

# The Peninsula Pelican

*The Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group*  
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## *President's Message--May 2010*

Our Spring Community Meeting (April 22) was a big success. We heard from our new **Long Beach Chief of Police, Jim McDonnell** as well as recently re-elected **Councilman Gary DeLong**. The presentation evoking the most questions was done by **Colonel Thomas Magness** from the Army Corps of Engineers. He provided an update on the consideration of the recently completed breakwater study and his recommendation to proceed with the Army Corps Reconnaissance Study. This would be an eight (8) million dollar study funded partly by the Federal Government and partly by Long Beach. It is expected to take nearly eight years to complete.

There continues to be a push by the SurfRider Foundation and others to remove or lower the breakwater to increase waves for surfing. Some members of the Long Beach City Council are listening to the SurfRiders. Councilman Robert Garcia recently sponsored a letter writing campaign to support the breakwater study. City Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell has been hosting events in his campaign to make the month of May the Breakwater Awareness Month (BAM).

The Peninsula Beach Preservation Group, as a result of our surveys of residents, continues to take a position that the safety of property comes ahead of improving wave quality for

recreational use. There are others who have serious concerns about alterations to the breakwater as well. We recently received a copy of a letter from the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association and the Jacobsen Pilot Services to the Army Corps of Engineers. The letter expresses their concern that "major modifications to the Breakwater will create risks to navigation and commerce threatening the economic viability for the Port of Long Beach and the Southern California region. We will continue to monitor this issue and report updates as available".

As we look forward to a GREAT summer on the Peninsula, please see the announcement of our Summer Concert Series elsewhere in this newsletter. It looks to be a fun line-up of bands. Please join in on the fun.

Our 2010 membership drive is underway. At \$25 per year, membership is an incredible value. We work hard, but we need your support to do the many things that help make this neighborhood extra special. If you have not yet renewed your membership, you can send your membership fee to the address below.

Feel free to write or email to the address below with any questions, concerns or compliment and visit our website, "<http://www.lbpeninsula.org>", where you can also keep up on all Peninsula activities!

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## *Upcoming Events:*

### *1st Summer Concert*

#### *Delta Nove*

*June 13*

*5:30 - 7:30*

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### *2nd Summer Concert*

#### *Big Box of Men*

*Thurs June 24*

*6PM - 8PM*

## **PBPG Board of Directors (2010)**

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**3rd District Council Office Update**

One of the most important projects for the 3rd District is the redevelopment of the Seaport Marina property. The proposed Second+PCH project, a mixed-use development with 325 residential units, retail, commercial development, and a 100-room hotel, is currently accepting comments on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Comments must be submitted in writing by June 7, 2010.

In addition to the proposed project the EIR also examines the following alternative projects:

**No Project/No Development Alternative:** The No Project/No Development Alternative assumes that the Second+PCH project will not be developed and development of the project site with new uses and structures will not occur.

**No Project/Existing Zoning Alternative:** The No Project/Existing Zoning Alternative assumes that the Second+PCH project will not be developed, but the project site would be redeveloped with commercial uses to the extent allowable under existing zoning.

**Hotel Only Alternative:** The Hotel Only Alternative assumes that the Second+PCH project will not be developed, but the project site would be redeveloped with a new full service hotel and supporting uses (e.g., restaurant, retail, car rental, etc.).

**Reduced Intensity Alternative:** The Reduced Intensity Alternative reduces key components of the proposed project in order to reduce and avoid project impacts while still meeting, albeit to a lesser extent, most of the project’s basic objectives. Thus, the Reduced Intensity Alternative would result in an overall 50 % reduction in development intensity relative to the proposed project.

Unfortunately, I am concerned that the traffic study performed by City staff and an outside traffic consultant appears to be flawed, and needs to be corrected. Additionally, the changes that were made to create the Reduced Intensity Alternative don’t appear to meet the needs of the community.

The redevelopment of the Seaport Marina Hotel is an important project for our community. At the end of the public process, I do expect to support some type of development at this location and I look forward to hearing your thoughts as to what type of development should be allowed.

Do you support the project as presented? If not, what would you like to see built at this location? Please contact me with your feedback by emailing [district3@longbeach.gov](mailto:district3@longbeach.gov) or by calling (562) 570-6300.

Gary DeLong -- 3rd District, Long Beach City Council

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**COMMUNITY INTEREST & IMPROVEMENT:**

**MEDIANS:**

Meetings have been held with both the City Parks Maintenance people and the original contractor that planted the medians concerning the state of the plants in general and the palms in particular. Issues about plant condition will be sent to the Parks people.

**UNDERGROUND UTILITIES:**

Rick Brizendine, Luther Nussbaum and Linda McCullough met with both Gary DeLong and Mike Conway, the head of Public Works, to discuss re-instituting the Underground Utility Campaign. Further information will follow in ensuing newsletters.

**BEACH AND SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE:**

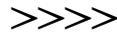
Phil Lopez of Beach Maintenance assured me that the beach will be raked at least once a week and the sidewalks will be swept at least once a week this summer. Increased numbers of trash barrels will be in place by Memorial Day.

**CONCERT RESTROOMS:**

Better maintenance of the restrooms at 72nd has been requested.

Linda McCullough  
Director, Peninsula Maintenance and Improvement

**KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING**



It's time to get your LOW BACK chairs, beach tables and blankets out for another fun Summer of concerts in the park.

Before I get into the band dates, I have something very important to ask of all who attend our Peninsula Summer Concerts:

The city will supply this year the "Special Trash Pick-up" we have had in the past. Next year, because of budget restrictions, it may not be available. So, what ever paper products, plastic and glass you bring with you please dispose of in the bins or take it out. If the park is not left clean we will lose our concert permit. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Concert Dates:**

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** - from 5:30pm to 7:30pm introducing a fantastic new LOCAL band - **DELTA NOVE**. Their music is a cross between Rock, Reggae and Latin.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** - Our first THURSDAY Evening concert. The time of this concert, and this concert ONLY will be 6pm to 8pm. (All other concerts will be on Sundays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm) I have asked one of our most popular bands, **BIG BOX OF MEN** to perform at this special concert. Everyone has said they love this band. Suzanne, their lead singer, has a fabulous voice.

**Peninsula CERT -- Community Emergency Response Team**

Many of you have expressed an interest in joining the Peninsula CERT organization and we are happy to welcome you. Our normal meeting time is on a Monday night from 7 to 8PM and we meet at the US Sailing Center – 55<sup>th</sup> Place and Ocean Blvd. Some of you have indicated that Monday's are not good for you so I would like to ask that you all reply to the Peninsula e-mail (pbpgcontact@aol.com) with evenings from Monday through Thursday that you could participate. We have not had a meeting recently but hope to get back to regular monthly meetings in the near future. In addition to regular meetings, we hold practice drills on the Peninsula to apply the training we have had during classes and meetings.

We are fortunate to have in our Peninsula CERT members that can provide preliminary training in First Aid, First Responder, Radio Communications and Peninsula CERT emergency plans. We will schedule a one hour course in each of these areas for all new members as well as for current members that would like to refresh their skills. We could hold these classes during monthly evening meetings on successive months (June, July, August) or have them all on one Saturday morning during June or July. Nothing is scheduled so far but I thought it would be good to get your preference as a new group to start the planning. So in addition to replying with preferred meeting nights for regular meetings, please also let me know your preference for training classes.

Thank you for expressing your interest in CERT participation.  
Peter Hogenson -- Peninsula CERT

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** - We have returning, **THE EMPERORS** - You may have heard them play at McKenna's.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** - We have another LOCAL band, **THE WILSONS** - All members of the band grew-up in Long Beach.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>** - Another returning band, **RamFunkshus** - They have two great lead singers.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>** - We have Steve Harder, son of Pat Harder, returning with his New named band **SQUEEZE BOX** - Previously known as Fight 6875.

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** - Our final concert will be a Barbeque with the Long Beach Fire Fighters and the **ELM STREET BAND** - What an evening in the park that will be!!!

In advance I want to thank all of you for supporting our Summer Concert changes. I hope you have a wonderful music filled summer.

Without your tax deductible donations and continued support we would not be able to have our very unique Summer Concerts.

Thank you all again,

Stevie - PBPG Concert Chair

**Zoning Report**

The problem of people renting their houses by the day is being actively addressed by the city. It can be a real problem to live next door [or close to] a daily rental. Many are operated like unmanaged hotels. They cause parking, noise, and other problems. Short term rentals are not allowed by Long Beach Municipal Code under Section 21. The Zoning Ordinance Section 21.31.110. This section states allowed Residential Permitted Uses. Short term rentals are not a permitted use. If you are having a problem with short term rentals please contact Peter Ronca, Principal Building Inspector, City of Long Beach, at 562-570-6515. He is in charge of enforcement of this area of the building code. He has been very responsive to the communities concerns. If you would like me to monitor the city's progress let me know. Only the city not the PBPG has enforcement powers.

We have been getting questions - "does the ordinance prohibit daily or daily and weekly or both plus monthly rentals, or what?" Daily and weekly rentals are not allowed by code. Month to Month rentals are allowed but if the property is rented to a different person each month it would not be allowed by code.

Rob Bellevue -- Director, Zoning Review

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2010**

If you have not already renewed your membership in PBPG we are hopeful that you will renew now. PBPG is your neighborhood voice to the City of Long Beach. The more Peninsula residents that we have as members, the stronger that voice becomes. Your PBPG Board of Directors works closely with the City to ensure that our beaches, streets, median and sidewalks are properly maintained. Your Directors also have on-going communications with the Long Beach Police Department to make them aware of the safety and security issues that are of concern to all our residents. By doing this we help make the Peninsula one of the safest neighborhoods in Long Beach. Your membership dues help provide for our newsletter, donations to maintain the Peninsula's Christmas Trees-in-the-Bay, hosting of our community website, training of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), sponsoring Santa Claus at 62<sup>nd</sup> Place, and helping to provide for our popular Summer Concerts.

Please join with your neighbors and become a member today.  
Lynne Driscoll, Membership Chair

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN SIMPLY COMPLETE AND TEAR OFF AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH DUES OF \$25 PER MEMBER. SEND TO PBPG ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, P.O. BOX 3535, LONG BEACH, CA 90803-0535

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