

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018  
SEAL BEACH YACHT CLUB  
255 N. MARINA DRIVE, 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.

At 2:31 pm Commissioner Avila announced he will be departing the meeting at 3:30 pm today.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marine Bureau  
Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney  
Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations  
Eric Lyon, Interim Superintendent, Marine Maintenance  
Tamalyn Sayre, Secretary, Marine Bureau  
Eric Skelly, Supervisor, Shoreline Marina  
Ryan Yakus, Administrative Aide  
Gonzalo Medina, Lifeguard Chief, LBFD/Marine Safety Division  
Steven Covarubias, Special Services Officer IV, Marine Patrol

GUESTS:

Bob Vatz, BOA  
Larry Goodhue  
Luis Pinel P.M.T  
Lee Rich Charley  
Eric Mitchell Sr.  
Bob Hubbard  
Suzette Mehler  
Andrew Edwards  
Steve Florian  
Caitlin Litzinger  
Thomas M. Stewart

**REGULAR AGENDA**

18-004MA      Recommendation to approve the Marine Advisory Commission minutes for the meeting held on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

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

**Yes:** 9 - Jerry Avila, Rick DuRee, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Eric Peterson, Mike Schachter, Peter Schnack, Mark Turpin and David Thornburg

**NEW BUSINESS**

At 2:32 pm Chairman David Thornburg announced individuals who are giving testimony today will need to be sworn in. Chairman David Thornburg asked the individuals to stand and take the oath.

At 2:33 pm Chairman David Thornburg read the following recommendation:

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)

2:33 pm Chairman Thornburg introduced Elvira Hallinan.

2:34 pm Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marine Bureau, Marinas and Beaches introduced herself and gave a thirty second overview.

2:35 pm Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, reviewed the process for the hearing.

2:39 pm Chairman Thornburg introduced Elvira Hallinan.

2:40 pm Elvira Hallinan presented the staff report.

3:05 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.

3:07 pm Bill Barker, owner and operator of the Grand Romance Riverboat gave a rebuttal.

3:15 pm Bill Barker introduced Mr. Rich Charley.

3:16 pm Rich Charley gave a rebuttal.

3:28 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.

3:29 pm Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

3:30 pm Rich Charley spoke.

3:32 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.

3:33 pm Commissioner DuRee spoke.

3:34 pm Rich Charley spoke.

3:34 pm Commissioner Avila departed the MAC Commission meeting.

3:34 pm Commissioner DuRee spoke.

3:35 pm Rich Charley spoke.

3:35 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.

3:36 pm Vendor from the Salsa Club spoke.

3:42 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.

3:43 pm Caitlin Litzinger, vendor from Classic Showgirls spoke.

3:46 pm Mark Lipsun, General Manager from the Dinner Detective spoke.

3:50 pm Michael Rinado, Grand Romance employee spoke.

3:51 pm Steven Florian, marine mechanic spoke.

3:57 pm Commissioner DuRee spoke.

3:58 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.

3:59 pm Rob Savron spoke.

4:02 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.

4:02 pm Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.  
4:03 pm Chairman Thornburg stated staff will present a rebuttal.  
4:03 pm Elvira Hallinan presented a rebuttal.  
4:10 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
4:10 pm Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.  
4:10 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:12 pm Elvira Hallinan requested for Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations to be sworn in.  
4:13 pm Chairman Thornburg sworn in Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations.  
4:13 pm Kurt Borsting spoke.  
4:15 pm Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.  
4:15 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
4:15 pm Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.  
4:16 pm Rich Charley spoke.  
4:16 pm Kurt Borsting spoke.  
4:17 pm Chairman Thornburg announced Public Comment.  
4:18 pm Eric Mitchell, Port of Long Beach, spoke.  
4:21 pm Larry Goodhue, resident of Long Beach spoke.  
4:23 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
4:23 pm Commissioner Schachter spoke.  
4:24 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:24 pm Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.  
4:25 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:27 pm Commissioner Turpin spoke.  
4:28 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:29 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
4:29 pm Elvira Hallinan spoke.  
4:30 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
4:31 pm Commissioner Turpin spoke.  
4:31 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:33 pm Rich Charley spoke.  
4:34 pm Commissioner DuRee spoke.  
4:35 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:40 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.

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4:40 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:41 pm Commissioner DuRee spoke.  
4:42 pm Rich Charley spoke.  
4:43 pm Commissioner Peterson spoke.  
4:44 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:45 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
4:46 pm Kurt Borsting spoke.  
4:46 pm Commissioner Mayes spoke.  
4:47 pm Rich Charley spoke.  
4:48 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:49 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
4:50 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:51 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
4:52 pm Elvira Hallinan spoke.  
4:52 pm Rich Charley spoke.  
4:53 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:54 pm Rich Charley spoke.  
4:55 pm Elvira Hallinan spoke.  
4:55 pm Commissioner DuRee spoke.  
4:55 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:55 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
4:56 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:56 pm Commissioner DuRee spoke.  
4:57 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
4:57 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
4:58 pm Elvira Hallinan spoke.  
4:59 pm Commissioner Turpin spoke.  
5:00 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
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5:01 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
5:02 pm Commissioner Turpin spoke.  
5:02 pm Bill Barker spoke.  
5:02 pm Elvira Hallinan spoke.  
5:03 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.

5:03 pm Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.  
5:04 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
5:05 pm Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.  
5:05 pm Commissioner DuRee spoke.  
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5:06 pm Commissioner DuRee spoke.  
5:07 pm Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.  
5:07 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.  
5:08 pm Linda Vu, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.  
5:08 pm Chairman Thornburg spoke.

## SECOND ROLL CALL

**Commissioners** Rick DuRee, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Eric Peterson, Mike  
**Present:** Schachter, Peter Schnack, Mark Turpin and David Thornburg

**Commissioners** Jerry Avila

**Absent:**

### [18-005MA](#)

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

**Yes:** 8 - Rick DuRee, Ted Kuhn, Tom Mayes, Eric Peterson, Mike Schachter, Peter Schnack, Mark Turpin and David Thornburg

**Absent:** 1 - Jerry Avila

## OLD BUSINESS

Marine Advisory Commission 2017 Annual Report Draft - David Thornburg,  
Chairman

Chairman Thornburg stated the information required for the annual report is now complete. A draft will be sent to the Commissioners for review.

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

Elvira Hallinan gave the following update:

- The dock work has been completed.
- The parking areas in Basin three will be slurry sealed and re-stripped next week. Boat owner parking will be increased.

Commissioner Schnack asked if the City will charge for parking. Elvira Hallinan responded the City is conducting a parking impact study. Meters and/or Pay Stations are being considered.

Commissioner Mayes asked if 300 parking spots will be added for boat owners. Elvira Hallinan answered the City is short 300 parking spots.

**MARINE BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT**

Marine Operations Update

Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations gave the following brief update:

- The Grand Prix is scheduled on April 13-15, 2018. There are thirty guest boat owners in Rainbow Harbor and Shoreline Marina for the event.

Elvira Hallinan provided information on the ribbon cutting event on April 27, 2018, hosted by Bellingham, for the completion of the Alamitos Bay Marina rebuild. On April 28, 2018, the Marine Bureau will host an event for the boatowners in Alamitos Bay Marina.

Commissioner Schachter inquired on the location of the celebration. Elvira Hallinan responded the celebration event will be held in the parking lot in Basin 3 under a white tent.

Marine Maintenance Update

None.

Beach Maintenance Update

None.

LBFD- Marine Safety/Lifeguards Update

None.

LBPD- Marine Patrol Unit Update

Steven Covarubias, Marine Patrol gave the following brief update:

- Five new trainees have been hired.

Commissioner DuRee asked if there were any issues with the recent 5K run. Steven Covarubias responded there were no issues reported.

**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 the following summary on the topics discussed:

- Staff are busy prepping for the Grand Prix this weekend.
- The sand and water lines are being cleaned for the upcoming Grand Prix event.
- New staff are in the hiring process in Beach Maintenance.
- New light poles are being placed in Alamitos Bay Landing.
- In November, the lights will be replaced on Appian Way.
- The restroom lighting is fifty percent completed.
- Painting is being completed in the downtown area for the Grand Prix.

#### Tidelands Capital Projects (TCP)

A meeting was not held.

#### Operations Committee

The meeting was cancelled.

#### Finance and Information Committee

A meeting was not held.

At 5:15 pm Commissioner Turpin departed the MAC Commission meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Guest Bob Hubbard complimented the Marine Bureau on the entrance & exit areas at Shoreline.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Thornburg adjourned the meeting at 5:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2018, at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 N. Marina Drive, 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.