

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MARINE ADVISORY
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017
LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB
6201 APPIAN WAY, 2:30 PM**

David Thornburg, Chairman
Mark Turpin, Vice Chairman
Jerry Avila, Commissioner
Rick DuRee, Commissioner
Ted Kuhn, Commissioner



Tom Mayes, Commissioner
Eric Peterson, Commissioner
Mike Schachter, Commissioner
Peter Schnack, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 2:30 pm, Chairman Thornburg called the meeting to order at the Long Beach Yacht Club. Elvira Hallinan, Bureau Manager, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Jerry Avila, Rick DuRee, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Eric Peterson,

Present: Mike Schachter, Peter Schnacks and David Thornburg

Commissioners Mark Turpin

Absent:

STAFF PRESENT:

Elvira Hallinan, Marine Bureau, Manager
Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations
Donald Easterby, Superintendent, Beach Maintenance
Cory Forrester, Superintendent, Marine Maintenance
Tamalyn Sayre, Marine Bureau, Secretary
Diana Hohman, Sergeant, LBPD, Marine Patrol
Diana Tang, Governmental Affairs
Gonzalo Medina, Chief, LBFD, Marine Safety
Nina Moussair, Office Director, Council District 3

GUESTS:

Bonnie Guiliana
Patty Conklin
Brian Mansur
Peter Hogenson
Philip Osterlind
Preston Smith
Dave Huff
Gary Schettino
Merle Asper
Larry Goodhue
Susanne Reed
Daniel W. Barringer
Bob Hubbard
Gabriella Holt
Joe Vanderhorst
Braden Phillips
Avalon Hill
Bob Vatz – BOA
Alfredo Fernandez - BOA
Scott Shadhay
Tony Gentile
Scott Schaidle

REGULAR AGENDA

The November 10, 2016, MAC minutes were reviewed, approved and submitted with the following corrections/additions: On the first page, Rick DuRee, Tom

Mayes, and Mike Schachter were absent. On page three, paragraph four; "launching" was added, paragraph five "operator" was added. On page four, paragraph two; "reinforcing the Marine Bureau's request to "Private use" under the Marina Revenue Bonds, series 2015 covenant to address former yacht club "First Right of Refusal" practice" was added. In paragraph five, "regarding his disagreement with the "First Right of Refusal" practice, stating that the policy favors yacht club members over non members" was added, and paragraph eight, "Center's apparent disregard for housekeeping requirements as stated in the lease" was added.

17-001MA Recommendation to approve the Marine Advisory Commission minutes for the meeting held on November 10, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Mayes, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Jerry Avila, Rick DuRee, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Eric Peterson, Mike Schachter, Peter Schnacks and David Thornburg

Absent: 1 - Mark Turpin

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of the Conceptual Feasibility Analysis of Alternatives for Sand Management, Peninsula Beach; Anchor QEA, Steve Cappellino

Elvira Hallinan reviewed over a year ago that the Marine Bureau began working with the Peninsula Improvement Committee concerning the control of erosion along the peninsula. The Peninsula Improvement Committee has asked for the City to come up with a long term solution. Elvira Hallinan has asked Anchor QEA to research the past twenty years and document what has been done and what does not work, and to provide recommendations. Elvira Hallinan introduced Jack Malone from Anchor QEA.

Jack Malone, Biologist from Anchor QEA, presented an Analysis for Sand Management, Peninsula Beach. The analysis recommended to begin transition

from mechanical to hydraulic. A cost summary for the first and subsequent years was presented.

Commissioner Schnack asked if the coastal commission would allow the beach to be built out. Jack Malone stated that beach nourishment is generally supported. Elvira Hallinan commented a permit would be required, and the sand would need to be tested. The permits could take six months to one year to process.

Commissioner Schachter asked in the Anchor QEA study, if they allowed figures for determining if the spur jetty will help reduce the migration of sand. Jack Malone responded the spur jetty or the rocky reefs would not result in an appreciable change in the sand retention. Elvira mentioned the Anchor QEA study will be available to view on the Marine Bureau website for further details.

Commissioner Mayes commented the end result will be the hydraulic transfer of sand from one end of the beach to the other. Jack Malone stated the hydraulic pumping is an efficient way of transferring sand, and mentioned a pilot study could be conducted to see how the system would work.

Commissioner DuRee asked how the hydraulic system works. Jack Malone spoke on how the hydraulic system is a diffuser and blows out the sand and the water.

Guest Larry Goodhue commented on the rate of the fuel dock.

A guest asked how mobile the equipment is. Jack Malone responded the system is small and very mobile.

A guest commented the recreational beach is unsafe due to the large trucks.

A guest asked if this was a daily process. Jack Malone responded the process depended on the season. During the storm season the process would be used more frequently.

A guest asked where this process would be placed in the water. Jack Malone responded there would be a designated area.

A guest inquired on the pump/pipeline impact this would have on recreational uses. Jack Malone responded the hydraulic system would be less intrusive than the large trucks that are now being used.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez spoke on the 90% erosion.

A guest asked if the pipeline could be buried for less noise. Jack Malone responded the noise level is not very loud. If the pipeline was to be buried the public could not hear it.

A guest asked where the ideal place is to bury the pipeline. Jack Malone responded the pipeline would not be buried near the water line. Further review would be required to find the best location.

Chairman Thornburg thanked Anchor QEA for his presentation. Elvira Hallinan commented the presentation will be placed on the City of Long Beach website under Marine Bureau.

OLD BUSINESS

Alamitos Bay Marina Rebuild - Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marine Bureau

Elvira Hallinan gave an update on the Alamitos Bay Marina Rebuild. The City's goal is to open Basin seven by April 2017. Basin three will be completed by mid-2018. Elvira Hallinan is working with two agencies in Basin seven, CSULB and US Sailing Center, regarding some of their complimentary slips. The City of Long Beach has a revenue commitment for each basin and will review their current slip agreements.

A guest asked about Colorado Lagoon, and if the eelgrass is part of the review. Elvira responded that Colorado Lagoon is a different project.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez asked if the other side of PCH will qualify for eelgrass. Elvira Hallinan responded that in order for eelgrass to thrive, the planting bed needs to be at a certain height to aerate. The area in question is a high traffic area which can potentially impede growth.

Guest Larry Goodhue spoke on eelgrass and where it should not be planted.

Marine Advisory Commission 2014 Annual Report Draft - David Thornburg, Chairman

Chairman Thornburg commented on the completion of the 2014 Annual Report. Tamalyn Sayre, Secretary, stated the 2014 committee information has been received and completed.

Chairman Thornburg asked for information that is required to complete the 2015 annual report.

A guest asked why the MAC commission was behind with submitting the annual reports. Elvira Hallinan explained the previous Bureau manager left the City of Long Beach in 2013, and she (Elvira) became manager in 2015. Elvira is making every effort to compile the past information for the annual reports.

Commissioner Mayes has requested to receive the sub-committees agenda electronically, and to use this source of information for the annual reports.

MARINE BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marine Operations Update

Kurt Borsting spoke on the following topics:

- Kurt reviewed the current marketing efforts for the Marine Bureau. The Long Beach marinas print campaign will launch in January with advertisements in the Mariner magazine, the Log, and Gazette newspapers. Advertising continues on Long Beach marina's website, Facebook, and local Long Beach Public TV. Kurt thanked Commissioner Avila and his family for their participation in the Long Beach Marina three minute video.
- Kurt and his staff will be attending the March boat show in Newport Beach.
- Twenty security cameras will be installed in Rainbow Harbor. In addition, five motion activated, Flash-Cam devices will be installed and directed toward the commercial gangways to prevent nuisance crimes. A sixth unit Flash-Cam has been purchased as a backup for additional areas as needed.
- Kurt is in the process of upgrading the standards on retail carts in Rainbow Harbor. The request for proposal will be issued in late February.
- The pre-bid walk has been completed on the Sewage Evac System

replacement at Rainbow Harbor. Ten general and sub-contractors were in attendance. The bid process will begin on January 25, 2017.

Commissioner Peterson thanked Kurt on the work he has done on the advertising, and asked Kurt to look into possible advertising during the Grand Prix program/event.

Guest Brian Mansur, commented he is a live aboard in Shoreline marina and would like to transfer to Alamitos Bay. He stated the waitlist may take over a decade, and is frustrated the City is looking at boaters from the outside. Kurt spoke of the misconception of the City's waitlist, and responded in some classifications there are long waitlists, such as live aboard status. Kurt mentioned in other classifications that it is not the case. Each case is situational, depending on the size of boats, inventory available etc.

Commissioner Mayes asked for the procedure on how the transfer waitlist is dealt with for outside new tenants. Kurt Borsting responded that there is a waitlist and a transfer list in place. The waitlist for current boat owners takes priority over non-marina customers. Each marina can have up to 10% capacity for live aboards.

Guest Patti Conklin asked what is the City of Long Beach doing to combat the crime in Shoreline Marina. Kurt Borsting responded he is working with the Capital Improvements office to improve the lighting levels from the gangways to the restrooms, on the pedestrian and bike paths, and in the parking lots to improve safety. In addition, informal inquiries on fencing the parking lots have been reviewed. The guest, Patti Conklin, mentioned she did not feel lighting was the problem. She requested for more police presence to patrol around the area.

A guest asked what the cost was for the cameras. Kurt Borsting responded \$40,000 was spent.

Guest Larry Goodhue recommended buying the cameras from Costco.

Marine Maintenance Update

Cory Forrester spoke on the following topics:

- The Christmas trees will be removed and stored in three to four weeks.

- The Shoreline gangway redecking has received positive feedback.
- Four new non-career employees have been hired for custodial work.
- A 33 year employee retired at the end of December. A requisition is in the process to fill the position.
- Four new Fitness stations have been installed along Shoreline Marina.

Commissioner Mayes commented the screws on the redecking are beginning to work back up and requested to apply a dab of epoxy.

Cory Forrester would like to thank Marine Patrol for their efforts on getting out to the sites and inspecting the homeless encampments.

Guest Brian Mansur inquired about the gangway gates not latching properly.

Beach Maintenance Update

Donald Easterby spoke on the following topics:

- Efforts have been successful on removing the debris off the water before it lands on the beach.
- Lifeguard towers are being pulled off the beach for structural maintenance.

Commissioner DuRee asked how much trash is collected. Donald Easterby commented there is thousands of tons of trash to be removed.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez commented on the trash in Alamitos Bay after the rain.

LBFD- Marine Safety/Lifeguards Update

None.

LBPD- Marine Patrol Unit Update

Sergeant Diana Hohman gave the following overview:

- Officer David Atkins retired on December 30, 2016.
- Four successful candidates have been hired and are going through

background checks.

- The newly purchased jeeps have been a big improvement for the department. Sergeant Hohman thanked everyone for their support on the vehicles.
- Sergeant Hohman provided the following department stats for the month of December: 3,241 calls per service, 22 Felony arrests, 255 Misdemeanors/citations. There has been an uptick on crimes within the City.
- The south and west Patrol deployment will be splitting.
- Since Lincoln Park has closed there has been an influx of homeless in the marinas. Sergeant Hohman encouraged the public to call in or use the Go Long Beach app when issues arise.

Elvira Hallinan commented the department has changed drastically since Sergeant Diana Hohman has been in this position. Efforts are being made to fill the 22 budgeted positions. Fifteen positions are currently filled. Elvira Hallinan has been in contact with the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) vocalizing the safety concerns. The Director of PRM has had a conversation with the Chief of Police regarding safety issues. Elvira Hallinan encouraged the community to call for service for safety concerns.

Commissioner Mayes mentioned the Go Long Beach app is an excellent way to call in graffiti.

Commissioner Avila mentioned he has been victimized, and the Marine Patrol had responded immediately. Commissioner Avila stated everyone needs to take safety issues very seriously.

Elvira Hallinan spoke on the Marine Patrol having 15 service officers for three shifts, seven days a week. Sergeant Diana Hohman mentioned the department is back filling, and is currently taking interviews to fill two more positions at the end of the month.

A guest mentioned she has seen the Marine Patrol vehicles parked at certain locations and is requesting the vehicles to drive around. Sergeant Diana Hohman assured the guest she will look into this complaint.

Guest Larry Goodhue spoke on the new police chief and the spending within the

City of Long Beach.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez commented that he has been a live aboard for the past 15 years, and in the past marine patrol walked the area to get to know the live boards. Alfredo Fernandez said this service is not happening anymore. Sergeant Diana Hohman mentioned they are looking to implement this service with the live aboard community watch program.

COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

Executive Committee

Chairman Thornburg commented that all items covered at the Executive meeting were reviewed at today's meeting.

Maintenance Committee

Commissioner Mayes commented that all items have been covered in today's meeting.

Tidelands Capital Projects (TCP)

A meeting was not held.

Operations Committee

Commissioner Schnack commented that all items have been covered by Kurt Borsting in today's meeting.

Finance and Information Committee

A meeting was not held.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Guest Larry Goodhue mentioned Marine Stadium has been selected in the bid for the 2024 Olympics.

Guest Scott Schaidle commented he sees a lot of hard work done by City employees and wanted to thank everyone for their service.

Guest Brian Mansur commented he was frustrated to hear that the police did not communicate to the marina office on the night he was physically assaulted on his

boat. Elvira Hallinan responded she receives communication from Sergeant Diana Hohman on all incidents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Thornburg adjourned the meeting at 4:43 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2017, at the Long Beach Yacht Club, 6201 Appian Way, 2:30 pm.

Note:

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