

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WILMINGTON WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Minutes  
March 9, 2010

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Keith Ball  
Leticia Melendez  
Jesse Marquez  
Jerry Solice  
Polyanne Solice  
Officer Reynolds, Port Police

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Gordon Teuber, Council Office, Dist. 15

PORT POLICE

Harry Hunold

PORT STAFF

Chris Brown

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

- A. Call to Order: 5:40 PM
- B. Agenda Approved
- C. The Minutes of the February 9, 2010 Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee meeting were approved.
- D. Staff Update:
  - Avalon Triangle:  
Chris Brown, from the POLA Engineering Division, reported that the Port was moving ahead on the cleanup of the site. With regard to the funding for the project, the Port was applying for two different grants, a State Wide Grant through Proposition 84, and a Federal Grant. In the meantime, POLA continues to look for additional funding sources to get the project moving forward. Jesse Marquez offered to help with the lobbying efforts in Sacramento.

The Committee discussed various options for requesting project funding from the 2010-2011 budget. Ken Melendez will raise the issue with the Commission.

- Buffer Area:  
The time line for the Buffer Project has been set back by about 4 days, due to the heavy rain in January. The funding is secured and the project is moving along.

Mr. Brown gave a brief slide show of some of the work that had been done in the buffer area. i.e. the building of the berm/the retaining walls, building foundations, storm drains, curbs and gutters, and bridges. The Plaza is taking shape.

With regard to State Fish, the Committee voted in February to support the sale of property, at the south end of the buffer, to State Fish. Mr. Melendez will submit a formal letter of support to the Port so that they can begin the zoning process.

- Wilmington Waterfront:  
Not big update. They are still working on refining the design. Due to funding issues, the project is moving forward, albeit at a slower pace.

E. Presentation/Potential Action Item:

- Wilmington Youth Sailing Center:  
The RFP was released to the public. The due date is April 12, 2010. Donna Ethington presented the project, the scope and the vision as planned when the project was originally approved by the Board. She asked the Committee for a letter of support for the RFP proposal.

In addition, Ms. Ethington was looking for future funding commitments from community / business organizations or sponsors for the out years of 2012.

- WWD Letter of Support for the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center  
The Committee unanimously agreed to support Ms. Ethington's proposal for the Youth Sailing Center, and directed Mr. Melendez to issue a letter of support. The motion was moved by Olivia Cueva Fernandez, with a second from Arthur Hernandez. (Vote: 4/0/0)
- WWD Selection of Two Subcommittee Members to Participate in the Wilmington Marinas Working Group  
The Committee agreed that Ken Melendez and Olivia Cueva Fernandez would participate in the Wilmington's Marina Working Group representing the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee.

F. Discussion:

- Subcommittee Recommendations for Naming the Buffer:  
The Committee compiled a short list of recommended names by a show of hands.
  - Heart of the Harbor Park (7)
  - Waterfront Vista Park (6)
  - Wilmington Waterfront Park (5)
  - POLA Park (5)

- Letter to DWP Requesting Access for Overflow Parking in the Empty Lot Across from Banning's Landing  
There could be issues relating to safety, with the existing conditions the way they are i.e. surfacing of the lot. If perhaps the Port were to agree to resurface the lot, maybe the DWP would consider leasing it for overflow parking. There would also need to be some agreement on maintenance of the property. Gordon Teuber, from the Council Office, offered his assistance in trying to make this happen.

The Committee agreed and directed Mr. Melendez to write a letter to DWP, requesting access to the lot adjacent to Banning's landing, for overflow parking when needed. The letter will be copied to both the Council Office (Dist. 15) and to the Port of LA Real Estate Division.

G. Public Comment:

On Monday, March 8, 2010, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Congresswoman Jane Harman, Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Harbor Commission President, Cindy Miscikowski, and the Port of LA Executive Director, Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. broke ground for the Harry Bridges Boulevard Reconstruction Project, at the corner of Neptune and Harry Bridges.

The project will include grading, utility relocations, concrete walkways, gutters, traffic signals, street lighting, storm drainage, signage, and landscaping along Harry Bridges Blvd. The project should be completed by January 2012, and is expected to generate more than 250 local construction jobs.

Jesse Marquez reported the following:

- Coming in October, there will be a conference in Carson, on Environment Public Health Impacts from Port Goods Movement.
- As part of an impacts project, he will be traveling to do outreach with other port communities, i.e. the Port of Charleston, South Carolina and the Port of Savannah, Georgia. He will also go to Atlanta for a demonstration of the American Mag Lev Train.
- He just returned from the U.S. EPA Environmental Justice conference. A resolution came out of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee regarding ports and goods movement. A response to the recommendation should be heard within the next couple of months.
- The Coalition for a Safe Environment is an Environmental Justice Community based non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, promote, preserve and restore the earth's delicate ecology, environment, natural resources and wildlife, in addition to attaining Environmental Justice in international trade marine ports related to the goods movement. They have a new office in Wilmington, located on Wilmington Boulevard.

Chris Brown announced that the South Coast Botanical Garden on Crenshaw Blvd, north of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), on the north east edge of the

Palos Verdes Peninsula, would be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 17, 2010, with a public celebration. Everyone was invited to come and enjoy the music, food and festivities.

On behalf of Don Compton, Arthur Hernandez asked how the Committee viewed moving forward with the Banning Short Line on C Street to the Watson yard. Mr. Melendez suggested that the issue be placed on the agenda for the April Subcommittee meeting, at which time Mr. Compton was welcome to come and talk to the Committee. (No action would be taken. The item was to be agendized as a discussion item.)

Ken Melendez commented on the Clean San Pedro project held on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a successful event. They cleaned the area from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street in San Pedro.

Olivia Cueva Fernandez commented on old business, regarding the Park and Ride Lot at Figueroa where the Carnival sets up each year. In the past, she has spoken to a number of elected officials asking that perhaps some of the funds collected from the carnival could be used to clean up along the freeway / lot where the carnival was held. The nearby community and the neighborhood affected by the presence of the carnival deserve at least that much.

Ms. Cueva Fernandez was informed that the carnival had all the required permits. She expressed her disappointment.

- H. Non-Agenda Items: None
- I. Next Subcommittee Meeting: April 13, 2010
- J. Adjournment: 7:30 PM

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Ken Melendez, Chair  
Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant