

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SAN PEDRO COORDINATED PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Port of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, California

Minutes
July 14, 2010

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Richard Pavlick, Acting Chair
June Burlingame Smith, PCAC Chair
Chuck Hart, Voting Member
Carrie Scoville, Voting Member
Grant Reed, Voting Member

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

John McNaughton
Richard Pawlowski
Lou Baglietto

PORT STAFF

Tony Gioiello

PRESENTERS

Robert Kent – Pacific Battleship Center
Lucien Runge, R²A Architecture
Nathan Jones, Kid's Hands and Minds Together

Approximately 45 people from the public attended the meeting with an interest in the USS Iowa.

Meeting held at POLA Charter High School, 250 W. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

- A. Call to Order: 5:15 PM, Richard Pavlick, Chair
- B. Sign-In / Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Approved the Minutes of the April 14, 2010, and May 12, 2010 Coordinated Pan Subcommittee meetings
- E. Public Comment:
 - Lou Baglietto, from Butterfield Communications, representing Gambol Industries, announced that the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) Board of Harbor Commissioners (BHC) would be holding a special meeting, on Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at 8:30 AM at the POLA Administration Building, to address how they would proceed with the proposal for a shipyard at the former Southwest Marine site, as proposed by Gambol Industries.

F. USS Iowa Presentation:

Mr. Robert Kent, from the Pacific Battleship Center, gave a presentation on the USS Iowa, the nation's last Iowa Class Battleship that saw action from World War II through the Korean War, Vietnam War and the Gulf War. The Pacific Battleship Center is an organization that has worked for years to convert war ships into museum friendly ships.

The Iowa was decommissioned for the last time in 1990 and removed from the Naval Vessel Register. She is currently available. The Battleship Center is looking to place her here in San Pedro as a draw and an attraction for the LA Waterfront. As a museum, it would offer a variety of educational and historical exhibits and events.

The Battleship Center submitted their letter of intent to the U.S. Navy on May 24, 2010. The Navy has accepted the letter and has confirmed that they meet all the necessary requirements.

Committee / Community Questions and Comments:

- Where in the Port would they be looking to place the ship?
The Battleship Center is looking to find a place where the ship would not impede operations of the Port or the Waterfront Plan (Perhaps the area by the fireboat station, or in the north harbor, or at the former US Navy Base in the East Channel).
- Cost of Wharf Work? (The Battleship Center has engineers to check this out. There would be no cost to the Port or the Community.) Are there any contamination issues to be concerned about? (No)
- Compliance issues? (As with any project, there are compliance issues that will be met.)
- There is a considerable amount of community support for placing the USS Iowa here in the San Pedro Harbor.

Those individuals who are looking for regular updates on the project can contact the Pacific Battleship Center Team via, [USS Iowa support @Gmail.com](mailto:USS_Iowa_support@Gmail.com).

G. USS Iowa: Action Item

The San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee adopted the following Recommendation. It was moved by June Burlingame Smith, second by Chuck Hart, and the adoption 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 direct the Port of Los Angeles to provide said berth and museum space for the USS Iowa.

H. POLA Staff Reports:

- Protocols for the San Pedro Waterfront EIR:
The protocols (LA Waterfront Implementation Guidelines) are on the website, and were presented to the Board at the BHC meeting on July 1, 2010. June Burlingame Smith emphasized that the Subcommittee had not had the opportunity to provide any input on the guidelines, and suggested that the Committee review it to see if they should make any further recommendations. Copies of the Guidelines will be provided at the July 20, 2010 PCAC meeting.
- Timeline for Future Community Meetings for the San Pedro Waterfront EIR:
The Port has tentatively scheduled the following community meetings:
 - September 16: follow-up to the Downtown Harbor Community Meeting
 - November, for the Sampson Way, 7th St. Intersection, Bike Lanes and Red Car
 - January, for the Waterfront Plan in General
- 7th Street Plaza Plans:
POLA is looking at the initial contracts for the water cuts in the slip area for summer 2011 to advertise for construction. Presently there is a navy fuel line in the way of the project, a line that was used at the Navy Pier in Long Beach for fuel that came in underneath the channel. They are working on an agreement to either move it or abandon it. Improvements are expected to begin in about twelve months.
- Warehouse One Plans:
Warehouse One is part of the City Dock One, Marine Research Institute project, which has been upgraded from a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). One element that is being

considered is a large wave tank. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) should be out for review in a couple of months. The project description is pretty much the same as in the Visioning Study.

- Removal of Tank Farm:
The designs are just about done. POLA is in the process of reviewing them. This work is not in the budget for this fiscal year, but, POLA is still exploring ways that perhaps they can move forward quicker rather than waiting for next year.

The Demolition process will require that the tanks be torn down to ground level, at which time additional characterizations will be done to determine ground water issues and various actions that will be required by the Water Board and the Department of Toxic Substance Control. This phase is expected to take a considerable amount of time.

- Cabrillo Beach WQ Status:
The poles for the bird exclusion structure are up. The wires should be put in place shortly.
- Cabrillo Marina Phase II:
Phase I of the Cabrillo Marina Phase II is complete. The first phase, moving the boats into the new area started on July 1st, and is expected to be completed by July 31st. The project itself should be completed next year.

The existing modular structures in the Marina are temporary. The permanent buildings/structures are to be included in the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the developer. The RFP for an operator for the Marina should be out shortly if it's not already out.

The RFP for Warehouse nine and ten will be separate, as there has been interest in those warehouses.

The first RFP that had been issued for a developer for the marina resulted in no applicants. So, the Port hired a consultant to help prepare a new RFP for the marina and Ports O' Call. The consultant recommended that the RFP be released after the first of the year (first quarter 2011); however, the Councilwoman was concerned that things were not moving quickly enough and asked that the Board consider releasing the RFP earlier than next year. The POLA Harbor Commissioners agreed and asked POLA staff to look at releasing the RFP sooner rather than later.

- I. San Pedro Waterfront Implementation Guideline – Potential Action
This item was carried over to the next meeting.
- J. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: August 11, 2010:
 - San Pedro Waterfront Implementation Guideline – Potential Action

K. Adjournment: 7:00 PM

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Richard Pavlick, Chair
San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant