

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WILMINGTON WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Minutes
February 1, 2005

ATTENDEES:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

Ken Melendez, Chair
Skip Baldwin, Alternate
Sergio Carrillo, Exofficio
Olivia Cueva Fernandez, Voting
Donna Ethington, Voting
Gary Kern, Voting
Jesse Marquez, Voting
Cecilia Moreno, Voting
Tony Ringor, Alternate

PORT STAFF

Chris Brown
Marisela Caraballo
Kanya Dorland
Margaret Hernandez
Guillermo Martinez, Jr.
Marisa Trutanich

CONSULTANTS

Calvin Abe, Ahbé
Linda Daley, Ahbe

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Lou Baglietto
Don Compton
Janet Esposito
Cathy Fleming

Dick Fleming
Trudy Hawkins
Arthur Hernandez
Lucy Mejia

Leticia Melendez
Sal Osio
Candy Saenz
Mary Werk

- A. Call to Order: 5:50PM
- B. Sign In and Welcome
- C. The agenda was approved.
- D. The approval of the minutes for January 13, 2005 was postponed.
- E. PCAC Announcements: None
- F. Update/Reports:
 - Ad Hoc Working Group (Next AdHoc Meeting February 10, 2005 at 10:00AM at the Wilmington Senior Citizen Center.)
Chris Brown updated the Subcommittee on the following issues:
 - Consulting Firm to Design the Wilmington Community Plan

The Port has received/reviewed the applicants Statement of Qualifications (SOQ). Management is evaluating them. Ken Melendez and Donna Ethington continue to work with Port staff throughout the selection process.

- The Avalon Triangle Park
Contamination was found on the site. The land is being remediated.
 - Catalina Freight
Ken Melendez and Cecilia Moreno will send a letter to the Port requesting that they expedite the relocation of Catalina Freight.
 - D.W.P. Tanks
The Council office is meeting with the new General Manager of DWP. Ken Melendez and Cecilia Moreno will send a letter to the Council Office, the Port, the BHC, and the General Manager of DWP, requesting the expeditious removal of the tanks.
 - Coastal Trail
Ken Melendez and Cecilia Moreno will send a letter to the Port requesting the extension of the bike path from Gibson Blvd. to Henry Ford.
 - Temporary Green Space is being addressed, with a plan to sod, irrigate, and light a parcel of land, for temporary athletic uses.
 - Bannings Landing Plaza
Until the SOQ process is complete and a design is established for the Wilmington Community Plan, the Committee was asked to consider a temporary plan. Calvin Abe and Linda Daley, from Ahbe Consulting, presented a temporary plan for Bannings Landing Plaza, as well as a lateral concrete sign identifying the Avalon Triangle Park. The committee supported the temporary plan, and requested the following ideas be incorporated into the temporary plan.
 - Urns, Restaurants and Mosaic Marine Images be a part of the theme, along with the Bannings Landing Wall
 - Green Space Rather than Black Asphalt, and Soft Edges Along Parking Areas
 - Portable Kiosks for Vending, and above all, Do Not Block Views of the Water
- Marisa Trutanich updated the Committee on the responses from the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) for the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center and the East Wilmington Greenbelt. She provided copies of the letters from the CSLC for both projects. The Wilmington Youth Sailing Center was approved. The East Wilmington Greenbelt was not approved for the following reasons.
 1. Failed to demonstrate a nexus between the proposal and the impacts of past projects
 2. Failed to demonstrate how the proposed Greenbelt serves as a buffer between Port operations/community since it is located approximately .45 miles inland from the nearest port property and is surrounded on three sides by existing industrial facilities
 3. Failed to demonstrate Regional/Statewide benefits
 4. Other questionable elements were:

- The tie in to the Youth Sailing Center as a staging area
- The concept of trees helping to reduce air pollution. The number of trees required to make a difference is considerable.

The CSLC stated support for certain elements of the project, particularly the signage, way-finding and destination maps within the Park. The committee now has an opportunity to clarify the proposal and to respond to the comments received in the letter dated January 14, 2005. Ms. Trutanich will update the PCAC at the February PCAC Meeting. The East Wilmington Greenbelt project will be discussed further at the January Past EIR Subcommittee meeting.

The Council Office continues to apply for alternative funding for the East Wilmington Greenbelt Project.

G. Presentations:

- Idea for the Development of the Buffer Area
Candy Saenz, President and CEO of the South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce, and the South Bay Community Development Corporation, introduced Mr. Sal Osio, a commercial developer, from LaPlacita Developers, who presented an idea to incorporate a Mexican Hacienda with an interior courtyard, into the Wilmington Community Plan. This concept plan would recreate a town square/cultural meeting place, which could provide office space or a retail center. There is no specific site identified; this is just a concept to consider.
- Idea for the Development of Banning's Landing
Veterans of Foreign Wars - Dick Fleming spoke in support of relocating the Veteran's Park from its current location on the corner of Watson and L Streets to the new development at Banning's Landing, at the foot of Avalon Boulevard. He requested that the Subcommittee consider this relocation.
- Preliminary Test Results of the Wilmington Air Pollution Tracer Study
Jesse Marquez presented the preliminary results of a study that was funded by the California Air Resources Board, and the California Energy Commission in conjunction with the University of California, Riverside. Using tracer gases, the study revealed that:
 - the community closest to the pollution source/tracer gas would be affected most by the highest concentrations
 - the higher the release of the pollutants/tracer gas, the further it would spread

A full report of the study is being reviewed by CARB and may be released in March 2005.

H. Discussion:

- Additional Transportation Recommendations from Donna Ethington
Donna Ethington presented recommendations from the Wilmington Neighborhood Council that would address negative impacts of Port growth, the volume of cargo transported through the community and the encroachment of Port-related business into the residential areas of Wilmington. These recommendations would minimize

truck traffic/congestion on local streets, reduce at-grade traffic/rail conflicts, minimize residents' exposure to hazardous cargo, relocate certain port-related businesses to more appropriate locations, prevent trucks from parking on residential streets, minimize the hauling of cargo through residential areas, and improve aesthetics and the quality of life while preserving businesses, jobs and tax revenues.

Ken Melendez suggested that these recommendations be referred to the PCAC Traffic Subcommittee to determine further action either through the Port or the Council Office. Ms. Ethington was in agreement. The Subcommittee agreed.

- I. Old Business:
Ken Melendez and Cecilia Moreno wrote a letter to Philip Tondreault, acknowledging the Subcommittee's support (with conditions) for the additional parking for the ILWU as requested by Norm Tuck, on January 13, 2005. The Committee approved the letter.
- J. Public Comment:
Don Compton updated the Subcommittee on the Status of the Gold Train Plan. After doing the legal research, the Gold Train Project meets the requirement of a nexus and will move forward without waiting for the development of the buffer area in Wilmington.
- K. New Business / Non Agenda Items
- A special meeting was held in January for public dialogue with the Secretary of Transportation/Department of Housing, regarding issues that pertain to the movement of goods/cargo. Additional community outreach is being solicited.
 - A fiesta celebration is being planned for October, somewhere along Harry Bridges Blvd. to highlight new/upcoming development in the Wilmington community.
- L. Agenda Items for Next Meeting, March 1, 2005
- Presentation by HJ Baker – T. Tiner
 - Air Quality Monitoring Study Update
- M. Adjourned: 7:40PM

Signature on File
Kenneth Melendez, Chair
Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee

Signature on File
Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant