by Commissioner Schaidle and seconded by Commissioner Gidley that the MAC support the Green Bin Program as newly presented with a one-year buy-out option. Commissioners Gidley, Hutton, Schaidle, Carpenter and Turrentine voted in favor. Commissioners Crawford and Whyte (by proxy) voted against. Commissioner Hogenson abstained. The motion passed.

- Mark Sandoval presented the MAC Annual Report and asked the MAC for its approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Hutton that the MAC approve the MAC Annual Report for 2007 to be submitted to the Mayor and the City Council. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark presented the Annual Southern California Marina Survey, which compares amenities between marinas up and down the California coast. The survey was received and filed.

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the report of the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Monthly Fund Budget Report for ABM/LBSM/RBH, the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina, and the Slip Status Report for the month of March.

- Mark Sandoval reported that according to the slip status report there is a waiting list in every size. However, the Waiting List is down as some applicants did not renew. He commented that we now know who are the serious applicants.
- Mark Sandoval met with California Coastal Commissioner Burke last Monday. (Commissioner Burke is leading the charge to not allow the slip mix of a marina to be changed during a rebuild. He is pushing to freeze the slip mix in Marina Del Rey.) Mark explained to him how Long Beach is handling the rebuild of Alamitos Bay. He informed Mr. Burke that the boatowner's association is not complaining about how the rebuild is being handled. He also explained to him that Long Beach is not removing current boaters to accomplish the rebuild, and thus is losing money by not filling empty slips. He said he believes Commissioner Burke is in support of the ABM rebuild project.

Maintenance Operations Report

Superintendent Sanburg gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of March.

- Chris Sanburg said that all pump-outs were working last month, and are still working. Mark Sandoval said that grant money from the Marina Recreation Association is used to fund the maintenance service program for the pump-outs. The service does weekly inspections of the pump-outs. The City pays for any repairs necessary.
- Commissioner Hutton asked how the dismantling and storage of Christmas trees and the disposal of old fingers falls under Preventative Maintenance. Chris Sanburg said that it was put under the wrong heading. Mark Sandoval explained that preventive maintenance staff walk the docks looking for problems and fixes them. He said that they are not responding to a generated work order, they are proactive. Commissioner Hutton asked if there was a written preventative maintenance program for the marinas. Chris Sanburg said that they have some minor standards they follow, and they are getting back into doing regular dock inspections as they had lapsed for a while. She explained that preventative Maintenance staff is responsible for things like ensuring fire extinguishers are maintained. Tom Shippey said that Maintenance will be developing a preventative maintenance program specifically for LBSM, and will also develop one for ABM after the rebuild.
- Tom Shippey said that Maintenance is getting close to having the capability of splitting ABM and DTM work orders for the MAC report.
- A boatowner remarked that boaters are still having problems getting their work order requests registered in the system. He said they aren't always getting a work order number or the help they need. Chris Sanburg explained that boaters should call the Maintenance office during the day and speak to the maintenance clerk who will input their request immediately and give them a tracking number. She said that if there is no one in the office, the boater can leave their message and their phone number for a call back and staff will call them back with the work order number. He said he would get the word out to the boatowners and try to ease their frustration. Don Cobleigh remarked that he and his wife have left their information and their phone number for a call back a number of times, but never received a call back. He said the procedure she described is not being followed. Chris Sanburg said that she would talk to her staff and ensure that her staff does make callbacks.

Marine Safety Report

Captain Martinet gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of March.

- The new rescue boat is now in service and actively patrolling. The second boat is due to be delivered in June and will be in service this summer.
- Lifeguards will have a rescue boat in the LBSM and RBH during the Grand Prix to restrict "lookyloos".
- Eighty people tried out for the Lifeguard test on Saturday.
- The noise abatement program is in operation. Marine Safety will try to educate owners of loud boats on how to be better, more courteous and conscientious neighbors by keeping the noise level down. Lifeguards now have two new noise meters on the rescue boats, one for Marine Stadium and one for LBSM.
- Mark Sandoval said that he has placed purchase order to install 16 new volleyball nets on the beach.

LBPDP MP Unit Report

Marine Patrol Sergeant Bill Money, LBPDP MP Unit, reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of March.

- Sergeant Money thanked Mark Sandoval and his staff for getting the new Vendor ID Badge program instituted a few weeks ago. He reported that recently a suspicious person, who was working on boats in the marina, was unable to provide the proper ID badge when approached by Marine Patrol staff. He was checked out and found to have a no bail warrant for explosives. When Marine Patrol officers inspected his vehicle they found compartments full of pad locks, mailbox keys, boatowner keys, switches, etc.
- Sergeant Money reported that a couple of weeks ago a warning notice for officer safety was issued regarding a San Pedro gang from Wilmington. The notice indicated that this gang has put a "green light" out to shoot any police officer that confronts them. A Marine Patrol officer recently made contact with one of these gang members while on patrol, and after a consensual search a weapon was found on him, and also one in the car. This gang member had three felony counts for parole violation.
- Commissioner Schaidle asked when LBPDP will start enforcing the red zones in the area of the Alamitos parking lot. Sgt. Money said that Marine Patrol has held off on citing in this area until the public can be educated. He said that people have been parking there for years. He said they will begin enforcement, however they want to educate the public before they start citing.
- Commissioner Schaidle commented that the MOU with LBPDP/Marine Patrol Unit is outdated and asked when it will be reviewed. Mark Sandoval said that it is up for review and that the two departments are going to set a meeting to discuss restructure.
- Mark Sandoval addressed the notice of public hearing that was distributed to the MAC regarding the Marine Stadium fence. He explained that this is a notice for the hearing. The next step is a hearing before the Zoning Administrator (a Planning and Building public employee), if appealed it will go before the Planning Commission, and if appealed again it will go before the Coastal Commission. He said that it could not be appealed to the City Council.

Executive MAC

- All items covered.

Operations Committee

- All items covered.

Facilities Committee

- Commissioner Hutton reported that the Public Works report had bogus numbers. He said they the Committee needs correct estimates as to when things will be done. Mark Sandoval said he that will discuss this information with Dennis Eschen, who is the Department's coordinator with Public Works.

Finance and Information Committee

- Nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Schaidle remarked again that the MOU with Patrol is outdated, and that some things officers do and some things they no longer do. He volunteered to sit on a committee if developed.

Mark Sandoval said that there is a Security Task Force that looks at security on the beach, in the parks, and in the dog zone. He did say that everything comes with a price tag and that there is not an unlimited source of funds available. He would like to see the things needed on the beach enhanced. He believes the real issue occurring on the sand is security.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting is set for **May 8, 2008**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk