

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

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

Minutes
November 12, 2009

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

John Miller, Chair
Kathleen Woodfield, Acting Chair
Jody James, Alternate Member
Donna Ethington, Voting Member

PORT STAFF

Lena Maun DeSantis

PARTICIPANTS

Lou Baglietto
Richard Pawlowski

MEETING LOCATION: Banning's Landing, 100 E. Water Street, Wilmington, CA 90744

- A. Call to Order: Kathleen Woodfield, Acting Chair: 4:10 p.m.
- B. Sign In / Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Approved the Minutes for the October 15, 2009 EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee Meeting
- E. Public Comment: None
- F. POLA Staff Update:
 - 1. China Shipping Amended Stipulated Judgment (ASJ) Aesthetic Mitigation Fund:

In the absence of Teresa Scognamillo, Lena Maun DeSantis, from the Environmental Management Division, provided an update on the following:

 - a. Finalization of the Monitoring Document for all of the ASJ Projects:

There was no updated monitoring document this month.
 - b. Status of Current Wilmington/San Pedro Aesthetic Mitigation Projects
 - ▶ Plaza Park:

Chuck Hart had asked why the project had a cost of \$5 Million. Ms. Maun DeSantis distributed a cost breakdown. One of the first issues was that with time things tend to get more expensive. Secondly, the original project did not call for the stabilization of the bluff, a costly endeavor. Issues with hill side reinforcement will be identified in a stabilization study. In the meantime, POLA was required to provide enough money in the event that the

stabilization was necessary. If it turns out that it is not required, then the extra funds will be returned back to the Aesthetic Mitigation Fund.

Ms. Woodfield asked that if there had been a history of slippage at the site, why the burden of stabilization would fall to the project fund rather than on the property owner. Ms. Maun DeSantis thought that perhaps the hill side was stable enough as is, but that the implementation of a new project could compromise its stability even more. This is one of the issues why this area has not been improved.

The community wants to know what's holding up the Project. They want to see some movement on the Plaza Park.

- ▶ **Wilmington Marina Parkway Project:**
Donna Ethington reported that Teresa Scognamillo was setting up a meeting with members of the Engineering Division to discuss the Wilmington Marina Parkway Project.
- ▶ **Wilmington Youth Sailing Center**
The project is no longer assigned to any particular POLA staff member, as it had previously been assigned to Wally Knox, who has since transferred to the Department of Water and Power. Ms. Ethington was informed that the Port was still looking at her proposal and that the Port had not gone out with a Request For Proposal (RFP).

Ms. Ethington had asked the Board of Harbor Commissioners to consider having a Wilmington Working Group to look at the various issues related to the Master Plan for the Wilmington Marinas area.

David Mathewson, the Director of Planning and Research, has been tasked with addressing PCAC Motion #73 as well as the formation of a working group that will work on related issues pertaining to, but not limited to, the evaluation of the infrastructure improvements consistent with other public areas of the waterfront as part of the Cerritos Channel/East Basin Marina Redevelopment, Providing an internal access road connecting all eleven Wilmington Marinas to the community bypassing the Henry Ford Rail Junction, Realign and widen Anchorage Road, Install underground utilities on Anchorage Road, Make 3-4 acres of the POLA 40-acre soil storage site available for boat maintenance and dry boat storage, Install sidewalks on primary marina access roads, Install bike paths, signage and landscaping, Install natural gas lines and telecommunication cables to all marinas, Provide sewer disposal access for portable pump-out systems, and

Provide central disposal/collection site for used oil, solvents, contaminated bilge water & batteries. Ms. Ethington thinks that the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center Project may also end up in the working group, since it is no longer assigned to any particular project manager.

The working group is expected to comprise of representatives from the Port's Environmental, Engineering, and Planning Divisions, the Port Police, three Marina Owners, three Boat Owners, and one member each from the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, the Neighborhood Council, and the Wilmington Waterfront Subcommittee as well as having representation from the Port of Long Beach. This working group will be similar to the Steering Committee that had been instituted for the Knoll Hill Project in San Pedro.

- c. When do the Newly Recommended San Pedro Projects go to the Board of Harbor Commission (BHC)? Is there any insight on the Board Report? (No)

The staff report / Board report for the San Pedro projects is expected to go to the BHC on December 10, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. at the POLA Administration Building.

2. Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Schedule and Status Update of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Projects:

- a. BHC Motion for the San Pedro Waterfront EIR/Implementation Guidelines Plan

In response to the Board's request for an implementation plan for the San Pedro Waterfront, the Port put together a draft plan of guidelines which is considered to be a living document and subject to change as the community outreach process progresses.

Ms. Woodfield pointed out that the Commissioner's motion added the element of aesthetics to the Inner Harbor Cruise Terminal. Cindy Miscikowski, the Board President, had stated that she would like to see aesthetic improvements to the North Harbor Cruise Terminal; improvements that portray a real presence of a world class cruise terminal.

The community was encouraged to attend the November 19, 2009 Board of Harbor Commission meeting, and to provide their input on the Draft Implementation Plan.

- b. Wilmington Waterfront: No Update

- c. LA Marine Terminal:

POLA is working on lease negotiations with Plains all American Pipeline. Even though there is a lawsuit pending, the project has not been enjoined.

- d. China Shipping Document has been certified. There is an issue with regard to Riverside and their lawsuit; however, they did not enjoin the project. The Project/components of the project can move forward.
- e. Channel Deepening:
There was no new update on the Channel Deepening Project.
- f. Other CEQA Projects
 - American President Lines (APL) - The Notice of Preparation (NOP) is out. POLA staff is working on the Draft EIR. To come out May/June 2010.
 - Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) and the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF), an expansion of operational capacity at the existing ICTF facility in Carson. Tentative release may be in May/June 2010.

John Miller asked for an update on the amount of cargo that has actually gone out by rail, versus the 40% that had been quoted in the 1992 Pier 300 Container Terminal EIR.

- Canner's Steam NOP (Demolition of a Historical Building) likely to be released in January 2010.
- Cabrillo Beach Circulation Pumps/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to be releases early 2010. Will address water quality and TMDL issues (removing eel grass, a protected species, to put in circulation pumps).
- Al Larson Redevelopment (NOP) – to be released in 2010

- G. Action Regarding Ship Fuel Subsidy Program/Funding:
Discussion was postponed until December Subcommittee meeting.
- H. Discussion and Action Regarding Air Quality Subcommittee:
Discussion was postponed until December Subcommittee meeting.
- I. Discussion of Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site (ARSSS) and the Need to have a Storage Removal Program. What is short term? What is the EIR requirement for this site?
Ms. Ethington drafted a proposed plan for Anchorage Road that she shared with the Subcommittee.

The Port has committed to end the use of the site for soil storage by the end of 2011. Presently there are no long term plans for the site. This will be one of the issues that will be addressed in the Wilmington Working Group. There is no storage soil removal program. There was no definition for what was to be considered short term, nor was there any requirement to do an EIR on the site.

Ms. Ethington stated that there were grant funds available through the Port of Long Beach for green house gas emission reductions, i.e.: carbon

sequestration, “a geo-engineering technique for the long-term storage of carbon dioxide or other forms of carbon, for the mitigation of global warming. Carbon dioxide is usually captured from the atmosphere through biological, chemical or physical processes.... The natural removal of carbon from the atmosphere by the soil and plants; any of several processes for the removal of excess carbon dioxide...” (wikipedia.org).

These grant funds are part of the mitigation for the Middle Harbor project and are available to the community. Projects can be on Long Beach Port property, which would coincide with her draft plan for restoring the wet lands. Her plan could be a self sustaining project.

- J. Old Business: None
- K. Status of Operational Mitigation Monitoring Report Program (MMRP): An operational MMRP should be available from TraPac in a couple of months.
- L. New Business/Non Agenda Items: None
- M. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: December 10, 2009, at 4:00 PM
 - Remove Agenda Items:
 1. Marine Terminal
 2. China Shipping
 3. Channel Deepening Project
 - Add Agenda Items:
 1. American President Lines (APL) (NOP)
 2. Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) and the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF)
 3. Canner’s Steam (NOP)
 4. Cabrillo Beach Circulation Pumps (MND)
 5. Al Larson Redevelopment (NOP)
- N. Adjournment: 5:35 p.m.

Signature on File
Kathleen Woodfield, Acting Chair
EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant