

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Manager, Marine Bureau, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Jerry Avila, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Eric Peterson, Mike

Present: Schachter, Mark Turpin and David Thornburg

Commissioners Rick DuRee and Peter Schnack

Absent:

STAFF PRESENT:

Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marine Bureau; Marinas and Beaches
Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations
Tamalyn Sayre, Secretary, Marine Bureau
Ryan Yakus, Administrative Aide, Marine Bureau
Kimarie Vestre, Supervisor, Alamitos Bay Marina
Tina Cox, Marina Agent, Alamitos Bay Marina
Dana Rhoads, Marina Agent, Long Beach Shoreline Marina
Steven Covarubias, Sergeant, Marine Patrol/LBPD
Jeff Spigner, Sergeant, Marine Patrol/LBPD
Scott Dixon, Captain, Marine Safety/Beach Operations/LBFD

GUESTS:

Bob Vatz (BOA)
Larry Goodhue
Alfredo Fernandez (BOA)

REGULAR AGENDA

Recommendation to approve the Marine Advisory Commission minutes for the meeting held on Thursday, August 10, 2017.

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

Yes: 7 - Jerry Avila, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Eric Peterson, Mike Schachter, Mark Turpin and David Thornburg

Absent: 2 - Rick DuRee and Peter Schnack

NEW BUSINESS

Review the transfer list process - Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations

Kurt Borsting gave an overview on the transfer and wait list practices. The overview included:

- PURPOSE OF THE TRANSFER LISTS: To assure an equitable system for permittees to move throughout the marina system.
- PURPOSE OF THE WAIT LIST: Established to provide a fair and accurate way to assign berths to persons who wish to moor their vessels in the Long Beach marinas.
- Transfer within a marina - "In size".
- Transfers between marinas & size transfers.
- New customer wait list.

Chairman Thornburg asked what happens to an individual on the waiting list that is not ready to come into the marina at the time that they are next in line. Dana Rhoads, Marina Agent, responded in most cases that individual's name eventually makes its way to the top of the list within a year. Tina Cox, Marina Agent, commented payment would need to be made for the waiting list.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez asked for Kurt Borsting to repeat the priority lists in his presentation for clarity.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Kimarie Vestre, Supervisor, Alamitos Bay Marina gave a brief update on Basin six:

- The dredging process has begun.
- Pile driving will now begin for three weeks.
- Dock 22 will open this Friday.

Chairman Thornburg asked if the homeowners will be notified. Elvira Hallinan responded homeowners have been informed through an activities letter. Elvira Hallinan will notify Spinnaker Bay, and Chairman Thornburg will inform Bay Harbour.

Elvira Hallinan mentioned she is working with treasury to see how much contingency money is left. A proposal will be given in November.

Alamitos Bay Fuel Dock - Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marine Bureau

TransSystems has completed the RFP packet. The Marine Bureau will be doing two separate RFP's. The RFP is targeted for October. Elvira Hallinan spoke on the Design Build Operate (RFP) legal issue, and is working with Tideland's CIP and Financial Management to identify required funds. Financial management stated after the review of the analysis, the Marine Bureau could not borrow an additional \$3M to repair the Alamitos fuel dock. The fuel dock is a priority, but funding needs to be located.

Marina Bonds/Former Practice Update "First Right of Refusal" - Elvira Hallinan,
Manager, Marine Bureau

Elvira Hallinan spoke on the "First Right of Refusal" policy:

Historically, the marina system allowed the yacht clubs to have certain slips near their locations that were reserved for their yacht club members. As slips became available, the yacht club gave the Marina the next person on their list. The person on the yacht club list was offered the "First Right of Refusal" on the slip. This practice began in the early 1960's and ended in 2011 when the City of Long Beach had a loan with the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) to rebuild Basin 4. This particular practice, as per DBW, violated the harbor's navigation code. Any use of public funds for building/rebuilding a public marina must offer every slip to the public. Now with the DBW loans being paid, the Marine Bureau has been approached by several yacht clubs to reinstate the "First Right of Refusal" practice. The Marine Bureau has met with the legal department. Violation of this code would make the City ineligible for future funding from the State for the Marinas and Tidelands area.

On September 5, 2017, a letter was sent from the Marine Bureau Manager with a copy of a legal opinion from the Attorney General, to the local Yacht Club's Commodores reviewing the "First Right of Refusal" practice. This topic will be put in the October 2017 Marina Reader.

MARINE BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Elvira Hallinan announced Don Easterby, Superintendent Beach Maintenance had retired on August 31, 2017. Cory Forrester, Superintendent, will temporarily assume the Beach Maintenance position during the recruitment process. Eric Lyon, Supervisor, will be the acting Superintendent for Marine Maintenance. Eric Lyon is knowledgeable of the trade, intelligent, high integrity and has a good work ethic.

Marine Operations Update

Kurt Borsting spoke on the following topics:

- The security camera project at Rainbow Harbor is now completed. All 21 cameras are active and recording. These video cameras are in addition to the “Flash Cam” still photography and motion activated alert camera systems installed at various Rainbow Harbor gangways earlier this year.
- The Long Beach Marine Bureau will participate in the San Pedro boat show on September 28th - October 1st, 2017.
- Two trainings have been conducted to refresh staff on Incident reports.
- Boat safety training will be implemented soon.
- Activity report for August: Forty-nine new permits were issued, 33 boat owners ended their permits (voluntarily or non-payment), and 44 boat owners had transferred marina locations.

Marine Maintenance Update

None.

Beach Maintenance Update

None.

LBFD- Marine Safety/Lifeguards Update

Captain Scott Dixon gave the following update:

- Captain Scott Dixon thanked the marine patrol for helping with a safety issues, and their team work.
- August stats were reviewed. One hundred seventy six rescues, 7 fire investigations, three thousand medical calls and 3 boat fires.
- Dispatched a team to Texas for ten days to assist with hurricane Harvey.

Chairman Thornburg stated there were 1555 additional calls for minor aids, year to date, vs. last year, with most calls being made in August. Captain Scott Dixon responded August tends to be a high-volume month due to the summer season and pre-Labor Day activities.

LBPD- Marine Patrol Unit Update

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

- Sergeant Covarubias provided the following department statistics for the month of August: 1174 calls per service, 23 Felony arrests, 30 Misdemeanors and 20 citations were given in the downtown area. On the Eastside: 1392 calls per service were made, 7 Felony arrests, and 39 Misdemeanors and one traffic citation was given out.
- Effective two weeks ago, Commander Alex Avila has replaced Commander Joel Cook who transferred to the field support division.
- Special events were reviewed in the downtown area.

Commissioner Peterson commented on the number of homeless camping near Shoreline yacht club. Sergeant Covarubias reviewed the legal issues dealing with the homeless.

Chairman Thornburg asked if a “No Trespassing” sign could be posted at Shoreline yacht club. Sergeant Covarubias responded the yacht club could post a sign at their front entrance.

Commissioner Peterson mentioned the “No Trespassing” signs do provide the legal basis required for trespassers.

Commissioner Schachter asked where Marine Patrol is with staffing. Sergeant Covarubias commented Marine Patrol is under staffed. Five individuals are in the training process.

Commissioner Mayes asked if the marina posted “No Trespassing” signs, would that extend to boats in the marina if unauthorized individuals board a vessel. Sergeant Covarubias responded there is a law that addresses this situation.

Commissioner Avila thanked Marine Patrol for apprehending the individual who had a firearm.

Guest Alfredo Fernandez inquired about the locks on vehicle wheels. Sergeant

Covarubias responded the locks (boots) are privately purchased.

Guest Larry Goodhue commented on Downtown, Shoreline and Belmont Shore areas.

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 mentioned there was a meeting and the details will be deferred to next month.

Tidelands Capital Projects (TCP)

A meeting was not held.

Operations Committee

Commissioner Schachter mentioned the increasing crime issues around Shoreline marina and asked to add this topic to next month's agenda.

Finance and Information Committee

A meeting was not held.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Thornburg adjourned the meeting at 3:23 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017, at the Long Beach Yacht Club, 6201 Appian Way, 2:30 pm.

Note:

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