

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WILMINGTON WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Minutes
January 8, 2008

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

Ken Melendez, Chair
Olivia Cueva Fernandez, Voting Member
Donna Ethington, Voting Member
Frank Herrera, Voting Member
Gary Kern, Voting Member
Marcus Perez, Alternate Member
Dennis McCarbery, Voting Member
Eleanor R. Montano, Voting Member
Charlie Rico, Voting Member
Gordon Teuber, ExOfficio

PORT STAFF

Dr. Ralph Appy
Chris Brown
Merilee Hatfield-Myers
Cecilia Moreno

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Gene Kininmonth
Leticia Melendez
Chuck Taylor

CONSULTANTS

Steve Hamwey - Sasaki
Melissa McCann - Sasaki
Tim Stevens - Sasaki

- A. Call to Order: 5:35PM
- B. Agenda Approved
- C. Minutes of the November 13, 2007 Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee Meeting Approved
- D. Announcements: None
- E. Update:
- TraPac EIR
Dr. Ralph Appy provided a review on the status of the TraPac EIR. First, he explained that a year or two ago, a new CEQA Statute was established which stated that someone could appeal a decision on a CEQA document to an elected body. The Natural Resource Defense Council along with the Coalition for a Safe Environment filed an appeal with the LA City Council on the certification of the TraPac EIR. There is presently no formal procedure or process to handle such appeals. Currently the EIR is in abeyance, until the City Council either overturns the certification or sends it back to the Harbor Commissioners.

The goal of the TraPac project is to bring the emission levels down below the baseline, with the mitigation measures specified in the EIR. If there is no project, there are also no mitigation measures, and most likely no momentum for completing the buffer. Without TraPac mitigations, emissions would be apt to increase rather than decrease. Dr. Appy discussed the threshold of significance and the levels of emission reduction expected over the next 10 to 30 years.

Following the above discussion, Ken Melendez asked the committee to consider the idea of sending a letter of support for the TraPac EIR to the LA City Council and to our elected officials. This item will be readdressed on the February agenda.

- **Wilmington Aesthetic Mitigation Proposals**

Ken Melendez reviewed the events of the December 18th PCAC meeting, when the five Wilmington Mitigation Proposals that they chose were approved (The Ocean Water Resource Center, the Landscaping of Alameda and Harry Bridges, the Banning Museum Transportation Exhibit, the Wilmington Boathouse, and the Aquatics Center/YMCA). He further explained that the PCAC engaged in a debate whether or not to include the Wilmington Open Space Project under the first priority category of Open Space and Parks to the list chosen by the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee was adamant about not accepting the project, as it had not been approved by the State Lands Commission. This issue will be readdressed at the January PCAC meeting.

F. **Presentation**

Sasaki Design Firm – Avalon Boulevard Corridor Conceptual Plan

Melissa McCann and Tim Stevens, architects from Sasaki Design Firm, presented a conceptual plan for the Master Plan Area which is the linkage that extends from the Vincent Thomas Bridge and the San Pedro promenade to the buffer, across the front of the buffer, to the water. The plan includes a land bridge, a large green space, and a series of connections (plazas, water features and one large observation tower).

The Committee was pleased with the design and agreed that they preferred the abstract observation tower at the base of Avalon Boulevard rather than the lighthouse concept.

The committee requested:

- 10-12 foot transparent barrier along the edge of the observation decks
- telescopes on the observation deck
- an amphitheater
- restaurants

G. **Discussion:**

Vicinity of the Wilmington Buffer and Harry Bridges Boulevard

Mr. Melendez commented on the sudden dichotomy between Wilmington and San Pedro and the concern about building recreational facilities in the immediate vicinity of port operations. San Pedro had no problem with placing the Cruise Ship

Promenade near the Vincent Thomas Bridge, the Field of Dreams near the Harbor Freeway, the Harbor Walkway near the Cruise Ship Terminal, and Knoll Hill near the China Shipping Terminal.

H. Public Comment:

The schedule for the new LAPD Headquarters has slipped, but they do plan on having the building completely finished in June. They plan to be off the site so as not to delay the buffer project.

I. Non-Agenda Items: None

J. Next Meeting, February 12, 2008

K. Adjournment: 7:55PM

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Ken Melendez, Chair
Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Secretary