

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(PCAC) STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

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

MINUTES
October 4, 2011

ATTENDEES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Carrie Scoville, PCAC Parliamentarian

OTHER PCAC MEMBERS:

Richard Havenick
Arthur Hernandez

COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS:

Lou Baglietto
Irene Mendoza

LOCATION: Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank, Wilmington, CA 90744

- A. Call to Order: 6:00p.m. – Carrie Scoville, Acting Chair
- B. Sign-In / Introductions
- C. Agenda was Approved
- D. Minutes were Approved for the September 6, 2011 Steering Committee Meeting
- E. Public Comment:
Lou Baglietto announced that the Draft EIR for the Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) Project was released for public review, with a 90 day comment period, ending at 5:00 PM on December 22, 2011. The date for the Public Scoping meeting has not yet been determined.
- F. Status of Pending PCAC Recommendations: No Staff Update
The outstanding recommendations relate to the structure of the PCAC.
- G. Informational Items for October 18, 2011 PCAC Meeting:
On September 8, 2011, the EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee approved the following recommendation, which was moved by Jody James, Second by Chuck Hart and carried with 6 Ayes, 0 Nays and 0 Abstentions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Whereas, the PCAC has historically opposed the existence of the Ultra Hazardous Amerigas/Rancho Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) facility in San Pedro and has consistently urged the City and Port of LA to relocate the facility due to its high risk;

Whereas, the risk of hazard continues to increase with every day due to the facility's aging infrastructure, increased likelihood of earthquake or natural disaster due to its location in a seismically dangerous area and tsunami zone, and a growing threat of terrorism in a port city acknowledged as a probable target site;

Whereas, the facility entered into the community 37 years ago without benefit of a Risk Analysis and failed to engage in an EIR process when for example the business significantly changed its Business operation from the transport of LPG and Butane primarily by sea to the more hazardous mode of transportation by truck and rail when pipelines from refineries were constructed and connected;

Whereas, the restoration of a legal public process needs to be instituted to ensure the right of our communities to live in a safe environment;

Whereas, the rail line spur accommodating the transportation of the Liquid Gas for Rancho LPG falls under the jurisdiction of the Port and City of Los Angeles;

Therefore, be it resolved that the PCAC recommends that the Harbor Commissioners direct the Port of LA to immediately revoke the permit to rail line access for the Rancho LPG Facility until an Environmental Impact Review process is completed that reflects the current Rancho LPG operation and proves that the Harbor Communities are not exposed to an unnecessary and elevated risk of hazard due to their operation.

For the record, Irene Mendoza, on behalf of Svorinich Companies, Inc./Rancho LPG, distributed copies of a letter from City Attorney Carmen Trutanich responding to a number of concerns communicated through Attorney Anthony Patchett. This letter addresses many of the concerns in the PCAC recommendation above. Attorney Trutanich's response was also copied to the Harbor Commissioners, Dr. Geraldine Knatz, Port of LA Executive Director, Brian Cummings, LA Fire Chief, Thomas Russell, General Counsel for the Harbor Department, Janet Jackson, Fire General Counsel, Reed Sata, Chief Counsel, California Dept. of Toxic Substances Control, and Brian Hembacher, Deputy Attorney General, California Dept. of Justice.

PCAC's Recommendation will go before the PCAC on October 18, 2011 as an informational item. The body can then decide how to proceed with the recommendation and the aforementioned letter. The PCAC secretary will resend the letter to PCAC members in preparation for the October 2011 PCAC meeting.

- H. The 2011-2012 election for PCAC Chair and Parliamentarian will be held at the October 18, 2011 PCAC meeting (Time Certain: 7:00 p.m.).
- I. Action Items for October 18, 2011 PCAC Meeting:
 - 1. The EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee approved the following recommendation on September 8, 2011. The recommendation was moved by Jody James, second by Chuck Hart and carried with 6 Ayes, 0 Nays and 0 Abstentions.

Recommendation:

Whereas, the PCAC was established through LA City Resolution #6039 and charged with the responsibility of reviewing past and present Environmental Impact Reports and Port impacts and mitigations affecting Harbor Area Communities;

Whereas, the Port of LA conducted public presentations of the LA Waterfront Plan without PCAC participation or recognition of the responsibility assigned to PCAC by the LA City Resolution;

Therefore, be it resolved, that PCAC strongly recommends to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that it ensure the PCAC can fulfill responsibilities assigned by City Resolution #6039 by recognizing the PCAC as the necessary venue for public presentations and discussions regarding the LA Waterfront Plan and/or that the Waterfront Plan meetings be conducted through POLA/PCAC partnership.

- 2. The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee approved the following recommendation on June 14, 2011. The recommendation was moved by Olivia Cueva Fernandez, second by Donna Ethington and carried with 3 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Abstention.

Recommendation:

The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee recommends to the PCAC that the PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners (BHC) that the Port continue to designate Colonial Yacht Anchorage's existing land and water space for recreational uses and to preserve the existing uses that include a boat yard, a launch ramp and marina slips.

The Port designate Colonial's storage yard and surrounding slips on the southwest corner of Anchorage and Shore Roads for the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center, separate from any future lease of the boat yard, launch ramp and marina slips.

3. The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee approved the following recommendation on August 9, 2011. The recommendation was moved by Charlie Rico, second by Olivia Cueva Fernandez and carried with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Abstention.

Recommendation:

The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee supports the request from the Wilmington YMCA for an additional \$500,000 for cost overruns on the swimming pool project that was funded by the China Shipping Mitigation. The overrun came from increased construction costs and the unanticipated remediation costs for methane gas.

The Committee directed Gary Kern, the Chair of the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee, to draft a letter of support proposing that the money be drawn from any remaining mitigation funds / TraPac funds or from the Port's Harbor Revenue Fund.

June Burlingame Smith suggested at the September PCAC meeting that the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee work on amending the recommendation for the October PCAC Committee meeting.

The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee will be meeting on October 11th, at which time the Subcommittee will consider amending the recommendation.

- J. Presentations/Updates for October 18, 2011 PCAC Meeting:
Sanitation Districts' of Los Angeles County Clearwater Program (20 Minutes)

Committee members removed, for the time being, the AQ Mitigation Update from the list of potential presentations for future PCAC meetings. The item was replaced with the Aesthetic Mitigation Update on Funding these Projects.

Carrie Scoville suggested that the update from Gary Dwight, on the Angels Gate Lighthouse, be pushed to the November PCAC meeting.

Carrie Scoville will request, for future PCAC meetings, regular updates on the status of the Strategic Plan and the outreach process.

K. Adjournment: 7:05PM

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Carrie Scoville, Acting Chair
Port of Los Angeles Port Community Advisory Committee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant