

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 12, 2010

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

Ken Melendez, Chair  
Olivia Cueva Fernandez, Voting Member  
Donna Ethington, Voting Member  
Arthur Hernandez, Alternate Member  
Gary Kern, Voting Member  
Kathleen Woodfield, Voting Member

PORT POLICE

Captain Don Farrell  
Jose Alvarez  
Harry Hunold

PORT STAFF

Chris Brown  
David Mathewson  
Captain John Holmes

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Leticia Melendez  
Janet Esposito  
Rose DeLuca

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Gordon Teuber

Meeting Location: Port Police Substation, 300 Water Street, Wilmington, CA 90744

- A. Call to Order: 5:45 PM
- B. Agenda Approved
- C. The Minutes of the December 8, 2009 Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee meeting were approved. In addition, an amendment was made to the November 10, 2009 Minutes.
- D. Presentation / State Fish, by Janet Esposito  
At the December Subcommittee meeting, the Subcommittee identified five issues of concern relative to the operation expansion of the State Fish Company. Issues included the increased truck traffic, truck routing, emissions from trucks, and odor and water runoff from the operation of the business.

Janet Esposito, from State Fish, provided a PowerPoint presentation and a brief background on the State Fish Company. She re-addressed the need for additional space (adjacent to their plant on King Street) since two parcels were given up under the threat of condemnation.

Ms. Esposito addressed the Committee's concerns below:

1. Truck Traffic - At present the facility averages 24 trucks per day. There is generally a minimal number of deliveries on week-ends when the Park would be at its highest use. The proposed expansion could amount to an additional 3 trucks per day. At the same time, truck trips transporting the catch in excess of the 200 tons (the amount the plant can accommodate) to LA, would decrease or be eliminated if the Wilmington facility were to provide for additional packaging and cold storage.
2. Truck Routes - The trucks will continue to use the designated truck routes.
3. Emissions from Trucks - The truck fleet is compliant with the Clean Truck Standards.
4. Odors – There have never been any reported complaints on odors from State Fish. The facility has a full time U.S.D.C. inspector who monitors the plant. Federal law requires that food processing plants follow strict guidelines/inspections of disinfecting the plant at regular intervals throughout the day. With regard to truck cleaning, this is done at the San Pedro facility.
5. Polluted Water Runoff – When the docks are washed, the flow of water is directed into the plant where it is captured through floor drains; installed specifically for that purpose. There is no runoff going into the street. It is prohibited by law and carries hefty fines.

Trucks hauling fish and ice have tanks and collection devices under them that collect melt water and dripping water. Again, the company is fined heavily for non-compliance.

Kathleen Woodfield stated that she was at the meeting to support the Committee in its decision, as well as an appellant from the TraPac appellant group who agreed to an MOU that the buffer was to be protected as Open Space. The concern was whether the Committee would agree to have this property allocated to State Fish, rather than to Open Space.

There was additional discussion on the increase of truck traffic given an expansion, the potential opportunities State Fish may already have for employee parking and the impacts on the community from long-drawn out construction phases for the expansion of State Fish. The Committee was asking for clarification on the long term/long range goals/plans of State Fish for the proposed expansion/acquisition of property, so that they would have more specific information when they make a decision on how to proceed with this issue.

- E. POLA Port Police Substation in Wilmington / Briefing from Port Police Captain John Holmes, Deputy Executive Director, Operations, spoke briefly on the new Port Police Substation for Wilmington, and the State-of-the-Art POST Classroom (Police Officer Standard of Training), that was developed for POST Certified Training Programs for Maritime Police Officers. These officers can then be used for any Police Agency in the State of California. This is the only

Maritime Training facility in the United States for local police officers. The program is 5 weeks of intense training to certify officers for crewing Maritime vessels. The first class will be held later this year, and will accommodate 16 to 20 officers.

In addition, Nathan Ewert provided a brief explanation and a tour of the new State-of-the-Art Camera System (350 cameras) that covers every inch of water in the Port of Los Angeles. As the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Park and the Wilmington Buffer are built, they will also be monitored with full camera coverage.

F. Staff Update:

- Avalon Triangle: Not much to update. POLA is moving forward on the design plans, as well as the final clean-up of the site.
- Buffer Area: Curbs and gutters are going in on “C” Street. The retaining walls are done. The steel is coming in for the bridges, for which construction will be started in the next couple of months.
- Wilmington Waterfront: No new update.

G. Discussion:

- Buffer Area Recommendation for Sale of Parcels / Mitigation Measures  
The Committee will discuss a recommendation at their February meeting.
- Recommendation Letter on Prioritizing the Build out of the Wilmington Waterfront Plan.  
The letter was distributed to the Mayor’s Office, the Council Office, the Port and the Subcommittee.
- Ideas for Names for the Buffer: Heart of the Harbor Park; POLA Park

H. Public Comment / Non-Agenda Items: (Incorporating more cameras around the area to deter vandalism and graffiti)

I. Next WWD Subcommittee Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

- Main topic: Recommendation for the Buffer/State Fish Acquisition

J. Adjournment: 7:45PM

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Ken Melendez, Chair  
Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant