

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007, 5:30-8:00 P.M.
CROWNE PLAZA/LA HARBOR HOTEL
601 S. PALOS VERDES STREET
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JAYME WILSON, CO-CHAIRPERSON

ATTENDEES

**Jayne Wilson, Co-Chairperson
Joe Gatlin, Voting Member, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Richard Havenick, Voting Member, Coastal S.P. Neighborhood Council
Donna Ethington, Voting Member, Wilmington Neighborhood Council
Lucy Mejia, Alternate Member, Wilmington Neighborhood Council
Richard Pavlick, Voting Member, Crescent Area Resident's Assn.
June B. Smith, Voting Member, Point Fermin Resident's Assn.
Janet Gunter, Alternate for (A.Mardesich), S.P. & Peninsula Homeowners Co.
John Miller, Voting Member, S.P. & Peninsula Homeowners Co.
Kathleen Woodfield, Alternate (for Noel Park), S.P. & Peninsula Homeowners Co.
Skip Baldwin, Alternate (for Jesse Marquez), Wilmington Citizens Committee
Cathy Beauregard, Voting, At-Large (San Pedro)
Jody James, Alternate for (Chuck Hart), At-Large (San Pedro)
Gary Kern, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee
Donald Norton, Alternate for (A. Misetich), Harbor Assoc. Ind. & Commerce
Patrick Wilson, Voting Member, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce
Dave Beeman, Voting Member, I.L.W.U. #13
Lanny Nelms, Voting Member, At-Large (BHC)
Andrew Fox, Voting Member, At-Large (Hahn)
Kenneth Melendez, Voting Member, Wilmington Commercial District**

ABSENTEES

**Joeann Valle, Voting Member, Harbor City Neighborhood Council
Shannon Day, Voting, Northwest S.P. Neighborhood Council
Noel Park, Voting Member, S.P. & Peninsula Homeowners Co.
Andrew Mardesich, Voting Member, S.P. & Peninsula Homeowners Co.
Jesse Marquez, Voting Member, Wilmington Citizens Committee
Chuck Hart, Voting Member, At-Large (San Pedro)
Cecilia Moreno, Voting Member, At-Large (Wilm.)
Frank Herrera, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee
Eleanor Montano, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee
Anthony Misetich, Voting Member, Harbor Assoc. Ind. & Commerce
Edward J. Rogan, Voting Member, Harbor Assoc. Ind. & Commerce**

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ABSENTEES CONTINUED

Mark Waronek, Voting Member, Harbor City/Gateway Chamber
Frank O'Brien, Voting Member, LA Harbor/Watts EDC
James Cross, Voting Member, S.P. Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Michele Grubbs, Voting Member, Pacific Merchant Shipping Assoc.
Gary Young, Voting Member, Non – I.L.W.U.
Linda Spink, Voting Member, Education (At-Large)
Olivia Cueva-Fernandez, Voting Member, Education (At-Large)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Jayme Wilson called the meeting to order.

B. OPENING STATEMENT - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PCAC)

AS PROVIDED BY THE BROWN ACT, PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY AGENDA ITEM OR DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS. THE COMMITTEE, UNDER ITS RULES, SHALL NOT ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. ANYONE DESIRING TO SPEAK MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER CARD AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

C. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM BY ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present (20).

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

There were no minutes to be approved.

E. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

Co-Chair Wilson called for public comments. The following persons appeared before the Committee:

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Bob Stein, from Gambal Industries, requested an opportunity to address PCAC with a presentation on proposed uses for the Southwest Marine site, which is presently the subject of a draft EIR. Co-Chair Wilson stated that someone would be happy to discuss it with him at the close of the meeting.

John Brickwell, the Vice President of Gambal Industries, reemphasized the need for a multi use marine facility at the Southwest Marine Site (i.e. boat yard) to maintain and repair pleasure crafts, tugs, and Barges as well as handling distressed vessels.

Rick Whearty, a resident of Wilmington, spoke on behalf of a boat yard. He was also in favor of maintaining the size of the PCAC.

**F. REPORTS OF CO-CHAIRPERSON AND PORT OF LOS ANGELES STAFF
David Mathewson, introduced John Holmes, the new Director of Operations at the Port of LA, who will be overseeing Port security.**

Mr. Mathewson made the following announcements:

- **There will be a scoping meeting on January 23, 2007, for the San Pedro Waterfront NOP. The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, from 6:00 – 8:30PM.**
- **There will be a number of activities this year to celebrate the Centennial anniversary of the Port. The activity schedule can be found on the Port's website www.portoflosangeles.org. Click on the Centennial logo.**
- **Port staff reports for the following PCAC motions are expected to go to the Board on February 1, 2007. Reports should be posted on the website the Friday before.**

Motion #23 - Any increased diesel emissions from Port projects be mitigated down to zero, and adopt as policy that the offsetting reductions be done as closely as possible to each individual project.

Motion #52 - The Board initiates immediate review and consideration for implementation of the "No Net Increase Task Force Report and Plan", dated June 24, 2005.

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Motion #67 - The Board approve only those EIRs that mitigate any significant air quality impacts to a level of insignificance, and where all possible project-specific mitigations still result in a level of significance, mitigations are implemented on a Port-wide basis in order to meet the insignificant requirement.

Motion #42 - That undeveloped Port-owned land in the Wilmington and San Pedro Districts (excluding Terminal Island), on a temporary basis, be planted with sod or hydro seeded, whichever is more economical....

Dr. John Miller stated that, to date, there have not been any studies identified specifically to support the use of overriding considerations.

PCAC DISCUSSION

Co-Chair Wilson summarized the events of a special PCAC meeting, held January 9, 2007, to discuss recommendations for the restructuring of the PCAC. A list of those recommendations were distributed and discussed.

June Burlingame Smith suggested categorizing the elements of the recommendation under such headings as History of PCAC, Mission, Purpose, Structure, Support and Process. Secondly, she stated that Port staff should consult PCAC and work collaboratively with them before any final recommendations go to the Board.

Richard Havenick remarked on the importance of the Air Quality Subcommittee. In addition, he suggested verifying the interest of all the groups represented on PCAC.

Dr. Miller relayed some additional thoughts on the Port's decision not to renew PCAC consultant contracts. His view was that in lieu of eliminating the PCAC as mandated in the China Shipping Settlement, the Port is choosing to restructure it. He suggested that Dr. Fawcett address the PCAC with his report.

Kathleen Woodfield recommended that Dr. Knatz address the PCAC with her recommendations. Secondly, she opposed the idea that a majority of membership should be required to pass a motion not members present. Thirdly, she suggested an additional recommendation that PCAC have its

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own legal council.

Donna Ethington recommended adding a statement to the recommendation to replace member organizations that do not participate in PCAC. She also suggested that if the Environmental Subcommittee was to be the primary avenue to address the Port Master Plan, the Strategic Plan, Light, Aesthetics and Noise, Water Quality, and Traffic issues, that the committee should meet twice a month, or that the Committee should have two different Chairs to address specific issues.

June Burlingame Smith recalled a discussion on term limits, which was opposed by PCAC. She was also concerned with the fact that Dr. Fawcett recommended increasing the size of PCAC, whereas, Dr. Knatz recommended downsizing.

Richard Pavlick recommended that abstention votes being counted as a no votes be addressed in the recommendation. He further suggested that current members of the PCAC be grandfathered in.

Joe Gatlin remarked on the heavier work load of a smaller PCAC and suggested increasing the number of alternates to participate in subcommittees. Dr. Miller agreed.

Kathleen Woodfield suggested adding a position for an environmental organization.

The committee agreed that the PCAC itself had the best knowledge, experience and perspective for making recommendations on its own structure. Co-Chair Wilson requested that additional input be forwarded to either Deb or to himself. In the meantime, he would work with June Burlingame Smith and Richard Havenick to draft a recommendation that would be distributed via e-mail to the PCAC members.

G. UPDATE/INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Michael Cham, from Planning and Research, gave an informational presentation on the San Pedro Waterfront Project NOP/NOI. He highlighted the major objectives of the project and the key elements that

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are needed for the infrastructure, in order to implement the Master Plan.

The objectives are to:

1. Increase public access to the waterfront
2. Enhance the linkage between downtown San Pedro and the Port of Los Angeles
3. Enhance the Visitors Serving Land Uses

Key elements are:

1. (3) Water Cuts
2. Promenade and Open Space/Promenade Pedestrian Pathway
3. The Ports O' Call (Building the Promenade through the Ports O' Call along the water. Commercial Development/Redeveloping Existing Successful Restaurants and Land Uses.
4. Cruise Terminals – Outer Cruise Terminal, which will require transportation and parking improvements (i.e. Sampson Way, and the Red Car Extension).

The NOP/NOI was released on November 22, 2006. A public scoping meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza/LA Harbor Hotel, from 6:00PM to 8:30PM. The comment period goes through February.

Co-Chair Wilson urged PCAC members to attend the scoping meeting with their comments.

H. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. The PCAC recommends to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that Direct Service Contracting applicable to Port trucking be incorporated into the Clean Air Action Plan using the model as proposed by the Coalition for Clean and Safe Ports.

(Motion adopted at the Air Quality Subcommittee meeting on November 1, 2006. Motion moved by Kathleen Woodfield, seconded by Jody James. The motion carried with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.)

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Richard Havenick introduced the motion. Committee members made the following comments:

Patrick Wilson requested more information regarding Direct Service Contracts.

Donna Ethington suggested the following amendment, "that Direct Service Contracting applicable to Port trucking be *evaluated as part of the Clean Air Action Plan ...*

Skip Baldwin supports the idea of Direct Service Contracts, however, he was concerned about the possibility of manipulating the trucking system.

Lucy Mejia requested that trucks be restricted from community neighborhoods and that Port Police enforce it.

Kathleen Woodfield reminded the committee that this motion focuses on air quality issues, not labor issues.

Co-Chair Wilson suggested that the Air Quality Subcommittee redevelop the motion with more complete information for community groups. The motion will come back to the PCAC for action in February.

- 2. The PCAC recommends to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that it calls on the Port of Los Angeles to include Non-Cancer Health Risks along with Cancer Risks in creating its Health Risk Assessment.**

(Motion adopted at the Air Quality Subcommittee meeting on January 3, 2007. Motion moved by Kathleen Woodfield, seconded by Jody James, and carried with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Abstention.)

Richard Havenick introduced the motion. Committee members made the following comments:

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Donna Ethington requested that the motion specify diesel emissions. (The committee's intent was not to limit the motion to diesel emissions.)

June Burlingame Smith suggested the following amendment: The PCAC recommends to the ... "that the Port of Los Angeles include non-cancer health risks..."

Andrew Fox requested more information on what SCAQMD and CARB were doing with their Health Risk Assessment as it pertains to this motion.

Kathleen Woodfield stressed that the intent of the motion was to have the Port evaluate all health risks in their HRA, utilizing the same health risks as SCAQMD and CARB.

Co-Chair Wilson suggested that the Air Quality Subcommittee rework the motion, to clarify the methodology of CARB/SCAQMD. The motion will come back to the PCAC for action in February.

- 3. The PCAC recommends to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the PCAC be given the opportunity to review the Fawcett Report and respond with its own recommendations that are voted on by the PCAC Committee-whole, and that the Harbor Commission not approve any PCAC restructuring action until the PCAC has had an opportunity to report its findings to the Harbor Commission.**

(Motion adopted at the Air Quality Subcommittee meeting on January 3, 2007. Motion moved by Kathleen Woodfield, seconded by Jody James, and carried with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.)

Co-Chair Wilson recapped on the discussions held at previous meetings as well as the discussion held earlier in this meeting. He agreed that the PCAC should be proactive and submit its own recommendation. The PCAC restructuring recommendation will come back to the PCAC for action in February.

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4. **The PCAC recommends to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the Harbor Commission set a policy to include a requirement to evaluate impacts to global warming with each Environmental Impact Report.**

(Motion adopted at the Air Quality Subcommittee meeting on January 3, 2007. Motion moved by Kathleen Woodfield, seconded by Jody James, and carried with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and 0 Abstentions.)

Kathleen Woodfield introduced the motion.

Andrew Fox requested guidance from CARB and SCAQMD with regard to looking at global warming. Donald Norton agreed.

Jody James spoke in favor of this motion.

The motion will come back to the PCAC for action in February.

I. ACTION ITEM

The PCAC recommends that the Board of Harbor Commissioners accept the Wilmington Waterfront Development Master Plan including Buffer Plan and Interim Master Plan as presented to the community of Wilmington on December 2, 2006, and direct Port staff to proceed with analysis of environmental impacts for the master plan.

(Motion adopted at the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee meeting on December 5, 2006. Motion moved by Gary Kern, seconded by Jesse Marquez, and carried with 7 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.)

Ken Melendez introduced the motion.

Co-Chair Wilson stated that there were 23 Public speaker cards. He opened the floor for committee comments before starting on public comment:

Andrew Fox asked Attorney Russell to comment on the land restrictions in accordance with State Tidelands Trust.

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Gary Kern spoke in favor of the plan. It would be a travesty and an injustice to see this project put on hold or changed.

Patrick Wilson spoke in support of the plan.

Kathleen Woodfield requested input from David Mathewson on whether or not this project was contingent upon the TraPac Expansion Project and whether or not the proposed industrial freeway was contingent upon the Wilmington Waterfront Project as designed. Mr. Mathewson stated that this was a stand alone independent project and that it was not contingent upon an industrial expansion project.

Dr. Miller supported the plan. He did however question the necessity of the berm and stated that he did not want to see the berm used in any way to facilitate the storage of contaminated dredging material. Mr. Mathewson explained that the berm served several functions; It would buffer TraPac and the truck noise from Harry Bridges Blvd, as well as providing a safe barrier; it provides an overlook of the community and port operations; and it elevates the Paseo / Coastal Trail.

Ms. Burlingame Smith asked about noise rebounding off the berm to other areas. She stated that this should be studied carefully in the EIR. She asked how the berm would affect air quality. Mr. Mathewson stated that it would be studied in the EIR.

Lucy Mejia remarked on the aesthetic impacts of the berm as well as enforcing safety regulations. Mr. Mathewson stated that the Port was looking ahead to plan and accommodate for such issues.

Skip Baldwin presented an additional plan, the Wilmington's Green Buffer Field Plan, that he stated was the preferred plan over the Wilmington Subcommittee Plan. He asked the Port to reduce the size of the berm to accommodate more flat open space. He read a letter he had written to the Port with regard to the election /open public process utilized in the design and selection of the Wilmington Project area. He referenced the motion above as false and urged the committee to vote no on the motion.

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Co-Chair Wilson opened the floor for public comments:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Hoffman, Executive Director of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber supports the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project.

Leticia Melendez spoke in favor of the project and commended the members of Wilmington for their hard work.

Connie Rivera spoke in favor of the project while reminiscing on her childhood, she stated that green open space was needed for the kids in Wilmington.

Chris Ferragamo, a long time resident of Wilmington, a retired teacher of Banning High School, a football coach and a concerned citizen, spoke on behalf of downsizing the berm to create more open flat space. He did not support the plan.

Raylynn Velazquez, a high school student in Wilmington, spoke against this motion and requested the Wilmington's Green Buffer Field Plan.

Linda Guerrero, a Wilmington Homeowner, voted for open green space in the Wilmington's Green Buffer Field Plan, on July 23, 2006. She opposes this motion.

Cynthia Amparo, a Wilmington resident, spoke on the oppression of Wilmington. It's time to give back. She opposes the motion.

Theresa Velasquez, a Wilmington homeowner, and a long time Wilmington resident opposed the Committee plan. She stated that she participated in the public community meetings and that she voted for the Wilmington's Green Buffer Field Plan.

Lorena Rosales, a Wilmington resident also voted in the July 23, 2006 election for the Wilmington open green space plan. She urged the Committee to vote against the motion for the "berm."

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Daisy Ruiz, a resident who uses Bayview Field, opposes the Wilmington Subcommittee plan. She supports the Wilmington's Green Buffer Field Plan.

Susana Corral spoke against the Wilmington Subcommittee plan as presented, and supports the Wilmington's Green Buffer Field Plan.

Marco Hernandez, a Wilmington student, spoke on behalf of the Wilmington's Green Buffer Plan.

Johnny Cardenas urged the committee to vote against the Wilmington Subcommittee Plan.

Iliana Cruz requested that the PCAC Subcommittee vote against the motion to accept the Wilmington (Subcommittee) Preferred plan. The community prefers the Wilmington's Green Buffer Plan.

Alejandra Medina, urged the committee to vote against the preferred plan and to vote for the Wilmington's Green Buffer Plan.

Liliana Guzman asked the committee to vote against this motion.

Alejandra Guzman asked the committee to vote against this motion.

Adriana Medina voted for the Wilmington's Green Buffer Plan and encouraged the committee to vote against the motion for the Wilmington Subcommittee Plan.

David Hernandez, a Wilmington resident spoke on behalf of the Wilmington's Green Buffer Plan and asked the Port not to dump dirt on an area that is flat right now. He asked the committee to vote against this motion.

Jeanette Herrera thanked the Port for Bayview Field. She stated that there was a need for more room for kids to be active. Therefore she asked that the green space be increased rather than decreased.

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Angelica Vega, a Wilmington resident, and a teacher at Harbor College stated that she opposes the berm and would like to see an increase in green space.

David Mathewson commented on what he heard from the public. He clarified that this plan was not the Port's Plan and that it had gone through a public process and represents a lot of collaborative work over a long period of time which resulted in the Wilmington Preferred Plan.

Chris Brown gave a brief overview on the voting process on July 23, 2006. Instructions were given for the proper use of the different color stickers. It appears as though the stickers may not have been used properly and thus the Port averaged out the incorrect stickers which resulted in a closer vote, but still less than the Wilmington Preferred Plan vote.

PCAC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The floor was reopened for discussion before taking a vote on the motion.

Committee members requested clarification on the following:

- Existing amount of open green space in the Wilmington Preferred Plan
- Capacity for "regulated" soccer games on the existing fields
- The intention of the use of a berm
- Can the berm be eliminated and still have the plan go forward?
- Bloch Field in San Pedro versus a Soccer Field in Wilmington
- Community Public meetings to determine Alternative Plan

ON MOTION OF JUNE BURLINGAME SMITH, SECOND BY RICHARD HAVENICK, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING BE EXTENDED BY 15 MINUTES AND TO ADJOURN AT 8:30PM. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING WAS EXTENDED.

ANDREW FOX CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE WILMINGTON WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN INCLUDING BUFFER PLAN AND INTERIM MASTER PLAN, WHICH REQUIRED A 2/3 VOTE IN ORDER TO VOTE ON THE MOTION AT THIS TIME.

**The vote was 7 Ayes, and 8 Nays, 0 Abstentions.
THE MOTION FAILED.**

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DISCUSSION CONTINUED:

Lanny Nelms asked for a visual of the existing fields at Bayview Field.

Jody James, an Alternate for the At-large seat, questioned the intention of the Port and had doubts about voting for this motion.

Joe Gatlin, as a neighborhood council representative, reminded Ms. James that the Northwest Neighborhood Council voted to support the Wilmington Plan. Ms. James stated that the intention of the Neighborhood Council motion was to support what the Wilmington people wanted.

Richard Havenick initiated a discussion on how many of the 6 acres of flat land in the plan was configured appropriately for soccer.

June Burlingame requested whether fields could be configured north to south rather than east to west, to cut back on the berm size. Secondly, have there been any surveys to determine how many acres are needed.

Dave Beeman asked how much acreage would be gained by eliminating the berm?

Donna Ethington stated that this motion was to move forward to evaluate environmental impacts for the MasterPlan. All these issues can be re-evaluating during the public scoping period. Richard Pavlick agreed.

ON MOTION OF RICHARD HAVENICK, SECOND BY DR. MILER, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING BE EXTENDED BY 15 MINUTES AND TO ADJOURN AT 8:45PM. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING WAS EXTENDED.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED:

Kathleen Woodfield inquired about the existing use of flat space that would be removed and replaced by a berm.

Ken Melendez reviewed the process for the project and reiterated the fact that there were 4 public community meetings and that the final plan was a compromise to satisfy the majority of the people. He urged the committee

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to support the plan and to respect the work of the Wilmington Subcommittee.

CO-CHAIR WILSON READ THE MOTION AND CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 14 AYES, 3 NAYS, AND 0 ABSTENTIONS.

- I. **REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES** (2 minutes each)
Subcommittee reports were postponed due to the late hour.
- J. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (3 minutes per speaker)
There were no General Public Comments.
- K. **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007, PCAC MEETING**
There was no discussion of Agenda Items.
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:45PM, THE TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007 MEETING OF THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS ADJOURNED.

**DEBRA BABCOCK-DOHERTY
PCAC Secretary**

Signature on File _____
Jayme Wilson, Co-Chair

Signature on File _____
Debra Babcock-Doherty
PCAC Secretary