

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
EIR/AESTHETIC MITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Minutes  
February 28, 2008  
Meeting Held at  
POLA Charter High School  
San Pedro

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

Dr. John Miller, Chair  
Skip Baldwin, Alternate Member  
Donna Ethington, Voting Member  
Janet Gunter, Alternate Member  
Chuck Hart, Voting Member  
Lucy Mejia, Voting Member

PORT STAFF

Teresa Scognamillo

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

J.E. Almanza  
Lou Baglietto  
Betsy Cheek  
Gideon Kracov  
Dr. Michael Mahan  
Richard Pawlowski  
Susan Totaro  
David Wright

- A. Call to Order: 4:05PM
- B. Sign In / Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Minutes were approved for the November 8, 2007 EIR Subcommittee meeting. Skip Baldwin requested that a notation be inserted into the October 25, 2007 EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee meeting minutes, stating that a discussion was held and the Committee agreed to hold the November meeting at the POLA Charter High School.
- E. Discussion:
  - 1. Environmental Mitigation Coordinator Update on Status of Mitigation Projects and Funds from NRDC et al vs. City of Los Angeles Amended Stipulated Judgment  
Teresa Scognamillo, the Aesthetic Mitigation Coordinator, reported that the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the funding for the Wilmington YMCA Aquatic Center, and the Banning Museum Exhibit. The next step is to finalize an agreement with the applicants for those two projects. Ms. Scognamillo will meet with the other project applicants and Port staff (from the Planning & Research, Real Estate, and Engineering Divisions) to iron out the undefined details on the other three projects.

Additional Updates:

- The Wilmington Youth Sailing Center:  
The Port is still working with Donna Ethington to identify a permanent location for the Sailing Center. In the meantime, Ms. Ethington is discussing options for a temporary location to begin sailing classes.
- The Northwest San Pedro Beautification Project is expected to go out for bid by the end of February. Construction would begin early summer and be completed by the end of the summer.

Ms. Scognamillo is working on the next RFP for San Pedro.

2. Possible Action Item:

Recommendations to PCAC Concerning Projects Under the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Program (E. Wilmington Open Space, A Park)  
The Committee adopted the following RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, this project was the highest ranked project when the Wilmington Aesthetic Mitigation Committee initially met on June 28, 2007 to evaluate and prioritize the Wilmington Aesthetic Mitigation Proposals, and;

WHEREAS, all of the voting members of the Aesthetic Mitigation Committee were from Wilmington.

THEREFORE, the EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee recommends to the PCAC that the PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners the East Wilmington Open Space, A Park Project as a priority project in order to honor the true spirit and intent of the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Settlement.

Motion moved by Janet Gunter

Second by Lucy Mejia

Motion carried with 3 Ayes and 2 Recusals.

3. Discussion of Waterfront Redevelopment Program

There was no staff update on the Waterfront Redevelopment Program. However, Lou Baglietto stated that it had been announced at the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce Governor's Affair Committee meeting that the San Pedro Waterfront Draft EIR would be out by the end of March.

4. Quarterly Report on the Amended Stipulated Judgment

Ms. Scognamillo explained that the reports for 2007 Quarters 1 and 2 were just mailed out. Outstanding issues included:

- The Plaza Park Improvement Project won't be considered until the China Shipping EIR is certified. When will the EIR be certified? Ms. Scognamillo did not know.
- The Committee requested a copy of the staff evaluation (the feasibility and emission benefits of using low sulfur marine diesel in commercial container vessels when in coastal waters and at berth) that was submitted to the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.(NRDC) on May 31, 2005.

F. Public Comment/Non Agenda Items:

- Dr. John Miller explained that he had been to Washington, D.C. to testify before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, to support Senate Bill 1499, Marine Vessel Emissions Reduction Act of 2007. He distributed a package of information that included his testimony as well as the testimonies of Richard Kassel, the Senior Attorney for the NRDC, Barry R. Wallerstein, Executive Officer of the AQMD, and Bryan Wood-Thomas, the Associate Director of the Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. EPA. Included were maps and statistics on health impacts from ships and the cancer risks created by Marine Vessels.
- \$25 Million Line of Credit Between the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the Harbor Department  
Susan Totaro, from the CRA, explained that the spirit of the loan was to provide assistance for the remediation and development of land for maritime related business/and to relocate businesses affected by terminal expansion, in the Wilmington Industrial Park/ Wilmington Waterfront Project area. Bringing new development into the project area will increase the tax base, enhance the economic integrity of Wilmington, and create new jobs. This and the sale of land will help to provide funds to repay the loan. The Committee requested copies of the loan agreement and the details therein. This item will be readdressed at the April meeting.

G. Next Meeting: March 27, 2008

H. Adjournment: 5:30PM

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Dr. John Miller, Chair  
EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty  
PCAC Executive Assistant