

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 12, 2008

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBER/PCAC

June Burlingame Smith, Chair
Richard Havenick, Alternate Member
Frank O'Brien, Voting Member
Peter Warren, Voting Member
Kathleen Woodfield, Alternate Member

PORT STAFF

Michael Cham
Derek Jordan
Jan Green Rebstock

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

John McNaughton
Tom Welch

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

- A. Call to Order: June Burlingame Smith, Chair: 5:15 PM
- B. Sign-In / Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Minutes Approved for September 10, 2008, October 14, 2008, and October 22, 2008, San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee Meetings.
- E. Public Comment: None
- F. Port Staff Updates:
 - Progress on Seamless Harbor Boulevard Plan and the Seamless Port/Downtown Plan
Michael Cham, from the Planning and Research Division, gave a brief summary on the Seamless study, which was to respond to concerns over the different jurisdictions between the Port, the CRA, and the City Planning Department, all of which have different efforts going on, with Harbor Boulevard as the seam between them all. The intent is to create a seamless interface with each jurisdiction/area complimenting one another.

SMWM will assist the Port in developing and facilitate these seamless concepts, addressing some of the major access points, the street grid, and the view corridors. Knowing that the Port, the CRA, and the City Planning Department all have different design guidelines, the goal is to develop a plan where they each compliment one another rather than having harsh

distinctions between them (signage, lighting, streetscape, parking, street intersections for Harbor Boulevard and Downtown San Pedro).

June Burlingame Smith raised the issue that the CRA/CAC was angered over the potential design of the parking structures for the cruise terminal, which had nothing to do with the MOU. The original intent was to develop parking that both the Downtown interest and the Port could use.

G. Potential Action or Administrative Action

- Additional Comments on the San Pedro Waterfront Project DEIR/DEIS
Jan Green Rebstock, from the Environmental Management Division, reported that the transcripts from the public scoping meeting held on October 27, 2008, would be posted on the website within a couple of days. There were approximately 320 people who attended the public meeting with approximately 40 speakers.

The request that the PCAC made to have the Port post the Sustainable Waterfront Plan on the website was under discussion.

The committee raised issues that the Port had failed to provide the PCAC twenty minutes at the public scoping meeting to present the Sustainable Waterfront Plan as a reasonable alternative, nor have they posted the plan on their website or distributed it out to the public via their Postal process.

The Port was asked to include the Sustainable Waterfront Plan in the EIR and to analyze it coequally with the other alternatives.

Jan Green Rebstock explained that they did not have enough time to integrate it into the EIR as a coequally analyzed (completely different) alternative in the time frame that they were given. She also pointed out that it identified areas outside of the defined project area which could possibly trigger a re-circulated document.

Peter Warren stated that it had been requested of the Port that they provide a quarter of a million dollars toward the outreach for this alternative plan, for which there has been no response.

June Burlingame Smith reminded the Subcommittee that they had also made a formal request for a consultant to assist them with the review of the Draft EIR.

The Port replied that they would provide Jones and Stokes, the Port Consultants who wrote the environmental document, to address PCAC question and concerns. However, this was not what the Committee asked for.

The issue was raised that the Committee as a whole needed to define its role in the process of obtaining the broadest public support for either the Alternative Four Plan with appropriate changes or for the Sustainable Waterfront Plan. They also needed to determine how they would reference the Chamber's position in their recommendation.

At this point, it appears as though the Chamber is recommending the Alternative Four Plan with changes rather than taking the chance that a re-circulated document would be required with the Sustainable Waterfront Plan (SWP). However, the SWP is Alternative Four with Changes. There was an apparent need for a broad level of support from the public for either the Alternative Four Plan or the Sustainable Waterfront Plan within the next month.

The following Resolution was moved by Peter Warren, Second by Richard Havenick. The Subcommittee agreed on three amendments. The resolution below was adopted with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays and 0 Abstentions.

The Subcommittee agreed that:

- The Chair of the Subcommittee, June Burlingame Smith, would write a letter to Dr. Geraldine Knatz, the Executive Director of the Port of LA, and attach the resolution as an Administrative Action
- She would submit the resolution as part of the comments for the San Pedro Waterfront Project EIR

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, the Sustainable Waterfront Plan (SWP) was not included in the DEIR, and;

Whereas, SWP was presented to Port officials in July and they were notified of its existence in early June, more than three months before the release, and;

Whereas, SWP reflects long-held priorities of many stakeholders in the business, environment, residential communities of San Pedro and California as filed under the WATCH, Urban Land Institute, the 2003 Board approved Waterfront Framework Plan, and 800 responses to the scoping process in the fall of 2005, and;

Whereas, omitting SWP severely impeded the ability of all stakeholders and others to support this alternative, and;

Whereas, the DEIR offered multiple alternatives that propose developing an Outer Harbor cruise ship terminal but only one with no permanent cruise ship facility there, and;

Whereas, CEQA requires that all viable alternatives be given consideration but the PORT failed to include the SWP in Alternative Four as requested by PCAC, and:

Whereas, the public and the Harbor Commissioners should be given the opportunity for meaningful evaluation of the SWP alternative;

Resolved, that the Port of Los Angeles disseminate the Sustainable Waterfront Plan through the email and mail lists of the Port, as well as posting it on the Port website; and:

Resolved, that the Port of Los Angeles complete a coequal analysis of the Sustainable Waterfront Plan as part of the final EIR/EIS.

The Subcommittee reviewed the differences between the Alternative Four Plan that the Chamber of Commerce was supporting and the Sustainable Waterfront Plan; salt marsh expansion, boat launch ramp, the off site parking along Gibson Boulevard, and temporary or occasional use at Kaiser Point). Other differences to be mindful of relate to land use and public infrastructure, as well as philosophy of advocacy.

Discussion resulted in an agreement that the various groups and organizations should use the avenues that are available to them, whether it is the Appellant Group, the LA Working Group, Consulting resources, the Neighborhood Councils, the Sierra Club, and the Chamber to converge on and agree to modify Alternative Four.

- H. Other: None
- I. Agenda Items for Next Meeting, December 10, 2008
- J. Adjournment: 7:15 PM

Signature on File
June Burlingame Smith, Chair
San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee

Signature on File
Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant