

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
February 11, 2009

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBER/PCAC

June Burlingame Smith, Chair
Richard Havenick, Alternate Member
Richard Pavlick, Voting Member
Peter Warren, Voting Member

PORT STAFF

Michael Cham

PORT POLICE

Jose Alvarez
Harry Hunold

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Lou Baglietto
Joan Colombo
Richard Pawlowski

Meeting Held at the POLA Charter High School, 250 W. 5th St., San Pedro, CA.

- A. Call to Order: 5:05PM
- B. Sign-In / Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Approved Minutes of the November 12, 2008 and January 14, 2009 Coordinated Plan Subcommittee Meetings
- E. Public Comment: None
- F. Port Staff Update from Michael Cham, Planning and Research Division
 - Cabrillo Marina Phase II
The design has been completed. The Port has issued a Notice to Proceed on the construction of the project.

- The community is concerned with the status of the youth sailing program in San Pedro and how it will be incorporated into the new design. Mr. Cham will look into the details of the design and provide feedback/clarification at the March meeting.
- Design for the Proposed Marine Research Facility at Pier One
Dr. James A. Fawcett, from USC, has proposed a feasibility study with a detailed analysis of the needs for the facility. Port staff is presently looking at it.

The Committee asked for a more detailed update at the March meeting.

- Explanation/Presentation of the “Seamless Interface Parking” Project with CRA and the Use of the MTA Lot

The Port contracted SMWM to do a “Seamless” Harbor Boulevard Study. Part of the study was to investigate whether or not the CRA and the Port had any opportunities for joint projects that would not conflict with the State Lands Commission (i.e. parking for Port use or waterfront access).

The primary opportunity is the Cal Trans Park and Ride site, directly to the east of the existing cruise terminal. The Port and the CRA have agreed on a project for the site and have drawn up MOUs which have been approved by their respective Boards. The site is currently owned by Cal Trans. In order to surplus Government land, there needs to be a study/confirmation that shows that the land is not being used to its highest and best use. Cal Trans and the Port will need to work together to do the study. Once the study is completed, assuming the results are favorable, Metro will have the first right of refusal. If everything goes well, the Port or the CRA will put in a bid for the property. Ultimately the CRA would issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the construction of the project.

June Burlingame Smith raised a concern that when Prakash, from SMWM, gave his presentation to the CRA he spent a considerable amount of time showing the designs for the parking and cruise ship center space. To have him spend that much time and effort on a design that had not been approved yet (EIR/EIS) seemed to be a little presumptuous. The community was totally shocked and offended.

Mr. Cham explained that the Cal Trans lot, best case scenario, would provide a few hundred parking spots for waterfront use, nowhere near the actual parking needed for a cruise terminal. The Port is pursuing joint development opportunities with the CRA, as well as a proposal to build a parking structure at the existing cruise terminal. This is not an either or situation, as they do not fit the same needs. SMWM was asked to analyze many different aspects, one of which was the joint project with the CRA, and how to design a parking structure at the existing site, assuming that there was a need for 3000 spots. The point was to look ahead at how to develop and mitigate things using intelligent best planning practices and to design and produce the best possible design. The design had general parameters which were also used in the EIR.

Ms. Burlingame Smith asked if a design was done for the Ports O’ Call (POC) Bluff parking. Mr. Cham explained that the POC was not part of the “Seamless” Study. It was done in house. The determination was to tuck the parking into the slope to minimize visual impacts.

Peter Warren reiterated the fact that the community had asked from the start that there be no parking on the waterfront.

- Ports O’ Call Renovations / Improvements / Enhancements
 - Sampson Way parking has been completed.
 - 22nd Street Park is moving forward with an estimated time of completion, November
 - The Downtown Plaza will be done within the week.
 - Cabrillo Beach is still under design as well as the Angels Lamps
 - The Ports O’ Call enhancements are still under discussion

The Subcommittee asked to see the final designs for Cabrillo Beach. Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council also requested to see the designs.

- Proposed Time Line for the San Pedro Waterfront Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)

There was no specific release date for the Final EIR. Staff was still working on the responses to the public comments.

- Hiring of Tetra Design / EDAW as a Subcontractor to do the Downtown Harbor Design

The Community is concerned about the Port designing something prior to the alternative plan being selected.

EDAW is a subcontractor to Tetra Design, whom the Port has hired to do the design for the Downtown Harbor. The Port is not doing any work that would predetermine a particular alternative project. The Port has the consultants working on a conceptual and initial design of the Downtown Harbor, which is necessary to get an idea on the different engineering options for various pieces within the project. They are working on technical work that needs to be done. Once the Board certifies a particular alternative, the contract will already be in place with the initial work done so that the actual design can be done and the construction can be started as soon as possible. This is the normal course of action for Port projects.

June Burlingame Smith requested the particular details of the Tetra Design contract.

G. Other: None

H. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: March 11, 2009

I. Adjournment: 6:00 PM

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June Burlingame Smith, Chair
San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant