

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEACH COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2011**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clare Bronowski, Chair
Rosi Dagit
Walt Dougher
Don Doyle
Jeffrey Jennings
Catherine McCurdy, Vice Chair
Charles Milam
Wayne Powell
Jeffrey Sallee
Andrew Stern

ABSENCES

Thomas Barnes
Ronald Chatman
Gary Dimkich
Kelly McDowell
Norma Pratt
Don Rohrer

STAFF PRESENT

Santos Kreimann, Director
Walter Popoff, Executive Assistant
Mike Frazer, Chief, Lifeguard Division, Los Angeles
County Fire Department
Kenneth Foreman Acting Division Chief, Facilities and
Property Maintenance Division
Catrina Love, Community & Marketing
Services Division
Penelope Rodriguez, Community & Marketing
Services Division
Gene Campbell, Information Technology Division

GUEST SPEAKERS

None

MEETING LOCATION

Burton W. Chace Park Community Room

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Bronowski called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. and asked Commissioner Powell to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff and the public stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Bronowski asked if anyone had any comments about the minutes from the last meeting. No one had any comments and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Review of Beach Commission Rules

Miss Love stated that there had been updates to the Beach Commission Rules, which were based on the discussion from the last meeting and questions about a quorum and absences being excused or unexcused. It was decided that the reason for an absence does not matter and that it will just be counted as an absence. Other changes that were reflected is a quorum and members being active or inactive. She also stated that the Closed Session section has been removed and additional agenda posting locations and the website has been identified on the Rules. Chair Bronowski asked if the active versus inactive was in the rules now and if it was part of the ordinance. Miss Love stated it did not have to be part of the ordinance and that there was a quorum present; however, it was mistakenly put on the agenda as a discussion item so it will have to be voted on next month and then moved on to the Board. Chair Bronowski explained this will help the Commission to have quorums; if you miss three consecutive meetings, you will be placed on the inactive list then you don't count toward the quorum. When you attend the next meeting, you will become active again. An attendance list will be distributed starting in July with no difference between an excused or unexcused absence. Commissioner Milam said he thought a rule was already in place regarding attendance and being removed from the Commission. Mr. Kreimann said at the last meeting it was discussed that the Commission would adopt the South Bay COG rule regarding absences since it is a good idea. Chair Bronowski asked was the four vacancies the same as having inactive members and wants that made clear. Miss Love said that would be updated and asked the Commissioners to email her with any other changes or updates to be added to the rules. Commissioner Powell asked why there were no appointments from Supervisor Molina's office. Mr. Kreimann said DBH would follow up on that.

Commissioner Dagit asked about the bidding process for the camp operators and if there would be a schedule so operators would know when their application for a particular location is due and when the review is to occur so that it is clear to the operator. Mr. Kreimann said there would definitely be a schedule provided as part of the invitation for bids. Commissioner Dagit asked if the schedule would be available by early October of which location the operator has secured for next summer. Mr. Kreimann stated that the decisions would probably be made by the end of the calendar year. Commissioner Dagit commented that it would be hard on the operators to start advertising at camp fairs in October and November. Mr. Kreimann said it was his understanding that if the process was complete by the end of the calendar year, that would be enough time for the operators to market their camps. The operators would be notified on a flow basis. So some of them would know in October but not everyone. Mr. Kreimann said it would be done as quickly as possible. Commissioner Milam agreed with Commissioner Dagit about that not being enough time.

B. Presentation of the Department of Beaches and Harbors Strategic Plan for 2011-2013

Mr. Kreimann thanked staff for their hard work and input on the development of the Strategic Plan. He also thanked the Board offices, as well as the Design Control Board and the Beach and Small Craft Harbor Commissions. Mr. Kreimann said he received comments from the Board offices, DBH employees and all the Commissions. The input has been incorporated into the plan. Mr. Kreimann then narrated the Strategic Plan Power Point presentation to the Commission. Commissioner Powell asked about the Department's relationship with the Coastal Commission and the Fire Department. Mr. Kreimann said that DBH works very closely with these Departments, as well as the Department of Public Works and the Sheriff's Department in Marina del Rey. Chair Bronowski mentioned that the presentation had not talked about the beach front property managed by DBH. Mr. Kreimann said the presentation on the Strategic Plan was specifically Beach Commission-related.

Chair Bronowski thanked Mr. Kreimann for the hard work put into this plan.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Chair Bronowski asked that the written reports be received and filed.

C. Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Report

Mr. Foreman stated that staff was preparing for the 4th of July, which is the heaviest beach day depending on the weather. Chair Bronowski mentioned getting the word out about there not being fireworks in the Marina this year and about the traffic being a problem for residents. Mr. Kreimann said there would not be a traffic problem. Miss Love told the Commission that the Community and Marketing Services Division put the notice on the DBH website, Facebook and Twitter. In addition, the media was notified, as well as canvassing the 4th of July fireworks websites to ensure Marina del Rey was not mentioned as a site to view fireworks. Commissioner Dougher asked Mr. Foreman about the Board's direction on the maintenance of the restrooms. Mr. Kreimann said DBH had received some complaints from the public regarding the change in schedule for cleaning the restrooms. The media focused on the cleanliness issue, but the complaints were about the restrooms not being opened early enough with the change in shift. The Board approved a special allocation to hire temporary workers so the restrooms could be opened earlier. Mr. Kreimann mentioned the upcoming closure of the 405 freeway and that DBH had moved some workers around to accommodate the cleaning of restrooms of the affected beaches.

E. Lifeguard Report

Chief Frazer said the Lifeguards were beginning full summer staffing. Chief Frazer invited the Commissioners to the International Surf Festival and Medal of Valor Dinner that is coming up in Redondo Beach and the Lifeguard Championships. He also invited them to the Pier-to-Pier swim, the Junior Lifeguard Regional Championships and the California Surf Lifesaving Association Regional. Chief Frazer mentioned that the Lifeguards would be sending a team to the Lifeguard National Championship in New Jersey and said if they win it would be the 25th consecutive year. Chief Frazer complimented Mr. Kreimann and the DBH staff for the Strategic Plan and thought it was a very good plan. Commissioner Powell commented that the Strategic Plan was outstanding and invited the Commissioners to the Manhattan Beach concerts in the park.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bronowski adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at Burton Chace Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl McGee
Commission Secretary