

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007, 5:30-8:00 P.M.
CROWNE PLAZA/LA HARBOR HOTEL
601 S. PALOS VERDES STREET
SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA**

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JAYME WILSON, CO-CHAIRPERSON

ATTENDEES

**Jayne Wilson, PCAC Co-Chair
Joe Gatlin, Voting Member, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Richard Havenick, Voting Member, Coastal S.P. Neighborhood Council
Pat Nave, Voting Member, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Donna Ethington, Voting Member, Wilmington Neighborhood Council
Richard Pavlick, Voting Member, Crescent Area Resident's Association
June Burlingame Smith, Point Fermin Resident's Association
Andrew Mardesich, Voting Member, SP & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition
Janet Gunter, Alternate for Noel Park, SP & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition
Dr. John Miller, Voting Member San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition
Jesse Marquez, Voting Member, Wilmington Citizens Committee
Chuck Hart, Voting Member, At-Large (S.P.)
Frank Herrera, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee
Mark Waronek, Voting Member, Harbor City/Gateway Chamber
James Cross, Voting Member, S.P. Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Patrick Wilson, Voting Member, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce
Kenneth Melendez, Voting, Wilmington Commercial District
David Beeman, Voting Member, ILWU Local #13
Olivia Cueva Fernandez, Voting Member, At-Large
Andrew Fox, Voting Member, At-Large**

ABSENTEES

**Joeann Valle, Voting Member, Harbor City Neighborhood Council
Noel Park, Voting Member, S.P. & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition
Cathy Beauregard, Voting Member, At-Large (S.P.)
Eleanor Montano, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee
Gary Kern, Voting Member, Wilmington Community Advisory Committee
Anthony Misetich, Voting Member, Harbor Association Industry and Commerce
Edward Rogan, Voting Member, Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce
Frank O'Brien, Voting Member, LA Harbor/Watts EDC
Michelle Grubbs, Voting Member, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Gary Young, Voting Member, Non-I.L.W.U.
Linda Spink, Voting Member, Education At-Large (BHC)
Lanny Nelms, Voting Member, At-Large**

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A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:40PM

Jayme Wilson, the PCAC Co-Chair called the meeting to order.

B. OPENING STATEMENT - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PCAC)

AS PROVIDED BY THE BROWN ACT, PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY AGENDA ITEM OR DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS. THE COMMITTEE, UNDER ITS RULES, SHALL NOT ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. ANYONE DESIRING TO SPEAK MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER CARD AND SUBMIT IT TO THE PCAC SECRETARY

C. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM BY ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS

Roll call was taken. There was a quorum of 19 members present at roll call.

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2007 PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

ON MOTION OF DAVID BEEMAN, SECOND BY RICHARD PAVLICK, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2007 PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

- Page 8, Item I. 2., 2ND Paragraph, last sentence
Replace the phrase “what CARB forsees” with CARB’s currently stated plans.
- Page 10, Item I. 3., 3rd Paragraph
Insert closed parenthesis at the end of the following quote, “I do not have a Knoll Hill plan appropriately vetted for them to consider, however, please know that any future development plans for Knoll Hill would involve community collaboration and a complete review by the Commissioners.”

The Minutes were approved with 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.

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- E. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)**
Jayme Wilson, PCAC Co-Chair, opened the floor for public comments. There were no speaker cards submitted at this time.
- F. REPORTS OF CO-CHAIRPERSON AND PORT OF LOS ANGELES STAFF**
David Mathewson, Director of Planning and Research, reported that the next Board meeting would be held on July 19, 2007 at 8:30AM, at Bannings Landing, and that there would be no PCAC motion staff report responses going to the Board at this meeting.

The Wilmington Fiesta Corazón del Puerto will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 20, 21, and 22, at Bayview Field in Wilmington.

The TraPac Draft EIR has been released to the public. There will be a public scoping meeting for public comment at Banning's Landing on July 31, 2007 at 6:00PM. Public comments are being received through August 20, 2007. Dr. Appy will meet with the PCAC EIR Subcommittee to discuss the EIR document.

Dr. Miller stated that the committee had already started looking at the TraPac EIR and working on their comments. However, they would be glad to have Dr. Appy's presentation.

Jayme Wilson, PCAC Co-Chair, stated that the committee recognized that due to the timing of the release of the EIR, and the schedule of the PCAC meetings, that PCAC may not be able to formally submit a comment within the timeframe that the EIR requires. This was discussed at the July Steering Committee meeting. The Air Quality Subcommittee, the EIR Subcommittee, and the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee had started to develop their comments which were discussed during this meeting. The Subcommittees may have to individually submit their comments within the legal requirements of the EIR. PCAC may consider taking some formal action in September, or perhaps a special meeting could be scheduled.

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G. SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Short Sea Shipping (SSS)**

Kathryn McDermott, Deputy Executive Director of Business Development, presented a short PowerPoint presentation.

Short sea shipping is defined as coastal shipping (commercial waterborne transportation) that does not transit an ocean (for example, trade from Mexico, Canada, and the Pacific N. West U.S. [Lumber/Crude/Petroleum]). In theory, SSS improves truck congestion. It is utilized more in other areas of the country/world than it is on the U.S. West Coast. In 2006, coastal trade was 9.6% of all vessel calls to the South Bay Ports.

Benefits of SSS are:

- **Reduce long-haul trucks/rail traffic and improve mobility on coastal routes/infrastructure**
- **An energy efficient mode of transportation**
- **Environmental benefits on a per ton-mile basis**
- **Creates jobs in port, terminals, and the merchant marine**
- **Reduced related truck and train accidents**
- **Hub port for transfer to North/South California and Oregon**

Challenges of SSS are:

- **The Jones Act**
- **Additional terminal handling cost (origin/destination)**
- **Isolated metropolitan population and limited ports access on the West Coast**
- **Coastal freighters need to be built with the latest environmental technology and possess the ability to exceed 30 knots, to compete with rail and truck**
- **Timing to market (weekly service)**

Opportunities for SSS:

- **MOU with Mexico**
- **Service from container lines /non – stop Mexico to L.A.**
- **Federal programs to promote Short Sea Shipping**

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Additional Information can be obtained on the following websites:

- www.marad.dot.gov
- www.shortsea.us
- www.aapa-ports.org

Members of the committee raised the following issues:

- Request for a copy of the MOU between POLA and Mexico
 - Break bulk terminal capacity/terminal dedication for SSS
 - Enforcement of AQ issues with SSS/ships exceeding 30 knots
 - Impact of NAFTA on SSS
 - Shipping Empty Containers SSS
 - Omni terminal / appropriate for SSS
 - With regard to NAFTA Coastal Trade with SP Bay Ports in metric tons, how much trade comes from U.S. Ports (Alaska, Washington, Oregon)?
 - Energy pollutes/ South Bay gets 100 percent of the negative impacts and only 1/10 of 1 percent of the benefit. Why are we promoting more growth?
 - Expansion of growth without existing capability to handle the environmental impacts
 - Roll-on Roll-off cargo
 - Cruise Vessels/SSS (when place of origin is a domestic port)
- **TraPac EIR**
David Mathewson reported that rather than having a formal presentation at this PCAC meeting, Dr. Appy would present the EIR to the PCAC EIR Subcommittee.

Tom Politeo requested that with the vastness of the EIR document that the public comment period be extended. Secondly, the Sierra Club/Harbor Division Task Force was interested in seeing electrification inside the ports (everything on land [cranes, trucks...]), and were disappointed that TraPac wasn't able to move more goods by rail, rather than truck. The Sierra Club has offered their assistance to make this happen.

Dr. John Miller initiated a discussion pertaining to Subcommittee comments on the TraPac EIR. On behalf of the EIR/Aesthetic

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Mitigation Subcommittee, Dr. Miller presented preliminary comments. He expressed his disappointment that there was no staff presentation given at this meeting. He also commented on the erratum that was released shortly after the release of the EIR.

With regard to the preliminary comments, the EIR Subcommittee commented on lack of comprehensive planning, cumulative impacts, project segmentation, and assumptions regarding project operations throughput. They also made a plea for an extension on the comment period.

Pat Nave stated that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supported the request for an extension on the comment period. Many members of the committee agreed. Mr. Mathewson stated that the Committee could submit a written request to extend the comment period. City Attorney, Thomas Russell advised the Committee that they could declare a need for urgent action to place the item on the agenda (with a super majority vote). Then the action item could be handled as any other action item. The committee took the following action.

ON MOTION OF ANDREW MARDESICH, SECOND BY JESSE MARQUEZ, THE COMMITTEE VOTED TO SUSPEND THE RULES, TO ADD TO THE AGENDA AN EMERGENCY ACTION ITEM, REQUESTING AN EXTENSION ON THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE TRAPAC EIR.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Joe Gatlin, Richard Havenick, Pat Nave, Donna Ethington, Richard Pavlick, June Burlingame Smith, Andrew Mardesich, Janet Gunter, John Miller, Jesse Marquez, Chuck Hart, Frank Herrera, Mark Waronek, James Cross, Patrick Wilson, Kenneth Melendez, Dave Beeman, Olivia Cueva Fernandez, and Andrew Fox.

Abstention:

Jayne Wilson

MOTION CARRIED: 19 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstention

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**ON MOTION OF PAT NAVE, SECOND BY ANDREW MARDESICH,
THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING MOTION:**

**WHEREAS, the massive TraPac EIR Document was
issued during the traditional vacation season, and;**

**WHEREAS, this project is an important and massive land
form improvement project, and;**

**WHEREAS, there is a need for PCAC to have time to
formally adopt comments, and;**

**WHEREAS, there is a need for PCAC Subcommittees to
have time to do their work, and;**

**WHEREAS, there is a need for member groups, such as the
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council to have time to
prepare proper comments,**

MOTION:

**Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the PCAC requests an
extension of 120 days on the comment period for the TraPac
EIR/EIS.**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

**Joe Gatlin, Richard Havenick, Pat Nave, Richard Pavlick, June
Burlingame Smith, Andrew Mardesich, Janet Gunter, John Miller,
Jesse Marquez, Chuck Hart, Frank Herrera, Dave Beeman, and
Olivia Cueva Fernandez.**

Nays:

**Donna Ethington, Mark Waronek, James Cross, Patrick Wilson,
Kenneth Melendez, and Andrew Fox.**

Abstention:

Jayne Wilson

MOTION CARRIED: 13 Ayes, 6 Nays, and 1 Abstention

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Dr. Miller resumed the discussion on the preliminary comments from the EIR Subcommittee. He summarized the comments as distributed and suggested that during the review of the EIR that committee members take note of what was not in the document. For example, he stated that the subcommittee continues to be concerned with the lack of comprehensive planning for both this project and the Port as a whole. It is the position of the PCAC EIR Subcommittee that additional projects should not be approved on a piece-meal basis, but only as part of a comprehensive plan for the entire Port.

H. ACTION ITEM: NONE

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 1. The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee adopted this motion July 3, 2007. The motion was moved by Olivia Cueva Fernandez, second by Eleanor Montano and adopted with 3 Ayes, 0 Nays and 0 Abstentions.**

MOTION:

The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee recommends to PCAC that PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that it request Port staff to evaluate the following infrastructure improvements as part of the Cerritos Channel/East Basin marina redevelopment:

- Provide an internal access road that connects all eleven Wilmington marinas to the community and bypasses the Henry Ford rail junction**
- Realign and widen Anchorage Road**
- Underground utilities on Anchorage Road**
- Make 3-4 acres of the POLA 40-acre soil storage site available for boat maintenance and dry boat storage**
- Install sidewalks on primary marina access roads**
- Install natural gas lines and telecommunications cable to all marinas**
- Provide sewer disposal access for portable pump-out systems**

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- **Provide central disposal/collection site for used oil, solvents, contaminated bilge water and batteries**

Donna Ethington gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the need and the purpose of the above motion. A suggestion was made to add the request for Sidewalks, bike paths, appropriate landscaping, fencing, and signage upgrades. This motion will move forward as an action item at the August PCAC meeting.

Andrew Mardesich commented on the following statement made in the supporting documentation for this motion. "In order for these boat yards to upgrade equipment or change boat-hauling methods to accommodate larger vessels or to meet environmental requirements and still maintain existing capacity, the yards may have to be reconfigured and expanded beyond their current Anchorage Road boundary." He stated that there were fewer and fewer ship yards, and that this issue needed to be addressed.

Janet Gunter supported Mr. Mardesich's concern and stated further that the Port Master Plan was very specific in what the Port was suppose to do in balancing diversity land uses. It is important for the Wilmington community to seize this opportunity for their community.

Ron Flisher, a marina tenant, spoke in support of this motion. He also spoke in support of developing the youthful maritime community.

Pat Nave requested an update on the Anchorage Road Soil Site property, specifically the sunken land behind the dike.

- 2. The Air Quality Subcommittee adopted the following motion July 9, 2007. The Motion was moved by Jody James, second by Kathleen Woodfield, and adopted with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays and 0 Abstentions.**

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WHEREAS, foreseeable Port environmental activity includes the release of on-going EIRs, air quality monitoring program, implementation of revised regulatory requirements, review and assessment of the health risk assessment & San Pedro Bay Standards, and implementation and review of the Clean Air Action Plan,

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Air Quality Subcommittee recommends to PCAC that PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the contracts for the PCAC Air Quality Subcommittee consultants be renewed in August for a period of no less than 24 months.

Richard Havenick provided background information on this motion. This motion will move forward as an action item at the August PCAC meeting.

- 3. The Air Quality Subcommittee adopted the following motion July 9, 2007. The Motion was moved by Kathleen Woodfield, second by Chuck Hart, and adopted with 3 Ayes, 0 Nays and 0 Abstentions.**

MOTION:

The Air Quality Subcommittee recommends to PCAC that PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that they allocate \$3,209,193 from the China Shipping Settlement to fund the remaining projects that the Technical Advisory Committee has recommended.

Richard Havenick provided an explanation background for this motion. This motion will move forward as an action item at the August PCAC meeting.

J. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

- 1. Port Master Plan Subcommittee – The Port Master Plan Subcommittee has not met for several months. There was no report.**

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2. Air Quality Subcommittee

Richard Havenick reported that the subcommittee met July 9, 2007. The Clean Air Action Plan Truck Program is delayed for final consideration. Approval is expected from both the Los Angeles and the Long Beach Commissioners in September. A written report was distributed.

3. San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee

June Burlingame Smith reported that since the Chair was out of town, and that there were no urgent issues, the July Subcommittee meeting had been cancelled.

4. Water Quality Subcommittee

The July Water Quality Subcommittee meeting had been cancelled. Donna Ethington reported that she had had the opportunity to discuss with Kathryn Curtis, plans for a possible treatment facility that would remove bacteria and contamination from the outfalls. Ms. Curtis informed her that the Port had applied for grant funding for this effort.

In lieu of canceling future Water Quality Subcommittee meetings, Jayme Wilson gave Ms. Ethington the authority to Co-Chair the W.Q. Subcommittee meetings in Cathy Beauregard's absence.

5. EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee

The EIR Subcommittee and members of the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee met on June 28, 2007, to evaluate and prioritize the Wilmington Aesthetic Mitigation proposals. All fourteen proposals are going to the State Lands Commission for their review. State Lands Commission has 30 days to reply, at which time the working group will make their recommendations to PCAC before going to the BHC.

6. Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee

The Subcommittee met on Tuesday, July 3, 2007. Draft Minutes of the meeting were distributed. No Report.

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The buffer for the Wilmington Waterfront Project is included in the TraPac EIR. Jayme Wilson encouraged the Committee to submit comments in a timely manner and not to count on an extension. It is critical that Subcommittee comments be done.

K. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speaker cards.

**L. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR TUESDAY, August 21, 2007
PCAC MEETING**

- Status Report from POLA on the Joint LA/LB RFP from August 2006, regarding Alternative Inter-modal Transportation Systems Technology
- Southern California Association of Governments Goods Movement Committee Presentation on Final Port Elasticity Study

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Janet Gunter expressed concern that the California State Energy Commission held a public meeting in the Port building which was not widely publicized. These kinds of presentations are important for PCAC members to participate in.

M. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:35PM THE TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007 MEETING OF THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS ADJOURNED.

Signature on File

Jayme Wilson, Chair
Port of Los Angeles Community Advisory Committee

Signature on File

Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Secretary