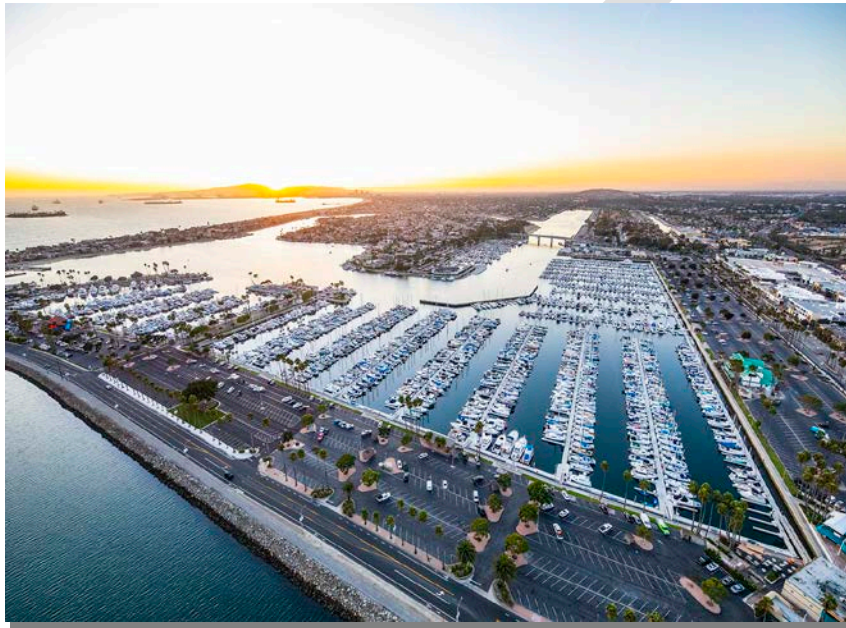


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# Marine Advisory Commission Annual Report



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**Marine Advisory Commission  
2020  
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## **PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE**

### **Mission and Goals**

#### Mission

We create community and enhance the quality of life in Long Beach through people, places, program, and partnerships.

#### Goals

- Ensure open space, parks, and recreational facilities meet community needs.
- Ensure City parks and recreational facilities provide a positive experience and image.
- Ensure recreational programming, leisure opportunities, and community services meet the diverse needs and interests of residents and visitors.
- Ensure beaches, waterways, and marine amenities are accessible and provide a positive experience and image.
- Ensure marinas are fiscally sound and meet boat owner and community needs.

## **MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

### **Mission**

**To enhance and preserve the beaches, waterways and adjoining facilities of the City of Long Beach.**

## MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

### Membership

The Marine Advisory Commission was established by the City Council by minute order on May 1, 1956, LBMC Chapter 2.48. Commission members serving in calendar year from **January - June 2020** were:

Nathaniel Brown III  
Camille Daniels  
Colin Kelly

Elizabeth Lambe  
Theresa Marino  
Tom Mayes

Jo Murray  
David Thornburg  
Mark Turpin



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Commission members serving in calendar year from **July - December 2020** were:  
(Commissioner Mac Rae's appointment date was 9/15/2020)

Nathaniel Brown III  
Camille Daniels  
Colin Kelly

Elizabeth Lambe  
Bruce Mac Rae  
Theresa Marino

Tom Mayes  
Jo Murray  
Mark Turpin

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### **Powers and Duties of the Commission**

The duties and responsibilities of the Marine Advisory Commission are as follows:

- To consult with and advise the City Council and/or City staff on matters in formulating City policies regarding marinas, beaches, waterways, near shore areas adjacent thereto and facilities thereon.
- To study and analyze problems referred to it by the City Council and/or City staff, for the purpose of evaluation and recommendation of policy to the City.
- To perform such other functions as are specifically conferred on the Commission by the City Council.
- To conduct hearings of appeal of any cancellation of a permit issued pursuant to Chapter 16.08 of the Municipal Code 16.08.330.
- To analyze requests of groups or individuals, and make recommendations designed to ensure that areas within the Marine Bureau's jurisdiction provide the widest possible benefits to the greatest number of people.

## **FORMAL ACTIONS OF THE MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

### **January 9, 2020**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Marino, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, to approve recommendation to receive and file the updated report on the Alamitos Bay Parking & Circulation Master Plan. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

### **February 13, 2020**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Lambe, to approve recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, consider the Appeal from Steve Huber; and deny the Appeal and uphold the Marine Bureau's decision to terminate his permit for violation of the Long Beach Marina Rules and Regulations. (District 3) The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

### **August 13, 2020**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Marino, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve recommendation to receive and file the 2020 Census report presented by the City Manager's office. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

### **September 10, 2020**

- A motion was made by Vice Chair Mayes, seconded by Commissioner Lambe, to approve for submission to City Council the Marine Advisory Commission Annual Report for 2019. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

### **October 8, 2020**

- A motion was made by Vice Chair Mayes, seconded by Commissioner Marino, to approve recommendation to receive and file the Naples Seawall Phase II completion update. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Commissioner Marino, seconded by Vice Chair Mayes, to approve recommendation to receive and file the Public Seawall Lease Permit review. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

## **November 12, 2020**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Mac Rae, seconded by Vice Chair Mayes, to approve recommendation to receive and file the Hydraulic Pump Pilot Study report. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mac Rae, seconded by Commissioner Lambe, to approve recommendation to support the Marine Bureau's request for City Council to authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit with California State University, Long Beach, to enter the Colorado Lagoon and Marine Stadium to conduct academic research on biological resources and perform monitoring activities, for an initial three-year term, with the option to renew for one additional two-year period at the discretion of the City Manager or his designee. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous
- A motion was made by Commissioner Marino, seconded by Vice Chair Mayes, to approve recommendation on the placement location of memorial or commemorative bench outlined in Attachment "A", Marine Stadium (an existing bench). The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous

# MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION

## ATTENDANCE RECORD – 2020

Commissioner	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Present	Absent
*Nathaniel Brown Joined Mac 2/2020		X	0	0	0	0	A	X	X	X	X	0	5	1
Camille Daniels	X	X	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	0	7	0
Colin Kelly	X	X	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	0	7	0
Elizabeth Lambe	A	X	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	A	X	0	5	2
Bruce Mac Rae Joined Mac 10/2020										X	X	0	2	0
Theresa Marino	X	X	0	0	0	0	X	X	A	X	X	0	6	1
Tom Mayes	X	X	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	0	7	0
Jo Murray	A	X	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	0	6	1
David Thornburg	X	X	0	0	0	0							2	0
Mark Turpin	A	X	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	0	6	1

Note:

X = Present

A = Absent

0 = A meeting was not held

The Marine Advisory Commission meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Yacht Club and are open to the public. The meetings on July – November were held via teleconference due to the pandemic.



**CITY PERSONNEL ASSISTING THE MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Brent Dennis, Director, Parks, Recreation and Marine

Stephen Scott, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Marine

Elvira Hallinan, Manager, Marinas & Beaches

Tamalyn Sayre, Secretary, Marine Bureau

Moria Khou, Administrative Analyst, Marine Bureau

Cory Forrester, Superintendent, Beach Maintenance

Keisha Sanker, Clerk Typist, Beach Maintenance

Eric Woodson, Superintendent, Marine Maintenance

Andrea Fogarty, Clerk Typist, Marine Maintenance

Todd Leland, Superintendent, Marine Operations

Kristle Clark, Clerk Typist, Marine Operations

Kimarie Vestre, Supervisor, Alamitos Bay Marina

James Smigla, Sergeant, LBPD/Marine Patrol Unit

Steven Covarubias, Special Services Officer IV, LBPD/Marine Patrol Unit

David Guerra, Lifeguard Captain, LBFD/Marine Safety Division

Sergio Ramirez, Deputy Director, Economic Development

Jose L. Fierros, Assistant Administrative Analyst, Economic Development

Julian Cernuda, Program Specialist, City Manager's Office

Joshua Hickman, Program Manager Tidelands, Public Works

Mouhsen Habib, Project Manager Tidelands, Public Works

## **MARINE BUREAU – STRATEGIC PLAN**

(Adopted in 1999)

### **Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the City's Marinas to enhance the quality of life of users of the City's beach and marine environment through continuous, cost efficient and effective delivery of needed services as characterized by safe, clean, well-maintained, attractive and secure beach and marine facilities.

### **Goals and Objectives**

Goal #1 – To ensure both short and long term financial stability of the City's Marinas through the use of competitive fees and charges supplemented by other needed revenues to support operating expenditures and capital.

Objective 1 – Identify the three Marina facilities: Downtown, Alamitos Bay and Rainbow Harbor, as three separate cost and revenue centers within the overall framework of the City's Marina Enterprise Fund.

Objective 2 – Identify the City's beaches and other marina environment as independent cost and revenue centers within the City's Marina Enterprise Fund.

Objective 3 – Maintain a minimum occupancy rate of (October 1, 1998) 85% for available slips at the Downtown Marina and 93% at Alamitos Bay.

Objective 4 – Identify and allocate support services costs, including administration, police, fire and maintenance to the Bureau's four cost centers.

Objective 5 – Establish user fees and charges at the three facilities that cover the costs reasonably born by the City and Bureau in providing desired services while maintaining competitive position in private market place.

Goal #2 – To ensure desired amenities are made available to the Marina's users.

Objective 6 – Develop a Master Plan for the Downtown and Alamos Bay facilities that will guide current and future infrastructure renewal and expansion for 1999-2020.

Objective 7 – Secure needed funding for implementing adopted Master Plans at both Downtown and Alamos Bay facilities.

Goal #3 – To provide outstanding (quality) services to Marina users.

Objective 8 – Conduct customer services training for Marine Bureau staff.

Goal #4 – To provide for the safety and well being of users at the City's Marina facilities.

Objective 9 – Establish a Trust Fund to support needed capital improvements to eliminate current and future deferred maintenance of an annual appropriation of 10% of gross income.

Objective 10 – Maintain minimum staffing levels for police and fire services to ensure timely response to calls for service at Marina facilities.

## **COMMISSION COMMITTEES**

### **Marine and Beach Maintenance / Operations Sub-Committee**

The Committees met in January, July, and November (July & November via teleconference) prior to the Marine Advisory Commission (MAC) meetings. The Committee reviewed the MAC agenda items and discussed maintenance and operational issues impacting the marinas and beaches.

The Committee discussed the following topics:

- Maintenance of Shoreline Marina.
- Tree Trimming and wildlife nesting patterns.
- Beach restroom remodeling/replacement.
- Alamitos Beach improvements and concession planning
- Refurbished trash skimmer - Removal of trash from the water.
- Capital improvements – Roof repair at Rainbow Harbor facility.
- Rainbow Harbor office remodel.
- Roll out of new locks & keys for the Alamitos Bay Marina boat owners restrooms.
- Beach Volleyball courts – Nourishment
- Fuel Dock updates.
- Restriping of Alamitos Bay boat owner parking.
- Homeless encampments

### **Tidelands Capital Projects Sub-Committee**

The Tidelands Capital Projects Committee met in February and September (September via teleconference), and followed the progress on a variety of projects as reported in Committee meetings with City staff. During each meeting, Committee members made suggestions and recommendations relative to several projects.

Specific projects reviewed by the Committee during the year included the following:

- Naples Seawalls Phase 2
- Beach Concessions
- East San Pedro Bay Study
- Colorado Lagoon Open Channel
- Belmont Pier Vision
- Belmont Pier storm damage repairs
- Alamitos Water Playground
- Davies Launch Ramp
- AES Review
- Queensway Bridge Lighting
- Junior Lifeguard Facility

### **Finance Sub-Committee**

During FY 2020, the MAC Finance Sub-Committee, working with the Manager of Marinas and Beaches, continued to monitor and analyze financial performance for the Marina and non-Marina Tidelands areas.

The year 2020 was difficult for many different sectors of the economy due to the Covid-19 pandemic, including the transportation industry, airline, and overall travel. The Long Beach Marinas, which consist of Alamitos Bay Marina, Shoreline Marina and Rainbow Marina, likewise felt the impact of Covid-19 early on for the months of March through May of 2020. Due to City's restrictions, the respective marinas were unable to accept new boating customers in the early months of the pandemic. Once restrictions were lifted, the public's interest in boating increased, as demonstrated by the 35% increase in launch ramp revenue in 2020 from the previous year.

Overall, the Long Beach Marina Fund ended the 2020 fiscal year relatively well, with all health-and-safety factors considered. Slip revenue, comprising more than 85% of total Marina Fund revenues, totaled nearly \$23.9 million, an increase of \$459,000 (2%) from the prior year. In total, the Marina Fund generated \$26.7 million in 2020, an increase of 3% from 2019. The total expense in the Marina Fund for 2020 was \$15.6 million, an increase of only 2% from the prior year. Additionally, approximately \$7 million was paid to debt services for the outstanding bond, and the net revenue in the Marina Fund totaled \$4.2 million in 2020.

One major concern of Marina Management is the need to meet the requirements of the Alamitos Bay Marina (ABM) bond issue. In order to successfully sell the bonds, the City is required to maintain the Marina Fund in a sound financial condition with a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 1.25X. Therefore, City Council authorized an annual slip rent increase of a minimum of 2% for the duration of the bond debt. The sub-Committee, working with the Manager of Marinas and Beaches, reviewed and supported the recommendation to approve the 2020 Slip fee increase of 2.0 %. Fitch Rating, Inc. reaffirmed the "BBB" rating for the bonds, thereby maintaining the current bond interest rate.

## **MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION OBSERVATIONS**

The Marine Advisory Commission (MAC) met in January, February, and in July, August, September, October, November via teleconference. The MAC meetings are frequently attended by area residents with an interest in issues that impact the beaches, the marinas, and the housing communities surrounding these areas and depend on this forum to have their voices/opinions heard.

The MAC has provided an opportunity for residents and other stakeholders to voice their positions on agenda items on which the Commission is making recommendations to the City and Marine Bureau. For marina slip permittees, the MAC provides an appeal mechanism for decisions of the Marine Bureau against the permittee.

The key issues that MAC focused on during the 2020 period were:

### **OBSERVATIONS**

In 2020, the Marine Advisory Commission met monthly, other than our regular “dark” months due to holidays. Our meetings were successfully held online, due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation. As in past years, MAC meetings in 2020 primarily dealt with assessing and addressing issues and conditions concerning the Long Beach marinas and waterways, with emphasis upon receiving public comment on a myriad of related issues. MAC received regular and informative City Staff reports, commented to and advised City Staff on our opinions regarding our beaches, waterways, marina facilities and how they are maintained and operated. Throughout the year, we were briefed each month on various City projects underway or planned, which in various ways affect our marinas, beaches and waterways.

Public attendees at our MAC meetings were sometimes more numerous than during other meetings and concerned many issues important to our public stakeholders. We heard from various individuals as well as groups within our community having wide-ranging interests and needs in our marine environment.

One of MAC's primary missions is to act as a "sounding board" for the public; to provide a forum for them to express their comments and concerns, and for the public to be able to put forward their ideas and potential solutions. When appropriate and in accordance with the Brown Act, MAC asked Staff to place some of these items on subsequent agendas for more in-depth discussion. At these subsequent meetings, we more formally heard ideas and held discussions of ways to improve the overall operation and the functionality of Marine Bureau services. At times, MAC members worked with City Council offices, to discuss the concerns and issues of these various stakeholders.

As the multi-year rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina has reached completion, MAC continues to observe the financial status of the various City budgets that make up the bulk of the Marine Bureau's operating capital and to monitor that these are being spent and maintained responsibly. Marine Bureau staff continues to do an outstanding job, highly dedicated to the various stakeholders that the Marine Bureau serves. The marinas of Long Beach, one of the nation's largest municipally controlled marinas, continue to rate very highly for customer service and ease of access. Public, from all corners of the world, continue to enjoy our modern and well maintained marinas which are being run efficiently and smoothly. From all indications, they will continue to be operated in this manner for decades to come.

With the constant and knowledgeable supervision of the Marine Bureau, Long Beach still maintains its BBB bond rating as well as enjoying steady increases in slip revenue. As Commission Chair, I was once again impressed with the professionalism of my fellow Commissioners and City Staff. I am grateful to continue my service as a MAC Commissioner and will remember this time with satisfaction, happiness and gratitude.

Mark Turpin

MAC Chair



## **MARINE FACILITIES**

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine oversees the operation and maintenance of all Long Beach waterfront public recreational facilities, including:

- ◆ 6.5 miles of beaches
- ◆ Three marinas, with a combined 3,368 boat slips -- The largest municipal operated marina system in the nation (Alamitos Bay Marina, Shoreline Marina and Rainbow Marina).
- ◆ Rainbow Harbor, with a combined 2,100 feet of commercial dock space
- ◆ Marine Stadium (rowing, water-skiing and special event facility north of Alamitos Bay)
- ◆ Rainbow Lagoon (non-swimming recreation lagoon adjacent to the Hyatt Hotel in Downtown)
- ◆ Colorado Lagoon (swimming recreational lagoon north of Marine Stadium)
- ◆ Leeway Sailing Center
- ◆ Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier
- ◆ Belmont Pool