

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
November 9, 2009

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBER/PCAC

June Burlingame Smith, Chair
Kathleen Woodfield, Voting Member
Pat Nave, Voting Member

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

John McNaughton
Richard Pawlowski
Tom Politeo

PORT POLICE

Harry Hunold

Location of Meeting: POLA High School, 250 W. 5th St., San Pedro, CA. 90731

- A. Call to Order: 5:10 p.m.
- B. Sign-In / Introductions
- C. Agenda was approved as amended with the addition of a discussion on transportation/federal funding for light rail
- D. Minutes were approved for the September 9, 2009 and October 14, 2009 Coordinated Plan Subcommittee Meetings
- E. Public Comment:
 - Tom Politeo, from the Sierra Club, reported that there was a bicycle plan for San Pedro that was a part of the LA City Bicycle Plan; a plan that does not coincide with the California Coastal Trail. He explained the need for identifying specific challenges in terms of functionality, i.e. creating an urban trails concept with additional trails or routes for pedestrian uses.

In terms of providing input on the plan, the PCAC might consider pedestrian uses. Rancho Palos Verdes should participate in the public comment phase as the bicycle plan is expected to go through their area. In addition, Long Beach will need to play a role in terms of completing the California Coastal Trail from San Pedro / Wilmington to Long Beach. There are issues that need to be addressed with respect to the current Waterfront Bike Plan and the LA City Bike Plan.

- Light Rail – Transportation (Amended Agenda/Additional Item)
Mr. Politeo initiated a discussion with regard to the Metro Harbor Subdivision Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis.

The Metropolitan Transportation Agency (MTA) is working on a study for connecting San Pedro/Wilmington to the airport, then to the Crenshaw Corridor on to Downtown LA, via a route separate from the exposition line currently planned. The intent is to develop and implement a plan that would improve the regional transit network and enhance mobility and transit accessibility throughout the southwestern LA County. It would provide an alternative for the I-405 and the I-110 freeways, and it would establish an infrastructure for a shift to public transit.

The MTA has held three outreach meetings, one of which was held on November 3, 2009, where the Alternatives Analysis was presented to the community/stakeholders. The plan is expected to go to the MTA Board for action on December 12, 2009.

Mr. Politeo stated that it was his understanding that Michael Christensen, Deputy Executive Director of Development, at the Port of LA would support the idea of reserving the right-of-way for rail length that could come further into San Pedro rather than stopping at the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

Pat Nave suggested that the Committee submit a letter to the Port of LA Executive Director, Dr. Geraldine Knatz and to the LA County Supervisor, Don Knabe, with a CC: to the Mayor's Office, supporting the Port in its efforts to work with the MTA on such a plan. June Burlingame Smith, the PCAC Co-Chair was open to sending this letter.

Presently, there are stakeholders who are working to circulate a Resolution to all the various groups, to our elected officials, and to the Port for their commitment to move forward on this plan.

F. Port Staff Reports:

- San Pedro Waterfront EIR Stakeholder Process/Formation of a Waterfront Steering Committee/"Downtown First!" Waterfront Task Force:
Having no staff present at this meeting, the Committee held a discussion regarding their response to the Waterfront Implementation Guidelines that had been given to the POLA Board of Harbor Commissioners, on Thursday, November 5, 2009, by Dr. Knatz.

Ms. Burlingame Smith noted that representation from industry had been left off of the list of potential stakeholders.

Kathleen Woodfield explained that the template used for the stakeholder list had been based on the original Downtown Task Force. At a meeting held with Councilwoman Janice Hahn's office, the attendees drafted a list that included industry that was represented through the Chamber, small business industry, not the larger business industry like PMSA, and the Terminals.

The sentiment from Ms. Burlingame Smith and Mr. Politeo was that larger business should also be represented at the table.

The question was asked as to whether this stakeholder group was being organized strictly for the Downtown First or was it to be for the whole waterfront development? Ms. Burlingame Smith suggested that a framework be created to address any and all issues within the entire waterfront, with the assumption that the primary focus would be on the implementation schedule of the Downtown First. She was concerned that the overall coordination and influence on the implementation schedule for various elements within the plan would be limited by a select working group of stakeholders rather than the community as a whole. She wants to ensure that the Port and the community work collaboratively through each and every step of the process.

Ms. Woodfield thought that it wouldn't be a bad idea to have a group that was focused on the Downtown First, especially since the non Downtown First components weren't scheduled for another three years. If or when the group needs to be restructured it can be readdressed. Pat Nave agreed with the concept of Downtown First. However, he was also concerned with issues that could arise if the Port were to move forward on other projects or elements that did not necessarily benefit the Downtown First concept.

The Committee agreed on the following list of stakeholder representatives for the Downtown First Task Force:

- Appointee from the Council Office/Ex-officio Member
- Port Staff
- The PCAC Chair
- Each of the Three San Pedro Neighborhood Councils
- San Pedro Chamber
- CRA Community Advisory Committee
- Labor (either ILWU or Trades)
- San Pedro Homeowners Coalition
- Sierra Club
- Sustainable Waterfront Group / Regional Representation
- ? Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
- ? The Cruise Ship Industry

A question was raised as to who this group would report to? To the PCAC? To the San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee?

Mr. Nave initiated a short discussion on modifying the language and the steps within the Draft LA Waterfront Implementation Guidelines.

- Enhancement Projects / Status:

There were no updates. Port staff was unavailable for this meeting, in that this meeting had been rescheduled due to the Veteran's Holiday.

- Knoll Hill
- 22nd Street Park
- Cabrillo Beach
- 7th Street Plaza
- Swinford
- Southern California Marine Institute (SCMI) / Research Facility
- Proposed Monuments

G. Discussion and Possible Action on the Port's Implementation Plan on the San Pedro Waterfront EIR (There was no action taken.)

H. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting: December 9, 2009

I. Adjournment: 6:45 p.m.

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June Burlingame Smith, Chair
San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant