

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 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** Jerry Avila, Rick DuRee, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Peter Schnack,  
**Present:** Mark Turpin and David Thornburg  
**Commissioners** Eric Peterson and Mike Schachter  
**Absent:**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

17-013MA Recommendation to approve the Marine Advisory Commission minutes for the meeting held on July 13, 2017.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Jerry Avila, Rick DuRee, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Peter Schnack, Mark Turpin and David Thornburg

**Absent:** 2 - Eric Peterson and Mike Schachter

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Status report on Belmont Memorial Pier damage and repair - Josh Hickman, Program Manager, Public Works; Adrian Pavón, Program Manager, Public Works

Josh Hickman presented a status report on the Belmont Veterans Memorial Project. The report included:

- Post storm event inspection: The estimated cost for the barge replacement is \$1M. The City is working with the insurance company to confirm level of coverage (cost is like-for-like). The estimated deductible responsibility is \$200K.
- Routine Inspection Report: The report is being finalized. The \$2M+ priority items have been listed as fair, poor, serious and critical. There were no critical items. The serious repairs include the repair precast deck planks, safe off bait shop, structural repairs (encapsulation), utility repair, paint and broken railings, and contingency. The total repair cost is estimated at \$1.2M.
- The loading concerns are being evaluated for special events.
- Next steps include: The removal of the damaged gangway, complete repair work and track insurance claims, and begin the new pier feasibility study.

Commissioner Schnack asked if the City had filed a claim to put the same item back, and if upgrades were going to be used. Josh Hickman responded the replacement items will be up to current engineering codes and standards.

Guest Bob Vatz commented the pier will be used as an observation point for the Olympic sailing events.

Report on current policy regarding partnerships - Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations

Kurt Borsting reported on the current policy regarding partnerships. The report

included:

- Overview of the core elements of the policy.
- Reasoning associated with the policy.
- Address ways to improve office communication with partners.

Elvira Hallinan commented this item was placed on the agenda as per the request of Commissioner Schachter.

Commissioner Mayes asked if there have been any recurring complaints on the current policy. Kurt Borsting responded occasionally there have been complaints. As a result Marine Operations saw an opportunity for improvement on communication.

Elvira Hallinan mentioned that during the slip permit process staff reviews the partnership policies and implications for the partners in the future. The new marina billing system will have a contract in place that requires a signature by staff and the new permittee to confirm the policy has been reviewed.

Commissioner Schnack asked how often there are issues with insurance, and with the partner who has no idea that there are concerns. Kurt Borsting responded there has not been any issues.

Elvira Hallinan commented that one person is held legally responsible as per the City attorneys office.

A guest spoke regarding his partnership in the downtown area, and getting on the wait list. Kurt Borsting responded he will work with the guest to get him on the wait list. Elvira Hallinan commented the guest will be provided with a document that is date stamped when he signs up for the wait list.

A guest spoke that he had sold his boat, and has been out of the marina for two years. When he came back to the marina he found his old boat was still on file, and his past partner had resurfaced. Elvira Hallinan commented they will follow up with the guest to obtain further details.

## OLD BUSINESS

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

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

- Elvira Hallinan handed out the rebuild schedule to the Commissioners for review.
- Basin six is estimated to be completed by February 2018.
- Elvira is waiting for the notice to proceed from the Army Corps. so Manson can move in on August 22, 2017 to begin pile removal and begin to dredge.
- The rebuild is on schedule and under budget.
- Due to the wind conditions and tides, basin six is difficult to rent out. To improve the marketability of this area, the irrigation, bathroom and parking lot are being updated.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez mentioned three boats have crashed into the dock box at Dock 25. Mr. Fernandez handed out photos of the dock box to the Commissioners to review, and recommended a location change of the current box. Elvira Hallinan has communicated with Mr. Fernandez, and is looking into relocating the box. The confirmation of building codes will need to be reviewed before a relocation can proceed.

## MARINE BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

### Marine Operations Update

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

- Impounded vessels will be consolidated at dock GG in Shoreline marina. This location has been changed from Alamitos Bay marina.
- Schedule changes will be made within the next month for staff in Shoreline

and Alamitos Bay marina offices. The changes will include full time employees to work on weekends due to customer demand.

- Kurt reviewed the slip activity for the month of July. Forty seven new permits were issued, 16 boat owners ended their permits (voluntarily or non-payment), and 25 boat owners had transferred marina locations.
- The Marine Bureau have hosted several live-a-board meetings. These meetings are to reinforce expectations, rules and regulations.
- Kurt reviewed the policy on oversized vehicles in parking lots and the use of bottom liners on boats.
- There are now 920 people following the marina on Facebook.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez mentioned the marina's transfer list is a mystery. Mr. Fernandez recommended putting the list of names on the transfer list onto the marina's website. Elvira Hallinan reviewed the current transfer list process and the implementation of Scribbles software system planned for early next year. The transfer list topic will be added to next month's agenda.

A guest commented on an incident where he had signed up for slips but the office staff could not find the paperwork. The guest had brought in his own date-stamped paperwork, and asked if there was a better system for the office to use. Elvira Hallinan mentioned a new software system, Scribbles, will be implemented early next year.

Commissioner DuRee commented on oversized vehicles.

#### Marine Maintenance Update

Cory Forrester, Superintendent, Marine Maintenance gave a brief update on the following topics:

- Teflon strips are being replaced below the gangways in the downtown area.
- A Tennant M30 floor sweeper is being purchased to scrub the Belmont pier.

#### Beach Maintenance Update

Don Easterby, Superintendent, Beach Maintenance did not have an update at this time.

Commissioner Schnack inquired about the beach next to the jetty and asked if hydraulic pumps will be used. Elvira Hallinan responded there is a proposal in the FY18 budget to give the Marine Bureau \$350,000 to implement the pumps as a pilot program.

#### LBFD- Marine Safety/Lifeguards Update

Cameron Abel, Captain, Marine Safety mentioned it has been a busy summer and recent stats have been given to the Commissioners.

#### LBPD- Marine Patrol Unit Update

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

- Two trainees are still in the process of being hired. Three new trainees will be in the process within the next 30 days.
- Sergeant Covarubias provided the following department statistics for the month of July: 1,807 calls per service, 10 Felony arrests, and 53 Misdemeanors/citations were given in the downtown area. On the Eastside: 2,134 calls per service were made, 10 Felony arrests, and 42 Misdemeanors/citations were given out.

### **COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

#### Executive Committee

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

#### Maintenance Committee

A meeting was not held.

Tidelands Capital Projects (TCP)

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

Commissioner DuRee mentioned the open channel lagoon was reviewed and a presentation may be given at the next MAC meeting.

Operations Committee

Commissioner Schnack mentioned all items have been covered in today's meeting.

Finance and Information Committee

A meeting was not held.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Guest Bob Vatz asked if there was an update on the Army Corps of Engineers study on the Federal breakwater. Elvira Hallinan responded the Army Corps study on restoring the ecosystem has little to do with the breakwater. The results of the study is two to three years away.

Guest Larry Goodhue suggested at Tuesdays Council meeting, to take the two day training session for disc jockeys at the Marine stadium's event, and move them to the downtown area away from residential homes.

Guest Donald Parker inquired about the 35' slips, and mentioned he was not getting the answers he needed from staff at the Alamitos Bay marina office. Elvira Hallinan asked for Mr. Parker to meet with Kurt Borsting after the meeting to review his personal requests.

A guest spoke on a 25' slip in Alamitos Bay marina, and said he was not getting the answers he needed from staff. Elvira Hallinan asked for the guest to meet with Kurt Borsting after the meeting to review his personal requests.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez commented there is an issue with an employee at the Alamitos Bay Marina office.

Commissioner DuRee requested for the public to work with Kurt Borsting and Elvira Hallinan regarding personnel issues before coming to the Commissioners. Commissioner DuRee mentioned the management at the marinas are extremely professional.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez commented there is a 6' discrepancy on the width of the fairway between the two new 25' slips. Elvira Hallinan responded there is a 6' difference and was built according to Department of Boating and Waterways standards.

A guest inquired about the space against the sea wall at the end of basin three in Alamitos Bay marina. Elvira Hallinan responded the space is undetermined at this time. Ms. Hallinan mentioned this area is being reviewed for what would be best for the marina. Adding guest slips, and 60' slips are examples of what are being considered.

A guest mentioned there is a lack of 30' slips and could this be considered for the space against the sea wall. Elvira Hallinan responded 30' slips could be considered and reiterated there are several options to review for the area.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Thornburg adjourned the meeting at 3:46 pm. The next meeting is



scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 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.