

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010, 5:30 – 8:00PM
BANNING’S LANDING
100 E. WATER STREET
WILMINGTON, CA 90744**

ATTENDEES

June Burlingame Smith, Co-Chair
Kenneth Melendez, Newly Elected Co-Chair
Carrie Scoville, Parliamentarian
Richard Havenick, Alternate for Peter Warren, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Tom Houston, Alternate for Grant Reed, Harbor City Neighborhood Council
Thomas Dahlgren, Voting Member for Wilmington Neighborhood Council
Donna Ethington, Voting Member, Wilmington Neighborhood Council
Richard Pavlick, Voting Member, Crescent Area Resident’s Association
Andrew Mardesich, Voting Member, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowner’s Coalition
John Miller, Voting Member for San Pedro and Peninsula Homeowner’s Coalition
Lucy Mejia, Voting Member, Wilmington Citizen’s Committee
Chuck Hart, Voting Member, At-Large (San Pedro)
Frank Herrera, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee
Gary Kern, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee
Bill Walles, Voting Member, Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce
Donald Norton, Voting Member, Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce
Emma Castillo, Voting Member, Harbor City Gateway Chamber of Commerce
Patrick Wilson, Voting Member, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce
John Schafer, Voting Member, Non-ILWU
Lanny Nelms, Voting Member, At Large (BHC)

ABSENTEES

Peter Warren, Voting Member, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Grant Reed, Voting Member, Harbor City Neighborhood Council
Kathleen Woodfield, Voting Member, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowner’s Coalition
Frank O’Brien, Voting Member, L.A. Harbor/Watts EDC
Jayme Wilson, Voting Member, Pacific Corridor Task Force
James Cross, Voting Member, San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Michelle Grubbs, Voting Member, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
David Beeman, Voting Member, ILWU Local #13

EXCUSED

Pat Nave, Voting Member, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Philip Nicolay, Alternate for Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Frank Anderson, Alternate for San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowner’s Coalition
Eleanor R. Montano, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee
Olivia Cueva Fernandez, Voting Member, Education At Large

PORT STAFF

Kathryn McDermott, Deputy Executive Director, Business Development
Thomas Russell, City Attorney, General Counsel

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A. **CALL TO ORDER:** June Burlingame Smith, Chair, 5:40PM

B. **OPENING STATEMENT** - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PCAC)

AS PROVIDED BY THE BROWN ACT, PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY AGENDA ITEM OR DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS. THE COMMITTEE, UNDER ITS RULES, SHALL NOT ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. ANYONE DESIRING TO SPEAK MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER CARD AND SUBMIT IT TO THE PCAC SECRETARY.

C. **ROLL CALL/TO DETERMINE WHETHER A QUORUM IS PRESENT:**

Roll Call Taken. (17 Members Present) There was a quorum.

Richard Havenick, Emma Castillo, and John Schafer arrived after roll call was taken. (20 Members Present)

D. **THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2010 MEETING OF THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PCAC) WERE APPROVED.**

Motion to approve the Minutes, moved by Kenneth Melendez, Second by Lanny Nelms. Minutes were approved with 14 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 3 Abstentions.

E. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

June Burlingame Smith opened the floor for public comment:

Gordon Teuber, representing Councilwoman Hahn’s office, introduced into the record a resolution (endorsed by the Mayor), regarding the USS Iowa Battleship. The resolution supports the berthing of the USS Iowa at the Port of LA and commits to including in the LA City 2009-2010 Federal Legislative Program, the legislative and/or administrative support to do so.

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The Resolution was referred to Information Technology and Government Affairs Committee on August 18, 2010. It is expected to go to the full Council September 24, 2010.

F. REPORTS OF CO-CHAIRPERSON AND PORT OF LOS ANGELES STAFF:

Kathryn McDermott, Deputy Executive Director of Business Development at the Port of LA, reported that:

- **September 25, 2010, will be Coastal Cleanup Day. Participants should meet at 2066 Opp Street in Wilmington. The cleanup will go from 8:30AM to 2:00PM.**
- **The POLA Board of Harbor Commissioners (BHC) rescheduled their September Board meeting for Monday, September 27, 2010, at 1:00PM, at the POLA Administration Building.**
- **The CRA will hold a ground breaking ceremony for the Alameda-Harry Bridges Boulevard Landscaping Project on September 27, 2010. This project was approved as a China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Project.**
- **The October 7, 2010 BHC meeting will be at 8:30AM at the POLA Administration Building. The Pacific Battleship Center is expected to present their proposal to berth the USS Iowa here in San Pedro.**

G. PRESENTATIONS TO PCAC, September 21, 2010:

❖ USS Iowa:

Mr. Robert Kent, from the Pacific Battleship Center, gave a presentation on the USS Iowa, the nation's last Iowa Class Battleship. This ship was the only ship of her class to have served from World War II through the Korean War, Vietnam War and the Gulf War. The USS Iowa was decommissioned for the last time in 1990 and was removed from the Naval Vessel Register.

In May 2010 the Federal Register officially reopened the application process for acquiring the battleship. The Pacific Battleship Center, an organization that has worked for years to convert war ships into museum friendly ships, is proposing that the USS Iowa be berthed in the LA Harbor, specifically on the San Pedro Waterfront. As a museum attraction she would draw people to the waterfront and provide a variety of educational and historical exhibits. She would operate to the extent of the agreement with the Navy and the Port on clean shore power (Amp).

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If the USS Iowa was to be berthed here in San Pedro, it would be the only battleship on the entire west coast. The Pacific Battleship Center submitted their letter of intent to the U.S. Navy on May 24, 2010. The Navy accepted the letter and confirmed that they met all the necessary requirements.

The Battleship Center proposes three opportunity sites on the San Pedro Waterfront, all of which are located in planning area two, which is designated for maritime related museum/tourist attractions: 1.) the area on the west side of the East Channel, 2.) in the area of City Dock One, for a possible partnership with SCMI, and 3.) temporarily at the future Cruise Ship Terminal #2

The project will be financed through private fundraising. There would be no cost to the Port or to the Community. The Battleship Center has identified its basic business plan and has secured the funding required to deliver the ship and to set her up as a museum (\$8.5M). In addition, they have plans to raise another \$24.5M through donations/donors who have already been identified through fundraising efforts. These funds could potentially be used to finance a land based museum.

The USS Iowa would serve as a facility for school field trips, overnight youth/family camp programs, special events, and as a disaster preparedness center in the case of a national or city emergency.

The presence of the battleship here would generate 100+ jobs for the Battleship Center, and another 100+ jobs for local restaurants and hotels. The Center is committed to community philanthropy. Revenues for the City of LA are projected to be upwards of \$10M per year with \$1M+ for the Port, for rent and parking.

The Pacific Battleship Center is ready to submit their application to the Navy as soon as they receive confirmation from the Board as to whether the ship can be berthed here on the LA Waterfront. The deadline for submitting the application is November 24, 2010.

The Committee asked about contamination/hazardous materials on the ship. There shouldn't be any. The Navy spent approximately \$350M in the 1980's to clean the ship, and to remove hazardous materials.

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There is a considerable amount of community support for this project. Additional information can be obtained via www.pacificbattleship.com.

H. PCAC ACTION ITEM: The USS IOWA

The San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee adopted the following Recommendation on July 14, 2010. The Recommendation was moved by June Burlingame Smith, second by Chuck Hart and carried with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Abstention.

RECOMMENDATION:

Whereas, the berthing of the USS Iowa Battleship in the Port of Los Angeles will serve as a community asset creating cultural, educational and historical benefits to San Pedro and surrounding communities; and

Whereas, the Port of Los Angeles will benefit in the form of Berth Rental and proceeds from parking lot concessions; and

Whereas, it will provide jobs and visitor revenue for local businesses including hotels and restaurants; and

Whereas, there will be no cost or burden to the Port, community, or local government entities to bring the USS Iowa here, maintain it, or return it to the Navy in case it is not successful; and

Whereas, it will not delay the implementation of the Waterfront Plan or interfere with harbor navigation; and

Whereas, it will provide the anchor for the Fire Boat Display, Maritime Museum and Lane Victory and create a “Historical Core” for visitor draw,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the PCAC makes the following Recommendations:

- 1.) That the Port of Los Angeles provide berthing space and adjoining space to build an accompanying museum for the USS Iowa, and
- 2.) The Board of Harbor Commissioners directs the Port of Los Angeles to provide said berth and museum space for the USS Iowa.

Richard Pavlick, the Chair of the Coordinated Plan Subcommittee, introduced the Action item, emphasizing that there was no cost to the Port,

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and that it would provide benefits to the City, the Port and to the Community. He inquired as to how the battleship would delay the waterfront project. Ms. McDermott, specified that there was no predetermination, and that they were working on the economic feasibility study. They were also looking at a limited amount of resources. She did not characterize that this proposal would delay the waterfront. The Port is going to have to choose how they utilize their resources. This is a different path than what was originally planned. The Port is looking at this proposal with an open mind.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Way, the Special Projects Chair Person from the Long Beach Naval League Council, spoke in favor of the proposal and stated that the LB Naval League sent a letter to Robert Kent in support of the Pacific Battleship Center proposal.

Bryan Moss, a Veteran of the Korean War, who served on the USS Iowa, spoke in favor of the proposal and stated that this was something that veterans needed and were waiting for.

Harvey Beigel spoke on the historical aspect of the Iowa. He stated that San Pedro was the place to berth the battleship, in that it would stimulate tourism and help to define much of the naval history of San Pedro.

Frank Delorenzo, a San Pedro resident, spoke in favor of the proposal.

William Upshaw, a Long Beach resident, commented on the positive influence naval officers had on him growing up. The Battleship would provide the anchor that the waterfront needs.

Ms. Burlingame Smith requested a roll call vote:

Ayes:18 Carrie Scoville, Richard Havenick, Tom Houston, Richard Pavlick, John Miller, June Burlingame Smith, Lucy Mejia, Andrew Mardesich, Chuck Hart, Kenneth Melendez, Frank Herrera, Gary Kern, Bill Walles, Donald Norton, Patrick Wilson, John Schafer, Lanny Nelms, and Emma Castillo

Nays:0

Abstentions:2 Tom Dahlgren, and Donna Ethington

The motion carried 18/0/2

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I. OFFICER ELECTION / 2010-2011, PCAC CHAIR

City Attorney, Tom Russell facilitated the election of the PCAC Chair. June Burlingame Smith withdrew her nomination for the PCAC Co-Chair position.

Attorney Russell opened the floor for additional nominations. Hearing none, he called for the question.

Kenneth Melendez, with no opposition, was elected as the 2010-2011 PCAC Co-Chair with 18 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Abstentions.

J. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

1. Air Quality Subcommittee:

Richard Havenick, the Chair, stated that they were still looking for a response from the Port on the impacts of ships avoiding the 20/40 Nautical Mile/Low Sulfur Fuel Rule. The Subcommittee was also waiting for the Port's response to their Clean Air Action Plan comments.

2. San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee:

Richard Pavlick, the Chair, reported that:

- The Port was working on the feasibility study for the USS Iowa
- The next public meeting for the Waterfront is scheduled for September 16, 2010, for the Downtown Harbor and November 18, 2010 for the Sampson Way Roadway/7th St. Intersection/Plaza Park
- The removal of the tank farm was on hold
- The Cabrillo Marina Phase II was near completion. It should be finished summer 2011.

3. EIRs/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee: No Report

Richard Havenick requested an update on the timeline for the Southern California International Gateway (SCIG)/Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) EIRs.

Dr. Miller stated that he would be out of town for the October EIR Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Havenick agreed to Chair the meeting in his absence.

4. Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee:

Gary Kern reported that the Subcommittee toured the Buffer area. The Buffer is the first major improvement to the Wilmington area, and it is a tremendous asset to the community.

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5. Light, Aesthetics and Noise Subcommittee: No Report
6. Port Master Plan Subcommittee: No Report
7. Water Quality Subcommittee: No Report
8. Traffic Subcommittee: No Report

J. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

K. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010 PCAC MEETING, TO BE HELD AT BANNING’S LANDING, 100 E. WATER ST., WILMINGTON, CA 90744:**

- Port Police – Emergency Evacuation Plan
- Update on the Water Resource Action Plan (WRAP)
- Wilmington Marina Development Update

L. **ADJOURNMENT:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 PM, THE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 MEETING OF THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS ADJOURNED.

**June Burlingame Smith, Chair
Port of Los Angeles Community Advisory Committee**

**Kenneth Melendez, Chair
Port of Los Angeles Community Advisory Committee**

Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant