

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 13, 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

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**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, Manager, Marine Bureau took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Rick DuRee, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Eric Peterson, Mike

**Present:** Schachter, Peter Schnack and David Thornburg

**Commissioners** Jerry Avila and Mark Turpin

**Absent:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Elvira Hallinan, Marine Bureau, Manager  
Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations  
Donald Easterby, Superintendent, Beach Maintenance  
Tamalyn Sayre, Marine Bureau, Secretary  
Steven Covarubias, Sergeant, Marine Patrol/LBPD  
Scott Mitchell, Marine Safety/LBFD

**GUESTS:**

Alfredo Fernandez - BOA  
Bob Vatz - BOA

**REGULAR AGENDA**

17-011MA Recommendation to approve the Marine Advisory Commission minutes for the meeting held on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Rick DuRee, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Eric Peterson, Mike Schachter, Peter Schnack and David Thornburg

**Absent:** 2 - Jerry Avila and Mark Turpin

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marine Bureau, addressed the commissioners requesting to support the proposed slip fee increases in accordance with City Council's action on May 5, 2015 related to the issuance of the Marina Revenue bonds. City Council made the commitment to increase the revenue by 2 percent during the duration of the Bond debt in order to maintain the Marina Fund in a sound financial condition with a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 1.25x.

Commissioner DuRee asked what the duration of the bond is. Elvira Hallinan responded the duration is through 2045.

Commissioner Schnack asked if the bond could be paid off earlier. Elvira Hallinan responded based on projections, by the year 2025, there will be a large fund balance.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Rick DuRee, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Eric Peterson, Mike Schachter, Peter Schnack and David Thornburg

**Absent:** 2 - Jerry Avila and Mark Turpin

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marine Bureau gave the following update:

- The Alamitos Bay Marina Rebuild is on schedule and under budget.
- Basin seven is now open. Historically, CSULB and the US Sailing Center have used this basin for their sailing programs. In the past there were 25 slips with five paying customers. Due to the recent rebuild, the slips are now wider and longer, with a total of 20 available slips. In order to pay off the debt service, internally an agreement was made to have 10 paying customers (five slips each to CSULB and US Sailing Center). Marine Operations is currently reviewing all Non-profits, and is considering payment of up to 50% of the slip rate. Meetings have been held with CSULB and the US Sailing Center to review the availability and the cost of slips.

Commissioner DuRee asked how many total slips are there for Non-profits. Elvira Hallinan responded there are many slips offered to Non-profits. As an example; currently, CSULB has seven, and the US Sailing Center has 14. Commissioner DuRee responded he believes this is the only area in the City that allows Non-profits a discount.

- Basin six will begin demolition in August and anticipated to be completed by December 2017.
- The last two docks in Basin three will begin demolition after basin six has been completed.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez asked for an update on the construction near Treasure Island. Elvira Hallinan responded the area is private.

## **MARINE BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT**

Marine Operations Update

Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations spoke on the following topics:

- Kurt spoke on the Transpac race that was scheduled from June 19 through July 7, 2017 from Rainbow Harbor to Hawaii. The Marine Bureau hosted 25 vessels between Rainbow Harbor and Shoreline Marina.
- The annual boat auction scheduled for June 17, 2017, was a successful event. Eighty items were sold, with over \$20,000 in revenue. A few vessels did not sell and will go through a salvage process.

Commissioner Peterson asked if the revenue from the sales would go back into the marina fund and/or to demolish the few vessels that did not sell. Kurt confirmed the revenue from the sales will go toward both the salvage process and the marina fund.

- Kurt reviewed the slip activity for the month of June. Fifty two new permits were issued, 27 boat owners ended their permits (voluntarily or non-payment), and 10 boat owners had transferred marina locations.
- A proposed \$300,000 grant, from the Department of Boating and Waterways, for the Davies launch ramp will be reviewed in February 2018.
- Kurt spoke on the marketing efforts to promote Long Beach Marina's Guest Mooring on a marquee off the 405 freeway.

Commissioner Peterson requested to have the font size increased on the Long Beach Marina ad/marquee.

- Kurt spoke to a new marina practice, approved by City Council, that a charge will be made for a slip with a 30 day hold. The marina still offers a 3 day, no charge courtesy hold.
- Kurt reviewed the "Go Visit Media" marketing plan, a magazine that provides marina maps, rules, launch ramp facilities and calendar of events.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez mentioned his son went into the Alamitos Bay Marina office and was told slips were not available. Kurt Borsting mentioned slips are available in Alamitos Bay Marina, and that he would like to speak to Mr. Fernandez's son.

### Marine Maintenance Update

None.

### Beach Maintenance Update

Don Easterby, Superintendent, Beach Maintenance gave a brief update on the following topics:

- Final preparations are being made for the volleyball event this weekend.
- LED lights are being added in the Queensway Bay area.
- Preparation is being made on the potential swell activity from the next hurricane that is expected in two weeks.

Commissioner Peterson asked about updating the lights to LED on the boardwalk in Shoreline marina. Don Easterby responded that LED lights are now being installed.

### LBFD- Marine Safety/Lifeguards Update

Scott Mitchell, Admin Sergeant, provided the following update:

- Lifeguards are fully staffed for the summer season.
- The juvenile great white sharks are still located near the peninsula. The sharks are not showing any aggressive behavior.
- The Big Bang event had an increase in boat activity.
- Sergeant Mitchell provided the following department statistics for the July 4th weekend (4 days): 432 minor medical calls, 8 BLS transports, 21 ALS transports, 39 boat rescues, 56 boat assists, 55 lost children reunited, and 44 terminations.

Chairman Thornburg inquired about the 44 terminations. Sergeant Mitchell responded the terminations were due to disorderly people being removed from the beach/boat area.

Commissioner DuRee asked about the fireworks advisory process. Sergeant Mitchell mentioned the police department will confiscate fireworks.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez commented on the sharks and chumming. Mr. Fernandez had recently attended a presentation in Dana Point with CSULB's Chris Lowe, Professor of Marine Biology since 1999; and briefly reviewed notes taken from the presentation on the study of sharks. Mr. Fernandez has requested to invite Professor Lowe to a MAC meeting.

Chairman Thornburg asked if there has been recent chumming near the peninsula where the sharks have been located. Sergeant Mitchell responded that chumming has not occurred in the past month.

#### LBPD- Marine Patrol Unit Update

Steven Covarubias, Sergeant, Marine Patrol gave the following update:

- Sergeant Covarubias spoke of two people jumping off the Belmont Pier and Davies Bridge. The person on the Davies Bridge was talked out of jumping.
- Marine Patrol is working closely with the homeless encampment clean up.
- Sergeant Covarubias provided the following department statistics for the month of June: 1091 calls per service, 693 calls were initiated by Officers, 13 Felony arrests, and 53 Misdemeanors/citations were given in the downtown area. On the Eastside, 1297 calls per service were made, 801 calls were initiated by Officers, 10 Felony arrests, and 47 Misdemeanors/citations were given out.

Commissioner Schachter commented on the volleyball tournament which has impacted the parking area near the Riviera, and has caused a bottle-neck situation. Sergeant Covarubias will review this situation with the Special Events department.

Commissioner Peterson remarked on The Log's recent front page article regarding theft, and asked if Marine Patrol has seen an increase on burglaries within the Long Beach marinas. Sergeant Covarubias responded that he has not seen an increase here in Long Beach marinas.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez asked if the crowds were more in control on July 3, 2017 for the fireworks display at Alamitos Bay Marina. Elvira Hallinan responded the crowds were in control due to traffic/crowds being directed by Sergeant Hohman during the event.

## **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 gave an update on the activity at Shoreline Marina, and the redesign of entry gates into the slips. The Shoreline gangway ramps are being inspected and worn items are being replaced. The lights on the north and south long docks are being converted to LED lighting.

Commissioner Peterson inquired about the gates at Shoreline, and asked if all gates were going to be redesigned, or if only a selected amount of gates. Commissioner DuRee responded the marine staff is currently working on ideas for the gates, and possibly changing the configuration, with focus on security and aesthetics.

### Tidelands Capital Projects (TCP)

A meeting was not held.

### Operations Committee

Commissioner Schachter commented all items were covered in today's meeting.

### Finance and Information Committee

Commissioner Peterson reviewed the PRM Marine Bureau Operations expenditures and revenues report with the commissioners. Commissioner Peterson stated the 2017 actuals vs. budget in expenditures shows \$500,000 still

left for capital improvements.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Guest Alfredo Fernandez requested to be notified (via an alert) when the marina /beaches are contaminated by sewage spills. Elvira Hallinan responded the Health Department has the authority to close down the beaches, and has now added Ms. Hallinan to the weekly alert system regarding water testing. Boat owners are required to have a current email address, phone number, or cell phone number on file in order to receive the alerts.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez mentioned at the recent AES meeting he had attended, all of the circulation pumps will remain at the site.

Guest Bob Vatz, at W dock at Shoreline, mentioned he took his used oil filter from his boat to dispose of at the shack located on Y dock. The shack had one barrel over-flowing with oil, and due to the amount of items in the shack, Mr. Vatz could not get to the area where he needed to dispose the item. Elvira Hallinan responded the area of concern is contracted out by the City and will immediately contact staff to address the complaint.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Chairman Thornburg asked if Long Beach marina will be participating in the annual San Pedro boat show in September. Kurt Borsting responded that he will be looking into the boat show.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Thornburg adjourned the meeting at 3:43 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2017, at the Long Beach Yacht Club, 6201 Appian Way, 2:30 pm.



**Note:**

The City of Long Beach provides reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If a special accommodation is desired, please contact Elvira Hallinan, Manager of Marinas and Beaches, 48 hours prior to the Marine Advisory Commission meeting at (562) 570-3215.