

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WILMINGTON WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Minutes
November 9, 2010

ATTENDEES

Subcommittee Members

Ken Melendez – Chair
Arthur Hernandez – Alternate Member
Frank Herrera – Voting Member
Gary Kern – Voting Member
Olivia Cueva Fernandez- Voting Member
Charlie Rico – Alternate Member

Port Staff

Chris Brown

Public Participants

Tony Ringor
Keith Ball
Ron Ploof

Meeting Location: Banning's Landing, 100 E. Water Street, Wilmington, CA 90744

- A. Call to Order: 5:45PM, Ken Melendez, Chair
- B. Agenda Approved
- C. The Minutes of the August 10, 2010 Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee meeting were approved.
- D. Presentation by Keith Ball for CRA Grant Monies for Refurbishing the Old Catalina Hotel Structure at 200 Broad Avenue, Wilmington:
Keith Ball, owner and resident of the building at 200 Broad Avenue, in Wilmington, asked the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee to support his application for CRA funding to refurbish the exterior of the building. He hopes to jump start a historic beautification pilot program to build up the area and create a new improved gateway to the waterfront corridor, the Wilmington Buffer and the Avalon Triangle Park. The funds would be used to add vibrant color to the building, add plants/greenery to the front of the building, repair windows, add energy efficient windows, replace doors, and bring back the authentic hotel facade.

The Committee unanimously agreed to provide a letter of support for the project and the application for the funding.

- E. Thank you to Former Commissioner Joseph Radisich:
Mr. Melendez circulated a card for committee members to sign, to thank Commissioner Radisich for his service on the Commission and for his support in Wilmington. A restaurant gift card will be enclosed, compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Melendez.

F. Staff Update:

- Status of Avalon Triangle:

The Port did not receive the grant funding that they had applied for, for the Triangle Park Project. It appears as though the project did not meet the criteria, in that most of the work/planning efforts took place prior to the adoption of the Prop Measure.

The Avalon Triangle Park Project is now in the budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year (\$3M). POLA is working to obtain the remaining permits as well as to finish the design work. Staff expects to advertise the project in January/February 2011. Construction should begin in July, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

- Status of Buffer Area (Expect to be open for use in April 2011):

Within the next couple of weeks, the grass should be laid on the east side. Trees are being planted all over the Park. In a week or two, the glass should be installed in the buildings. Contractors continue the installation of the fountains.

- Status of the Wilmington Waterfront Project (Avalon Corridor down to Banning's Landing):

POLA has had Sasaki on contract for the last six years. The City requires that POLA put out another bid for a contractor (who will finish the design as well as provide support during the construction). The new contractor may or may not be Sasaki. In any case, POLA is documenting Sasaki's design plan for when funding becomes available.

G. Priorities for Wilmington Waterfront Project:

Mr. Melendez will press the following issues on behalf of the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee:

- The completion of Triangle Park
- Relocation of Catalina Freight
- Removal of DWP/Valero Tanks
- Obtain the property across from Banning's Landing

H. Discussion:

Ron Ploof, from the Pacific Battleship Center, addressed the Subcommittee, presenting the views of the Battleship Center, reinforcing their desire to berth the USS Iowa at Berth 87, in San Pedro. The Port of LA is recommending Berth 87. The Subcommittee concurs with this recommendation. Ken Melendez, the Chair of the Subcommittee, will draft a letter of support on behalf of the Subcommittee.

I. Public Comment: (2 Minutes):

- Olivia Cueva Fernandez suggested that a presentation be given to the PCAC on all the Waterfront projects and their status.
- Mr. Melendez will send a letter to the Board recommending the Subcommittee's preference for a name for the Buffer.

- Mr. Melendez updated the Committee on his involvement with the City and the Council Office regarding a \$500,000 commitment of Quimby Funds for the Park at Lomita and Frampton, in Harbor City. The money will be used to fix the sanitation system for the restroom outside the Senior Room, to fix the fields, the lighting and new bleachers. This work is expected to begin in the spring of 2011.
- Mr. Melendez is working with other community members to remove unsolicited posters around town. He is also involved in trying to eliminate street parking for trucks on the south side of Lomita, between Vermont and Normandy. The City needs to post and enforce no truck parking on the streets.

J. Non-Agenda Items (2 Minutes): None

K. Next Meeting, January 11, 2011, at the Wilmington Senior Citizen Center, 1371 Eubank, Wilmington.

L. Adjournment: 7:15PM

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Ken Melendez, Chair
Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant