

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL / JOINT MEETING OF THE
WILMINGTON WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AND
THE EIR/AESTHETIC MITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Minutes
April 14, 2009

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

Ken Melendez, Chair	Gary Kern, Voting Member
Skip Baldwin, Alternate Member	Marcus Perez, Alternate Member
Olivia Cueva Fernandez, Voting Member	Michael Sanborn, Alternate Member
Donna Ethington, Voting Member	Andrew Fox, Voting Member
Arthur Hernandez, Alternate Member	Chuck Hart, Voting Member
Frank Herrera, Voting Member	John Miller, Voting Member
Jody James, Alternate Member	Philip Nicolay, Alternate Member
Lucy Mejia, Voting Member	Peter Warren, Voting Member
Eleanor Montano, Voting Member	Kathleen Woodfield, Voting Member

PORT STAFF

Chris Brown
Jan Green Rebstock
Teresa Scognamillo

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Leticia Melendez
Richard Pawlowski
Jesse Marquez

Meeting Location: Banning's Landing, 100 E. Water Street, Wilmington, CA

- A. Call to Order: 6:55 PM
- B. Agenda Approved
- C. POLA Staff Update / Wilmington Waterfront Projects
Chris Brown, from the POLA Engineering Division, reported that the Buffer Project was moving right along, and that construction was underway.

With regard to the Avalon Triangle, the state is working on the final last public outreach effort on the cleanup of the site.

Jan Green Rebstock, from the POLA Environmental Management Division, reported that the Port was looking to submit the Wilmington Waterfront Project final EIR to the Board, the first meeting in June.

The project includes the area from Lagoon to Broad Street, C Street to Harry Bridges Boulevard, and down to the water's edge. The project includes the elevated land bridge, and the property with the DWP tanks. The initial focus will be the building the waterfront promenade.

- D. Banning's Residence Museum Transportation Exhibit
Michael Sanborn provided an update on the project. The Friends of the Banning Residence Museum raised \$2.2 M, of which the \$900,000 from China Shipping was a part. The new museum will be in the lower level. It will tell the story of the transportation legacy, created here through the Harbor and the Port, from 1850 to the 1920s.

We have completed the plans which have been submitted to the City. We have demolished the down stairs area, hired historians, as well as a designer, who we hope will have access by July. We have begun the environmental cleanup process which will actually take place starting April 27, 2009. The cleanup will address issues pertaining to mold and lead paint. There was no evidence of any asbestos.

We have just submitted to the Port, invoices for the first three phases that have been completed. Barring no major problems with the construction of the new museum/new visitor center, or the installation of all the exhibit material, we anticipate a Grand Opening late December 2009 / early January 2010.

- E. ACTION ITEMS:
Review Selection of Wilmington and San Pedro Aesthetic Mitigation Projects

1. Recommendation for Wilmington Aesthetic Mitigation Projects / and San Pedro Aesthetic Mitigation Projects

The Wilmington Working Group did not come to a consensus on the selection of mitigation projects. The EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee opted to hold the motion for both the San Pedro and the Wilmington projects until May.

The Wilmington Working Group will meet again on Monday, April 20th, at 5:30 at Banning's Landing.

2. Recommendation for Wilmington Youth Sailing Center
The Youth Sailing Center Project had already been approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners, for the allocation of \$3.1 M. Since then, the cost of one of the components has decreased, which has left a surplus of money to be reallocated to support another component of the project. Therefore the Committee has made the following recommendation, which was moved by Ken Melendez, Seconded by Arthur Hernandez and passed with 11 Ayes, 0 Nays and 2 Abstentions.

RECOMMENDATION

Whereas, the California State Lands Commission approved the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center Aesthetic Mitigation Proposal in June 2003 that included facility construction costs as well as \$230K for startup and operating costs, and;

Whereas, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the Sailing Center project in 2006 and allocated \$3.1M for construction of the facility only, based on construction of a new facility on undeveloped land and water, and;

Whereas, in 2008, Port staff determined that the proposed location would not be available for ten or more years and has proposed an alternate site within an existing marina that will not require extensive development of land and water as originally anticipated, will result in a cost savings.

Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Wilmington Waterfront Subcommittee & the EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee recommends that the PCAC request the Board to reallocate \$500,000 of the approved \$3.1M in construction funds to operating revenue to cover startup and approximately three years of operating costs for the Sailing Center.

3. Proposed Amended Resolution for Action Regarding the Extension of the June 2009 Term Date for the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Fund: A motion was made to table the amended / Substitute motion brought forward by Pat Nave. The Committee agreed to move forward with the original motion as it had been presented at the February PCAC meeting. The motion to move forward with the original item was moved by Peter Warren, Seconded by Jody James, and carried with 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstention. The motion will be presented to PCAC at their April 21st meeting as follows:

MOTION

The EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee recommends that the PCAC request from the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the June 2009 term date for the allocation of China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation funds be extended until December 31, 2009.

- F. Public Comment: None
- G. Next Meeting, May 12, 2009

H. Adjournment: 7:20 PM

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Ken Melendez, Chair
Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee

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Kathleen Woodfield, Acting Chair
EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant