

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEACH COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2011**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Ronald Chatman
Rosi Dagit
Walt Dougher
Catherine McCurdy, Vice Chair
Kelly McDowell
Charles Milam
Wayne Powell
Jeffrey Sallee
Andrew Stern

ABSENCES

Thomas Barnes
Clare Bronowski, Chair
Gary Dimkich
Jeffrey Jennings
Norma Pratt
Don Rohrer

STAFF PRESENT

Kerry Silverstrom, Chief Deputy Director
Adam Uehara, Captain, 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

GUEST SPEAKERS

None

MEETING LOCATION

Burton W. Chace Park Community Room

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

Vice Chair McCurdy called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and asked Commissioner Milam to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners and staff stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Dougher moved for approval of the minutes from the last meeting. No one had any comments and the minutes were approved. Commissioner McDowell abstained.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Revision of Beach Commission Rules

Mrs. Silverstrom stated that the change made at the Commission's request is that vacant seats on the

Commission are considered to have an inactive status. Also, the addition of the Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library as one of several locations where the Commission agenda will be posted prior to each meeting. **Commissioner Milam motioned to approve the rules seconded by Commissioner Powell, motion was carried unanimously.**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Amendment No. 3 to the Adopt-A-Highway Beach Trash Barrel Sponsorship Agreement

Ms. Love stated that DBH has worked with Adopt-A-Highway for 15 years and they have been a great sponsor. Also in 2005, the 2nd amendment was to provide lids for the barrels. This agreement is due to expire this year on October 23, 2011. Adopt-A-Highway wanted to continue as sponsors but due to the economy they needed a reduction in the annual sponsorship payment as well as the number of barrels provided. Through negotiations we were able to come up with \$145,000 annually for two years with one three-year extension. Commissioner Dagit asked if 500 less barrels would be a problem on the beaches. Ms. Love said that DBH always has extra barrels at some of the maintenance yards so we would be able to maintain with a decreased number of barrels. Mr. Foreman added if that is not enough, DBH would have to buy more. Ms. Love asked if there are any more questions and there weren't any. **The motion was moved and seconded and carried unanimously.**

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Ongoing Activities Report

Mrs. Silverstrom mentioned the attachment to agenda item 5A, Report On Feasibility Of Redistributing Beaches And Harbors Funds To Allow For the Hiring Of More Beach Maintenance Personnel is the one sent to the Board for approval. Mrs. Silverstrom also stated that the Board extended the sunset review date of the Beach Commission to December 31, 2014 and the beverage agreement was approved for healthy beverages. Commissioner Dougher asked if there are sugary drinks. Ms. Love said the drinks are naturally sweetened.

B. Beach and Marina del Rey Special Events

Mrs. Silverstrom mentioned Small Craft Harbor Commissioner Russ Lesser's band is performing at the Fisherman's Village concerts and invited the Commissioners to the DBH summer concerts. Mrs. Silverstrom also stated that the DBH concerts are not funded for next year but DBH was working with Supervisor Knabe to raise the funds along with funding for the WaterBus.

C. Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Report

Mr. Foreman stated that DBH was authorized to hire 13 of the Grounds Maintenance Worker I's as temporary items. With the funding DBH received, 23 people were hired, including 9 Grounds Maintenance Workers I's and some GAIN participants from the Dept. of Public Social Services, a savings of 80%. Mr. Foreman said they added to the night crew for heavy clean ups to allow for the restrooms to be opened up by the 5 a.m. crew. He also said the workers were getting ready for the Surf Festival installing bleachers and platforms. Commissioner Milam asked if cleaning of the bike

path funds were affected and has DBH had many complaints regarding the bike path. Mr. Foreman stated that the bike path is maintained by the Dept. of Public Works. Mrs. Silverstrom stated that the restroom complaints came from not opening the restrooms early enough, not for lack of cleanliness. The only other complaints are about the parking lot machines not working. Commission Dougher asked about the water quality. Mrs. Silverstrom said there was only 1 or 2 closures due to water quality. Commissioner Dougher asked if staffing would be a problem next year because these workers are temporary. Mrs. Silverstrom said this will become permanent funding. Commissioner McDowell asked when the Lifeguard facility at El Segundo would be complete. Mr. Foreman said that it is a Lifeguard project. Captain Uehara said the contractor had gone out of business.

D. Capital Projects Status Report

Commissioner Dagit asks if the 16 leach fields in the Topanga and Malibu areas had been completed. Mr. Foreman said yes and commented that the report lists all the projects completed and yet to be completed. Commissioner Powell asked if DBH had problems getting funds for federally funded programs. Mrs. Silverstrom said the only problem was funding to fully dredge the Marina's entrances and channel.

E. Lifeguard Report

Captain Uehara said it's been a very busy summer, with increased attendance of about 4 million and double the rescues. He also 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. Captain Uehara mentioned that the Lifeguards would be sending a team to the Lifeguard National Championships in New Jersey for the 26th consecutive year.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair McCurdy adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2011, 9:30 a.m. at Burton Chace Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl McGee
Commission Secretary