

2018

# Marine Advisory Commission Annual Report



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2018  
Annual Report**

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## **PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE**

### **Mission and Goals**

#### Mission

We create community and enhance the quality of life in Long Beach through people, places, program, and partnerships.

#### Goals

- Ensure open space, parks, and recreational facilities meet community needs.
- Ensure City parks and recreational facilities provide a positive experience and image.
- Ensure recreational programming, leisure opportunities, and community services meet the diverse needs and interests of residents and visitors.
- Ensure beaches, waterways, and marine amenities are accessible and provide a positive experience and image.
- Ensure marinas are fiscally sound and meet boat owner and community needs.

## **MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

### **Mission**

**To enhance and preserve the beaches, waterways and adjoining facilities of the City of Long Beach.**

## MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

### Membership

The Marine Advisory Commission was established by the City Council by minute order on May 1, 1956, LBMC Chapter 2.48. Commission members serving in calendar year from January - June 2018 were:

Jerry Avila  
Rick DuRee  
Ted Kuhn

Tom Mayes  
Eric Peterson  
Mike Schachter

Peter Schnack  
David Thornburg  
Mark Turpin



Commission members serving in calendar year from July - December 2018 were:

Jerry Avila *Not in photo*  
Camille Daniels  
Ted Kuhn

Elizabeth Lambe  
Theresa Marino  
Tom Mayes

Peter Schnack *Not in photo*  
David Thornburg  
Mark Turpin



### **Powers and Duties of the Commission**

The duties and responsibilities of the Marine Advisory Commission are as follows:

- To consult with and advise the City Council and/or City staff on matters in formulating City policies regarding marinas, beaches, waterways, near shore areas adjacent thereto and facilities thereon.
- To study and analyze problems referred to it by the City Council and/or City staff, for the purpose of evaluation and recommendation of policy to the City.
- To perform such other functions as are specifically conferred on the Commission by the City Council.
- To conduct hearings of appeal of any cancellation of a permit issued pursuant to Chapter 16.08 of the Municipal Code 16.08.330.
- To analyze requests of groups or individuals, and make recommendations designed to ensure that areas within the Marine Bureau's jurisdiction provide the widest possible benefits to the greatest number of people.

**FORMAL ACTIONS OF THE MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

**March 8, 2018**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Schnack, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve the recommendation to endorse the submission of a fee waiver requested by the Seal Beach Yacht Club to the Long Beach City Council in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the use of dock space for visiting vessels in Alamitos Bay Marina for the Seal Beach to Dana Point race and the Marina Del Rey to Alamitos Bay regatta. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

**April 12, 2018**

- A motion was made by Commissioner DuRee, seconded by Commissioner Kuhn to approve recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, consider the Appeal from Bill Barker dba Grand Romance Riverboat; and deny the Appeal and uphold the decision of the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine to terminate Permit No 27350 for commercial operation of the Grand Romance Riverboat from the Rainbow Harbor. (District 2) The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

**May 10, 2018**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Mayes, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve recommendation for the placement locations of memorial or commemorative benches. (Citywide) The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Commissioner Schnack, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve recommendation to receive and file the Peninsula Beach Sand Management Pilot Study Presentation. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mayes, seconded by Commissioner Kuhn, to approve recommendation to approve for submission to City Council Marine Advisory Commission Annual Report for 2017. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

## **June 14, 2018**

- A motion was made by Vice Chair Turpin, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve recommendation for noise variance for the 2018 Long Beach Sprint Nationals Event. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mayes, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to approve recommendation for the placement locations of memorial or commemorative benches. (Citywide) The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

## **July 12, 2018**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Schnack, seconded by Vice Chair Turpin, to approve the recommendation to approve a 2% slip fee increase for FY19 effective October 1, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Commissioner Marino, seconded by Commissioner Kuhn, to approve the recommendation to Receive and File the Fiscal Year 2017, Marina Revenue Bonds Series 2015 Annual Report/Information to Investors and Fitch Rating Report. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Commissioner Schnack, seconded by Commissioner Marino, to approve recommendation to support the transfer of ownership of the American Pride Tall Ship from the City of Long Beach to the Los Angeles Maritime Institute (LAMI), a California non-profit corporation; and submit a ten-year operating permit for vessel mooring and operations at Rainbow Harbor for the purposes of hands on, educational programs at-sea aboard the American Pride to City Council for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

## **August 9, 2018**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Mayes, seconded by Commissioner Kuhn, to approve recommendation of the Election of Officers to the Marine Advisory Commission (MAC) nominating David Thornburg to a second term as the Chair of MAC. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mayes, seconded by Commissioner Thornburg, to approve recommendation of the Election of Officers to the Marine Advisory Commission (MAC) nominating Mark Turpin to a second term as the Vice Chair of MAC. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

- A motion was made by Vice Chair Turpin, seconded by Commissioner Mayes, to approve recommendation to combine the Operations, Maintenance, Tidelands committees. The meetings will be held every other month, same day as the MAC meeting. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
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- A motion was made by Vice Chair Turpin, seconded by Commissioner Mayes, to amend the recommendation to combine the Operations and Maintenance committees. Meetings are to be held every other month, the day of the MAC meeting. The Tidelands meetings will remain quarterly. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

### **September 13, 2018**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Marino, seconded by Commissioner Lambe, to approve recommendation to support to enter into a nonexclusive Right of Entry Permit with Orange County Coastkeeper, a nonprofit organization, to enhance the existing Olympia Oyster beds at Jack Dunster Marine Biological Reserve, from October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, with one, two-year renewal option. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Commissioner Schnack, seconded by Commissioner Kuhn, to approve recommendation to receive and file the Alamitos Bay Marina Safety Security Enhancement Survey. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mayes, seconded by Commissioner Marino, to approve recommendation to approve the placement locations of memorial or commemorative benches outlined in Attachment "A". (Citywide) The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

### **November 8, 2018**

- A motion was made by Vice Chair Turpin, seconded by Commissioner Marino, to approve recommendation to approve the placement locations of memorial or commemorative benches outlined in Attachment "A". (Citywide) The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous



# MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION

## ATTENDANCE RECORD – 2018

Commissioner	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Present	Absent
Jerry Avila	X	A	A	X	A	X	X	A	A	0	A	0	4	6
Camille Daniels							A	X	A	0	X	0	2	2
Rick DuRee	X	X	A	X	A	X							4	2
Ted Kuhn	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	0	9	1
Elizabeth Lambe							A	X	X	0	X	0	3	1
Theresa Marino							X	X	X	0	X	0	4	0
Tom Mayes	X	X	A	X	X	X	A	X	X	0	X	0	8	2
Eric Peterson	X	X	X	X	X	X							6	0
Michael Schachter	X	X	X	X	X	X							6	0
Peter Schnack	X	A	X	X	X	A	X	A	X	0	Resigned 11/5/18		6	3
David Thornburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	0	10	0
Mark Turpin	X	A	A	X	A	X	X	X	A	0	X	0	6	4

Note:

X = Present

A = Absent

0 = No Meeting

The Marine Advisory Commission meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club and are open to the public.

**CITY PERSONNEL ASSISTING THE MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Gerardo Mouet, Director, Parks, Recreation and Marine

Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marinas & Beaches

Tamalyn Sayre, Secretary, Marine Bureau

Moria Khou, Administrative Analyst, Marine Bureau

Ryan Yakus, Administrative Aide, Marine Bureau

Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations

Kimarie Vestre, Supervisor, Alamitos Bay Marina

Cory Forrester, Superintendent, Beach Maintenance

Keisha Sanker, Clerk Typist, Beach Maintenance

Eric Woodson, Superintendent, Marine Maintenance

Eric Lyon, Supervisor, Marine Facility Maintenance

Andrea Fogarty, Clerk Typist, Marine Maintenance

Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, COLB

Steven Covarubias, Special Services Officer IV, LBPD/Marine Patrol Unit

Gonzalo Medina, Lifeguard Chief, LBFD/Marine Safety Division

Scott Dixon, Lifeguard Captain, LBFD/Marine Safety Division

Omar Naranjo, Lifeguard Captain, LBFD/Marine Safety Division

David Guerra, Lifeguard Captain, LBFD/Marine Safety Division

Mouhsen Habib, Project Manager Tidelands, Public Works

Joshua Hickman, Project Manager Tidelands, Public Works

## **MARINE BUREAU – STRATEGIC PLAN**

(Adopted in 1999)

### **Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the City's Marinas to enhance the quality of life of users of the City's beach and marine environment through continuous, cost efficient and effective delivery of needed services as characterized by safe, clean, well-maintained, attractive and secure beach and marine facilities.

### **Goals and Objectives**

Goal #1 – To ensure both short and long term financial stability of the City's Marinas through the use of competitive fees and charges supplemented by other needed revenues to support operating expenditures and capital.

Objective 1 – Identify the three Marina facilities: Downtown, Alamitos Bay and Rainbow Harbor, as three separate cost and revenue centers within the overall framework of the City's Marina Enterprise Fund.

Objective 2 – Identify the City's beaches and other marina environment as independent cost and revenue centers within the City's Marina Enterprise Fund.

Objective 3 – Maintain a minimum occupancy rate of (October 1, 1998) 85% for available slips at the Downtown Marina and 93% at Alamitos Bay.

Objective 4 – Identify and allocate support services costs, including administration, police, fire and maintenance to the Bureau's four cost centers.

Objective 5 – Establish user fees and charges at the three facilities that cover the costs reasonably born by the City and Bureau in providing desired services while maintaining competitive position in private market place.

Goal #2 – To ensure desired amenities are made available to the Marina's users.

Objective 6 – Develop a Master Plan for the Downtown and Alamitos Bay facilities that will guide current and future infrastructure renewal and expansion for 1999-2020.

Objective 7 – Secure needed funding for implementing adopted Master Plans at both Downtown and Alamitos Bay facilities.

Goal #3 – To provide outstanding (quality) services to Marina users.

Objective 8 – Conduct customer services training for Marine Bureau staff

Goal #4 – To provide for the safety and well being of users at the City's Marina facilities.

Objective 9 – Establish a Trust Fund to support needed capital improvements to eliminate current and future deferred maintenance of an annual appropriation of 10% of gross income.

Objective 10 – Maintain minimum staffing levels for police and fire services to ensure timely response to calls for service at Marina facilities.

## COMMISSION COMMITTEES

### Marine and Beach Maintenance / Operations Committees

The Committees met in January, February, March, April, June, September, and November prior to the Marine Advisory Commission (MAC) meetings. In July, the Commission voted to combine the Operations and Maintenance Committee meetings, and to hold the meetings every other month the same day as the MAC meeting. The Committee reviewed the MAC agenda items and discussed maintenance and operational issues impacting the marinas and beaches.

The Committees discussed the following topics:

- Alamitos Bay Rebuild and related funding
- Maintenance of Shoreline Marina
- The fuel dock rebuild/funding in Shoreline Marina.
- The fuel dock rebuild/funding in Alamitos Bay.
- Strategies for increasing the number of slips filled in all marinas, particularly to reduce loss of revenue.
- Lighting in Shoreline Marina area
- Security camera project in Rainbow Harbor
- Slip fee review and recommendations.
- Marketing opportunities.
- Alamitos Bay Marina rebuild
- DTM fuel dock replacement
- Peninsula beach erosion mitigation options
- Beach restroom remodeling/replacement
- Shoreline Marina's restroom remodeling/replacement
- Alamitos Beach improvements and concession planning

## **Tidelands Capital Projects Committee**

The Tidelands Capital Projects Committee met in February, May, August and October and followed the progress on a variety of projects as reported in Committee meetings with City staff. During each meeting, Committee members made suggestions and recommendations relative to several projects.

Specific projects reviewed by the Committee during the year included the following:

- Pine Avenue pier safety railing
- East San Pedro Bay restoration study
- Leeway Sailing Center pier, dock and shed rebuild
- Belmont Pier Revitalization
- Belmont Pier storm damage repairs
- Belmont Pier Feasibility study
- Naples Seawall Phase 2
- Bayshore swim dock
- Colorado Lagoon restoration

## **Finance Committee**

During FY 2018, the Finance Committee continued to monitor, analyze financial performance for the Marina and non-marina Tidelands area.

The Committee working with the Manager of Marinas and Beaches continued to review, recommend and support ABM Bond Requirements.

The Committee working with the Manager of Marinas and Beaches reviewed and supported the recommendation to approve the 2019 Slip increases. Slip revenues comprise over 80% of the total Marina Fund revenues. In order to successfully sell the Bonds, the City is required to maintain the Marina Fund in a sound financial condition with a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 1.25X. Therefore, City Council authorized an annual slip rent increase of a minimum of 2% during the duration of the Bond debt, therefore the proposed increase is 2.00% to ensure the required coverage. In March 2018, Fitch Rating, Inc. reaffirmed the "BBB" rating.

In summary, 2018 was an active year for the MAC Finance Committee and the Marine Advisory Commission relative to supporting the financing of the ABM Rebuild.

## **MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION OBSERVATIONS**

The Marine Advisory Commission (MAC) met monthly (except October and December) over the past year. The MAC meetings are frequently attended by area residents with an interest in issues that impact the beaches, the marinas, and the housing communities surrounding these areas and depend on this forum to have their voices/opinions heard.

The MAC has provided an opportunity for residents and other stakeholders to voice their positions on agenda items on which the Commission is making recommendations to the City and Marine Bureau. For marina slip permittees, the MAC provides an appeal mechanism for decisions of the Marine Bureau against the permittee.

The key issues that MAC focused on during the 2018 period were:

### **OBSERVATIONS**

As in previous years, the Marine Advisory Commission met monthly (except October and December) to address issues concerning the operation of Long Beach beaches, waterways and marina facilities. Attendees at our MAC meetings were by various members of the community, having an interest in the marine environment, and organizations wishing to address the Commission on issues facing the city marinas. We also were briefed on various City projects underway or planned which in some way affected the marina bureau.

The Marine Advisory Commission provides an opportunity for attendees to make known their concerns or put forward their ideas, to improve the overall operation and the functionality of Marine Bureau services. MAC also offers advice and opinions to the Marine Department and affords Long Beach Marina slip lessees an appellate process for resolution of disputes brought forward by the Marine Bureau Staff.

2018 brought an end to the multi-year rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina slips. The project was a monumental undertaking that replaced all city-owned slips in the Alamitos Bay. The bond debt maintenance payments were satisfied, and our high rating continued with the financial health of the Marine Department is very good. The project finished ahead of schedule and within budget. As noted in previous years, the Marine Bureau Staff continues to do a remarkable job accomplishing the administration of one of the nation's highest-rated municipally controlled marinas. The City, residents, and boaters are already enjoying the benefits of a state-of-the-art Marina now and for decades to come.



## **MARINE FACILITIES**

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine oversees the operation and maintenance of all Long Beach waterfront public recreational facilities, including:

- ◆ Six miles of beaches
- ◆ Three marinas, with a combined 3,596 boat slips -- The largest municipal operated marina system in the nation (Alamitos Bay Marina, Shoreline Marina and Rainbow Marina).
- ◆ Rainbow Harbor, with a combined 2,100 feet of commercial dock space
- ◆ Marine Stadium (rowing, water-skiing and special event facility north of Alamitos Bay)
- ◆ Rainbow Lagoon (non-swimming recreation lagoon adjacent to the Hyatt Hotel in Downtown)
- ◆ Colorado Lagoon (swimming recreational lagoon north of Marine Stadium)
- ◆ Leeway Sailing Center
- ◆ Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier
- ◆ Belmont Pool