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**Attachments:**

1. December 21, 2007 E Mail from Mark Sandoval to Chuck Posner: California Coastal Commission

2. Contained in February 4, 2008 Memo to City Council from PRM: Last paragraph.

3. Tape of the May 15, 2008 Zoning Hearing: 0802-01

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*WBA 1/6/09*

**From:** Mark Sandoval [mailto:Mark\_Sandoval@longbeach.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 20, 2007 6:09 AM  
**To:** Chuck Posner  
**Subject:** MARINE STADIUM

Chuck, we are most likely moving forward with removal of the entire chain link fence on the south side of Marine Stadium. About 1/2 of it will be replaced with a more decorative fence, and the other 1/2 will not be replaced at all. The 2 to 3-foot masonry wall will stay intact. The use of the Stadium will not change. One resident is claiming this is in violation of the Coastal Act. That is not true, correct? Also, this does not need a Coastal Permit, does it?

Thanks,

Mark



**Subject** RE: MARINE STADIUM FENCE

Mark - Access is good. It looks like the project falls entirely within the City's permit jurisdiction (in the appealable area where local coastal development permits can be appealed to the Commission). The Coastal Act Public Access policies state:

**Section 30210 Access; recreational opportunities; posting**

In carrying out the requirement of Section 4 of Article X of the California Constitution, maximum access, which shall be conspicuously posted, and recreational opportunities shall be provided for all the people consistent with public safety needs and the need to protect public rights, rights of private property owners, and natural resource areas from overuse. (Amended by Ch. 1075, Stats. 1978.)

**Section 30211 Development not to interfere with access**

Development shall not interfere with the public's right of access to the sea where acquired through use or legislative authorization, including, but not limited to, the use of dry sand and rocky coastal beaches to the first line of terrestrial vegetation.

Please also check the LCP for any relevant provisions relating to Marine Stadium and access in general.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mark Sandoval [mailto:Mark\_Sandoval@longbeach.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 21, 2007 6:11 AM  
**To:** Chuck Posner  
**Cc:** Gary Timm; Teresa Henry; Phil Hester; Julie Maleki  
**Subject:** RE: MARINE STADIUM FENCE

Chuck:

Attached is the conceptual plan:

This will enhance access, and we have open beach all over the City, so security is not an issue except to Larry Goodhue. In addition, we did a survey, and the majority of the adjacent homeowners want it down in the area want to take it down.

Let me know what you think.

*LET # 1*



FEB 5

Date: February 4, 2008  
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager  
From: Phil T. [Signature], Director, Recreation and Marine  
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council  
Subject: COUNCIL APPEARANCE BY LARRY GOODHUE

This memo will supply background information on the issue discussed by Larry Goodhue during the public comment section of the two most recent City Council meetings.

This issue involves the recommended removal of part of the chain-link fence that separates the homes and Marine Stadium on the south side, along Appian Way. Mr. Goodhue claims that a removal of any part of the fence will denigrate the use of Marine Stadium.

The following points counter Mr. Goodhue's assertion:

- > Marine Stadium has never been closed to pedestrian access. There is no fence on the north shore or the northwest end, and the fence on the south shore contains pedestrian access points that are always open.
- > Vehicular access will not be altered under the plan.
- > Use of Marine Stadium as a boating venue and special event venue will not be changed.
- ② Only one annual event (circle boat races) requires a secure venue, because it is a ticketed event, and the promoter can fence the venue temporarily for the event.
- > The process to obtain permission to remove part of the fence includes obtaining a Local Coastal Development Permit. According to Long Beach Development Services staff, this could entail a Zoning Administrator hearing, a Planning Commission hearing, and possibly a Coastal Commission hearing. In any event, assertions of Coastal Act violations will be vetted during this process, which has been initiated.
- ② Staff could identify no impact to historical significance of the fence adjacent to Marine Stadium.

Despite Mr. Goodhue's statements to the contrary, the Police Department's Marine Safety Division, nor Dick Miller (former Marine Bureau Manager), are opposed to this course of action, as long as rule signage is sufficient.

LIE #2

I have provided below a summary of the steps that have been taken by the City with regards to this proposed fence alteration:

Approximately two years ago, the Marine Bureau received a petition signed by approximately 40 residents that about Marine Stadium's south shore, seeking the removal for the chain-link fence adjacent to the stadium. Staff waited to address the issue until the City Council election took place and a new Councilperson was seated. Early last year, the issue was discussed with Councilmember DeLong, and it was agreed that a neighborhood survey would be the most reasonable starting point to evaluate this resident request.

Over the past year, two surveys were completed, a public meeting was held, and the issue was discussed at the Marine Advisory Commission (MAC) on a number of occasions. Results of the neighborhood surveys supported the following action:

- Remove the chain link fence from the Marine Stadium entrance to the vehicle gate, located at the launch ramp gate arm (about La Verne Avenue), and replace it with a decorative fence on top of the short masonry wall.
- Removal of the fence from the gate arm to the end of the Stadium, retaining and repairing the masonry wall.

At the January MAC meeting, a recommendation to proceed with this course of action was supported on a vote of 7-1-1. The FY2008 budget contains \$300,000 to address this issue.

Mr. Goodhue attended the MAC meeting and spoke against the recommendation, and is now taking his case to City Council.

At City Council, Mr. Goodhue also spoke about the removal of the 3S structure in the stadium. This structure is a concrete viewing stand at the finish line established for rowing regattas. It is covered on three sides, and unfortunately, provides an excellent location for illegal activity to occur and go undetected. Marine Bureau staff has been working with the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Rowing Association to develop alternatives, including the purchase of a temporary structure that could be installed when needed for rowing regattas, which would enable the removal of this structural nuisance. The City will ensure that the rowing community is supportive of any action we may take concerning this structure.

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