

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018  
LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB  
6201 APPIAN WAY, 2:30 PM**

David Thornburg, Chairman  
Mark Turpin, Vice Chairman  
Jerry Avila, Commissioner  
Camille Daniels, Commissioner  
Ted Kuhn, Commissioner



Elizabeth Lambe, Commissioner  
Theresa Marino, Commissioner  
Tom Mayes, Commissioner  
Peter Schnack, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 2:31 pm, Chairman Thornburg called the meeting to order at the Long Beach Yacht Club. Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Ted Kuhn, Elizabeth Lambe, Theresa Marino, Tom Mayes, Peter

**Present:** Schnack and David Thornburg

**Commissioners** Jerry Avila, Camille Daniels and Mark Turpin

**Absent:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations  
Cory Forrester, Superintendent, Beach Maintenance  
Eric Lyon, Interim Superintendent, Marine Maintenance  
Tamalyn Sayre, Secretary, Marine Bureau  
Ryan Yakus, Administrative Aide  
Cameron Abel, Lifeguard Captain, LBFD/Marine Safety Division

**GUESTS:**

Katie Nichols, Marine Restoration Director, Orange County Coastkeeper  
Colin Kelly, Staff Attorney, Orange County Coastkeeper  
Chris Macy, Director, LB Sea Base

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. 18-026MA Recommendation to approve the Marine Advisory Commission minutes for the meeting held on Thursday, August 9, 2018.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Ted Kuhn, Elizabeth Lambe, Theresa Marino, Tom Mayes, Peter Schnack and David Thornburg

**Absent:** 3 - Jerry Avila, Camille Daniels and Mark Turpin

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. 18-028MA Recommendation to support to enter into a nonexclusive Right of Entry Permit with Orange County Coastkeeper, a nonprofit organization, to enhance the existing Olympia Oyster beds at Jack Dunster Marine Biological Reserve, from October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, with one, two-year renewal option.

**Suggested Action:** Approve recommendation.

Kurt Borsting, Superintendent, Marine Operations, introduced Katie Nichols from the Orange County Coastkeeper.

Katie Nichols, Marine Restoration Director, Orange County Coastkeeper gave a presentation on the Community Olympia oyster restoration in the Jack Dunster Marine Reserve. The presentation included:

- Olympia oysters and life cycle
- Restoring the Olympia oyster
- Project goals
- Public outreach
- Alamitos Bay - Oyster shell bed
- Next steps: Permitting, logistics, storage outreach

Commissioner Schnack spoke on the shells being expensive.

Katie Nichols spoke on oyster shell recycling from restaurants and storing/curing processes.

Commissioner Lambe inquired about the length of the project.

Katie Nichols responded the project length is two years and is grant funded.

Commissioner Lambe inquired if other sites have been added to the project.

Katie Nichols responded the project could expand to additional areas.

Commissioner Lambe recommended for Orange County Coastkeepers to present to community neighborhood meetings.

Commissioner Mayes inquired about the oyster beds.

Katie Nichols reviewed the oyster bed process.

Colin Kelly spoke on low tides and restoration efforts.

Commissioner Lambe asked if OC Coastkeepers would require approval from the Coastal Commission.

Colin Kelly reviewed the waiver process.

Chairman Thornburg inquired about the Eel grass.

Katie Nichols reviewed the mud flats near the Eel grass.

Colin Kelly reviewed the mitigation process.

Commissioner Schnack spoke on the mitigation area.

Chairman Thornburg inquired about the bird population picking from the oyster beds during low tide.

Katie Nichols mentioned birds will not disturb the Pacific oyster beds.

Commissioner Mayes commented the birds are interested in the bay mussels not the oysters.

Commissioner Marino recommended for the Orange County Coastkeepers to present to the Conservation Corp.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Ted Kuhn, Elizabeth Lambe, Theresa Marino, Tom Mayes, Peter Schnack and David Thornburg

**Absent:** 3 - Jerry Avila, Camille Daniels and Mark Turpin

**3. 18-029MA** Recommendation to receive and file the Alamitos Bay Marina Safety

Security Enhancement Survey.

Kurt Borsting presented the Alamitos Bay Marina Safety Security Enhancement Survey. The presentation included:

- Overview of the survey
- Locking gangway gates
- Video camera systems
- Vendors requiring ID's and uniforms
- Review of results by basin
- Next steps

Commissioner Marino requested for clarification on the basin information.

Commissioner Lambe spoke on new technology possibilities and innovations.

Commissioner Mayes requested for the survey to be presented to BOA.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schnack, seconded by Commissioner Kuhn, to received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Ted Kuhn, Elizabeth Lambe, Theresa Marino, Tom Mayes, Peter Schnack and David Thornburg

**Absent:** 3 - Jerry Avila, Camille Daniels and Mark Turpin

4. 18-030MA Recommendation to approve the placement locations of memorial or commemorative benches outlined in Attachment "A". (Citywide)

Kurt Borsting gave an overview on the new/replacement benches and locations.

Commissioner Marino inquired about the process of the bench replacements.

Cory Forrester reviewed the new/replacement bench process.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Ted Kuhn, Elizabeth Lambe, Theresa Marino, Tom Mayes, Peter Schnack and David Thornburg

**Absent:** 3 - Jerry Avila, Camille Daniels and Mark Turpin

## **MANAGER'S REPORT TO COMMISSION**

**5. [18-027MA](#)**

Recommendation to receive and file the Manager's monthly oral updates.

### Marine Maintenance Update

Eric Lyon, Superintendent, Marine Maintenance provided the following brief update:

- Christmas trees in the bay - Wiring will be replaced.
- The Marine plumber is replacing the existing pump hoses, and replacing broken seals in Alamitos Bay and Shoreline marinas.

### Beach Maintenance Update

Cory Forrester gave the following update:

- The berms have been fortified in anticipation of high surf.
- Surf rack - Reviewed surf grooming.
- Belmont pool - Planters will be upgraded.
- Merchant landscape - Contract will be rebid this year.
- ABM parking lots will have street sweeping.
- Queensway Bay - Aquarium/Dolphin has been refurbished.

### LBFD- Marine Safety/Lifeguards Update

Cameron Abel, Lifeguard Captain, gave the following brief update:

- The Wibit water play structure was successful this summer. The play structure will return next year due to the popularity.

Commissioner Lambe spoke of her safety concerns regarding the Wibit water play structure.

Captain Abel reviewed the Lifeguard safety presence at the Wibit at Bayshore.

LBPD- Marine Patrol Unit Update

None.

Marine Operations Update

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

- LA Harbor Boat Show. September 20-23, 2018
- August 2018 permitting activities.
- Operations staff recruitment efforts.
- Marine Recreation Association. Conference. October 22-24, 2018
- A prefabricated new Lifeguard station is planned at Bayshore.

Commissioner Mayes inquired about the increased Marine Patrol presence at the beaches.

Kurt Borsting responded additional Marine Patrol have been hired to patrol the beaches.

Commissioner Marino inquired about the Alamitos Bay Marina (ABM) staff changes/transfers.

Kurt Borsting gave an update on the ABM staff transfers.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mayes, seconded by Commissioner Schnack, to received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Ted Kuhn, Elizabeth Lambe, Theresa Marino, Tom Mayes, Peter Schnack and David Thornburg

**Absent:** 3 - Jerry Avila, Camille Daniels and Mark Turpin

**COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

David Thornburg - Chair

Chairman Thornburg commented all items were reviewed at today's meeting.

**MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Tom Mayes - Chair

Commissioner Mayes commented all items were reviewed at today's meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Guest Chris Macy, LB Sea Base, spoke on the golf event at Little Rec Park, Long Beach, scheduled on September 29, 2018. Lunch will be provided.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Marine Advisory Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the Long Beach Yacht Club located at 6201 Appian Way, Long Beach, CA 90803.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Thornburg adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm.

**Note:**

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