

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
September 10, 2008

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBER/PCAC

June Burlingame Smith, Chair
Richard Havenick, Voting Member
Janet Gunter, Alternate Member
Frank O'Brien, Voting Member
Gordon Teuber, Exofficio Member
Peter Warren, Voting Member
Kathleen Woodfield, Alternate Member

PORT STAFF

Dr. Ralph Appy
Jan Green Rebstock
Joanne Ruddell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John McNaughton
Richard Pawlowski

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

- A. Call To Order: 5:10PM
- B. Sign-In/Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Approved Minutes of the August 13, 2008 Coordinated Plan Subcommittee Meeting
- E. Public Comment:
Richard Pawlowski, a San Pedro resident, asked for some clarity on plans for the demolition of buildings at the south end of Ports O' Call. The item was added to the end of the agenda.
- F. Update from Port Staff
 - DEIR/DEIS Bridge to Breakwater (SP Waterfront)
The DEIR/DEIS is expected to be released on September 22, 2008. There will be a public meeting in late October. There will also be a workshop meeting with the EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee and the San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee to review the document with the Port consultants.

Ms. Burlingame Smith has asked for a meeting with Dr. Knatz and senior staff to discuss the issue of a consultant to help the Subcommittee review the document. To date, there has been no reply.

Peter Warren offered an emergency motion that pertained to the DEIR/DEIS and explained the urgent nature of the motion since the document was being released on September 22, 2008. Ms. Burlingame Smith, the Chair of the Subcommittee, ruled that the time sequence did not necessitate an emergency motion and therefore it was not a true emergency. The Committee could address and support the motion at the October PCAC meeting.

Mr. Warren moved to overrule the Chair, which had a second by Frank O'Brien. Mr. Warren stated that it was an emergency because the release date of the DEIR/DEIS was to be September 22, 2008. We are trying to get as much publicity and attention on the LA Working Group Sustainable Waterfront Plan as the Port will get for their proposed plan.

The Chair reiterated that the next PCAC meeting was to be on September 16, 2008, at which time (this motion) from the LAN Subcommittee will be heard as an informational item. The motion would be acted upon at the October 21st PCAC meeting. This committee has a meeting scheduled between now and then and can endorse the final motion from the LAN Subcommittee at that time or can move to make amendments to it. There is no true emergency here. That is the reason for her ruling.

Frank O'Brien explained that it was the charge of the Coordinated Plan Subcommittee to coordinate the planning for the waterfront, by providing a sense of direction to the Port. It also seems to be appropriate to consider the role of the committee at the upcoming hearings. The committee should use the next meeting for a wide community meeting rather than a committee meeting. The Committee should be able to speak comprehensively at the next PCAC meeting, to strengthen and affirm our role as a coordinated body. Therefore he believes this motion to be an emergency, and would favor overruling the Chair's decision.

The majority vote of the Subcommittee overruled the Chair. Richard Havenick then moved to suspend the rules so as to be able to address the motion. Second by Peter Warren. The rules were suspended with a vote of 4 Ayes, 1 Nay and 0 Abstentions.

Mr. Warren then moved the following resolution. Second by Richard Havenick.

EMERGENCY MOTION / RESOLUTION:

Whereas, the San Pedro Waterfront Plan will have significant impacts on neighborhoods, businesses, traffic, light, noise, recreation, waterfront access and aesthetics, and;

Whereas, a cruise ship development at Kaiser Point will also significantly affect air quality and have major impacts on the economy of downtown San Pedro, and;

Whereas, the Port, through the project, can demonstrate leadership in the fight against global warming by reducing greenhouse gasses through smart transportation programs and alternative energy uses, and;

Whereas, the Port has chosen not to include the PCAC recognized Sustainable Waterfront Plan that accomplishes all of the above as a project alternative in the DEIR/DEIS, now,

Therefore be in resolved that the Port designate 20 minutes during the waterfront DEIR/DEIS public hearing for a presentation by the Los Angeles Working Group of its Sustainable Waterfront Plan, and;

Be in further resolved that the Los Angeles Working Group be allowed to present its plan to the public via Port email lists and have it posted prominently on the Port website with links from the Waterfront DEIR/DEIS page.

The Emergency Motion carried with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.

Richard Havenick moved to place this emergency motion on the PCAC Agenda for September 16, 2008, as an action item. Second by Frank O'Brien. The motion carried with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and 0 Abstentions.

- **Hard Copies of the San Pedro Waterfront DEIR/DEIS**
Ms. Burlingame Smith requested hard copies of the document be distributed to the Coordinated Plan Subcommittee members (7) and to Jayme Wilson, the PCAC Co-Chair. She also asked that each neighborhood council receive two copies.
- **Water Feature at the Base of 7th Street**
The committee asked for clarification on the proposed water feature, which is presently described as a Civic Water feature, which is not interactive. Port staff from the Engineering Division should be able to provide a more detailed presentation upon the completion of the design. Ms. Burlingame Smith will try to obtain additional information from Tony Gioiello.
- **Business Plan for the SP Waterfront**
Dr. Appy in effect stated that his Division had not received a business plan for the waterfront and that it wasn't, specifically, part of CEQA. However, there are economic assumptions being made as a basis for moving forward with the preferred project, and the Coordinated Plan Subcommittee simply would like to see that economic analysis so that it can make a reasoned determination about projects.
- **Enhancement Projects Progress**
Grading work has begun on the 22nd Street Park, and the question was raised as to where parking was going to occur for the Lobster Festival, during the weekend of September 19-21. Dr. Appy stated that he would look into this and get back to the Subcommittee. The new parking lot at 22nd Street and Sampson Way would not be completed for the festival.

- **Knoll Hill Committee Progress and Timeline**
Joanne Ruddell the project manger for Knoll Hill gave a brief overview of the project, explaining that it was the development of a conceptual plan for the future use of Knoll Hill after the Little League vacates the premises.

The Port hired the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) to help facilitate the planning process. A Steering Committee was formed, which consists of 12 representatives, (2) from the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (N/C) (6) from the Central San Pedro N/C, (2) from the Northwest San Pedro N/C, and (2) from the Wilmington Neighborhood Council, who will be supported by City and Port staff.

The Steering Committee will provide oversight of the planning process. They will be responsible for representing the interest of their respective groups. The first meeting was held in August, and a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released for the search of a landscape architect.

The expected time frame is as follows:

- 18 months to develop a conceptual plan to submit to the Board for action
- September 23, 2008, a subcommittee will meet to select three prospective applicants
- Early October the Steering Committee will meet to select an architect
- End of October, early November they expect to have the first of three community meetings.

Ms. Burlingame Smith asked for regular updates on the plan and its process, since it is their charge to ensure coordination of project elements.

The Coordinated Plan Subcommittee voiced their concerns about there being no PCAC involvement on the Steering Committee, and that the Steering Committee meetings would not be open to the public. Ms. Burlingame Smith stated that all such meetings of the Neighborhood Council had to be Brown Acted and public. Staff responded that the Port Attorney had checked with the City Attorney, and that they concluded that the Steering Committee could have private meetings because they didn't make decisions. Ms. Burlingame Smith had concerns about the composition/procedures of this committee.

H. **Potential Action Item:**
Specific Action to Lead / Participate in a Community-Organized Meeting on the Waterfront Plan

The Port has not responded to the request of the committee for a consultant. Therefore the Subcommittee plans to hold a public meeting, after the release of the DEIR, with Isabelle Divivier, an independent architect, who has volunteered to participate and assist the community in the presentation of the LA Sustainable Waterfront Plan. The

Subcommittee unanimously agreed to hold the meeting on October 14, 2008, from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. The public will be widely noticed with an agenda as soon as the location has been finalized.

I. Other

- Demolition of Buildings, South End of Ports O' Call
Dr. Appy had no update on Ports O' Call.

J. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: October 8, 2008

The Subcommittee changed its October meeting date to October 14, 2008 because of Yom Kippur.

K. Adjournment: 6:45 PM

Signature on File

June Burlingame Smith, Chair
San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee

Signature on Staff

Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant