

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WILMINGTON WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Minutes  
April 8, 2008

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

Ken Melendez, Chair  
Olivia Cueva Fernandez, Voting Member  
Donna Ethington, Voting Member  
Arthur Hernandez, Alternate Member  
Frank Herrera, Voting Member  
Eleanor R. Montano, Voting Member  
Marcus Perez, Alternate Member

PORT STAFF

Chris Brown  
Jan Green Rebstock  
Teresa Scognamillo

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Betsy Cheek  
Jesse Marquez  
Leticia Melendez  
Chuck Taylor  
Mary Werk

- A. Call to Order: 5:45PM
- B. Agenda Approved
- C. Minutes Approved for the February 12, 2008 W.W.D. Subcommittee Meeting
- D. Update:
- Wilmington Mitigation Projects  
Teresa Scognamillo, the POLA Aesthetic Mitigation Coordinator, reported that the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the funding for the Aquatic Center/Wilmington YMCA and the Banning Museum Transportation Exhibit projects. Ms. Scognamillo is presently working on the written agreements between the City and the project applicant agencies. The POLA Engineering Division has agreed that the landscaping project for the beautification of Alameda St. and Harry Bridges Boulevard has adequate information to move forward. It is expected to go to the Board shortly. Ms. Scognamillo is in the process of scheduling meetings with the project applicants for the Ocean Water Resource Center, and the Wilmington Boathouse/Rowing Facility to obtain more complete information on their proposals.

There are ongoing discussions within the PCAC regarding the funding of the East Wilmington Open Space Project. Skip Baldwin, the project applicant, has

asked Ms. Scognamillo to work with State Lands to see if anything could be done with this project. She responded that she would also like to work with PCAC to develop a consensus. Mr. Baldwin is expected to provide a presentation with more specific information at the April PCAC meeting.

Ken Melendez reviewed the evaluation process that had been used to determine the recommended mitigation projects. The committee did not choose the Wilmington Open Space project because State Lands had rejected it. If the Wilmington Open Space Project has other funding, then move it forward, but it should not in anyway impede the process of the other five recommended projects.

Donna Ethington updated the committee on the status of the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center.

- Triangle Park  
Chris Brown reported that the Port was waiting for the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) to sign off on the site. The top two feet of soil will be replaced. The intent is to advertise by the end of June.

A couple of changes will be made to the plan; replacing the small self cleaning restrooms, with a bigger conventional restroom, which would provide more capacity for use, as well as giving the Port the opportunity to see how the self cleaning restrooms hold up on the San Pedro Promenade, and rearranging minor landscaping items in the western part of the plan to connect to the future project. The timeline for the project will require five months for advertising and six months to build, breaking ground sometime in the beginning of 2009.

- TraPac Buffer Area  
Jesse Marquez reported that the Board approved the TraPac EIR, which was then subsequently appealed by the Coalition for a Safe Environment and the NRDC, among others. The appeal was immediately assigned to Councilwoman Janice Hahn's office. There are ongoing discussions between the Council office the Port and the City as well as agency meetings (those who appealed the Boards Decision). The Mayor instructed the agencies to work with the community, the environmental and advocacy groups to resolve the differences and to come up with a proposal that would be acceptable. Issues that have been discussed as a part of the negotiations are:
  - Recreational land use/deed restriction in perpetuity for the Wilmington Buffer
  - Restoration of wet lands (150 acres)
  - Set up of an independent non-profit organization to focus on mitigating off Port property impacts with the exception of the wetlands
  - Legal acknowledgement by the Port of off Port land impacts
  - Five year agreement for funding based on the container throughput for the benefit of Wilmington
  - Study of off Port "nexus" impacts
  - Port obtain compliance to timeline for earmarked goals set within the CAAP

- CEQA law and CEQA mitigation supersedes State Lands Commission
- Additional Port police responsible for patrolling the San Pedro Wilmington Waterfront
- Wilmington/San Pedro Waterfront Emergency Notification & Evacuation Plan

In summary, the plans are coming together, putting in the finishing touches, and getting permits. The timeline has slipped by about a month. Construction is expected to start in September/October 2008.

E. Discussion:

- Avalon Corridor/ Wilmington Waterfront Development Project NOP  
Jan Green Rebstock updated the Committee on the status of the NOP. It was released on March 14, 2008, with a public scoping meeting for public comment on March 25, 2008 at the Banning Landing Community Center, 100 E. Water Street, in Wilmington. There is a 30 days public comment period, which will end on April 14, 2008. As for outreach, there were 72,000 postcards sent out notifying the public of this meeting, along with 2000 flyers and notices explaining the project. There were graphics displayed at the meeting that showed what the project might look like, along with a copy of the NOP. The meeting was well attended. Port staff is presently working on the comment letters. Transcripts from the meeting and copies of the comment letters will be posted on the Port's website. The Port is looking to have the Draft EIR out by the end of June.

F. Public Comment:

Olivia Cueva Fernandez thanked Jesse for his work and his dedication to Wilmington.

Jesse Marquez announced that on Sunday, April 13, 2008, National Geographic's was beginning an eight part series on the Port of Los Angeles. He will be recording it and would be willing to share it.

There will be an important meeting on April 17, 2008, regarding a study that was done on air quality by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board.

G. Non-Agenda Items:

- Port Appreciation Presentation  
Ken Melendez announced that he would like to have another appreciation presentation for Port staff and that the committee was encouraged to submit names of staff members who were not acknowledged at the last appreciation presentation.

H. Next Meeting, May 13, 2008

Agenda items should be submitted to Ken Melendez or Deb, the PCAC Secretary.

I. Adjournment: 7:15PM

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Ken Melendez, Chair  
Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Secretary