

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WILMINGTON WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Minutes
August 10, 2010

ATTENDEES

Subcommittee Members

Ken Melendez – Chair
Arthur Hernandez – Alternate Member
Frank Herrera – Voting Member
Gary Kern – Voting Member
Eleanor R. Montano – Voting Member
Charlie Rico – Alternate Member
Gordon Teuber – Exofficio

Port Staff

Chris Brown
Cheryl Morris

Public Participants

Tony Ringor

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

- A. Call to Order: 5:40PM, Ken Melendez, Chair
- B. Agenda Approved
- C. The Minutes of the July 13, 2010 Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee meeting were approved.
- D. Staff Update:
 - Status of Avalon Triangle:
 - Excavation work is being done on the street by Triangle Park. This work is separate from that of the Triangle Park. It is part of the project to widen Harry Bridges Boulevard.
 - The Funding for Triangle Park: The Port is hoping to receive a response from the State next month on the grant application they submitted for the construction of the park. If the grant funding does not come through, POLA will look for other sources.
 - Status of Buffer Area (Expected to be completed by March 2011):
The retaining walls are painted and finished; the guard railing for the bridges should be in sometime this month and then installed; the brick is up on the outside of the buildings and the glass should be put in soon.

On the east end of the project, the contractors are working on the main plaza area, the fountains, and the canopy for the pavilion. The trees are coming in and being planted.

On the west end of the project, the grating for the small land forms is almost finished. The ramp to the bridge is finished. The Hawaiian Avenue cul-de-sac is just about finished; as is the area around State Fish (just needs some concrete and asphalt work). The parking lot is going in, as well as the curbs and gutters. The lighting is being installed.

- Status of the Wilmington Waterfront Project (Avalon Corridor portion down to Banning's Landing):
POLA is working on the design. The implementation may be as much as five to ten years down the road, pending an economic turnaround.

E. Wilmington Waterfront Historical Update (2001-2010):

For the benefit of the public attendees, Mr. Melendez provided a brief history of the Wilmington Subcommittee's efforts and actions on the Wilmington Waterfront projects. The Subcommittee has been working on improving the Wilmington area for more than ten years.

Accomplishments made in Wilmington by virtue of the PCAC and the Subcommittees:

- The completion of the Bayview Field
- The Approval of the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center
- The Approval of the Avalon Triangle Park
- The Construction of the Buffer
- The Approval of the Avalon Corridor/Wilmington Waterfront

F. Discussion:

- Finalization of the Buffer Name:
The consensus of the Subcommittee was that Mr. Melendez, the Chair, would send a letter to the Port and to the Board notifying them of their recommendation to name the Buffer "Wilmington Waterfront Park".

G. Public Comment: (2 Minutes):

- Mr. Melendez is running for the PCAC Chair position. He would appreciate the support. If he needs to step back from Chairing this Subcommittee, he will ask Gary Kern to take the position.

Gary Kern spoke in favor of supporting Mr. Melendez as the PCAC Chair.

He also raised the point that for all action items moved through the PCAC, the policy has always been to bring an item to the full PCAC first as an informational item and then back to the full PCAC a second time for action. The election process should work the same way. If it had, neighborhood councils would have had the opportunity to direct their representatives on how to vote.

Gordon Teuber stated that the feedback that he has gotten throughout the community has been that the PCAC has become irrelevant. The

community has also commented that the Port and the Council office have participated more with the TraPac appellant group than with the PCAC. Mr. Teuber asked Mr. Melendez if he saw a need for, or had a plan for restructuring the PCAC so as to regain its relevancy.

Mr. Melendez stated that he felt that the configuration of the PCAC was fine as it is. Yes, there is a need to re-energize the PCAC to increase participation. But, as an organization, it had been structured to include representation from business, labor and the community. They all have the opportunity to participate. Their lack of participation does not invalidate the voice of those who do participate.

Mr. Melendez also acknowledged that it has been stated by some that the neighborhood councils were more relevant than the PCAC. How does the community representation on the neighborhood councils reflect the demographics any better than that of the PCAC? The PCAC represents the voices from all the neighborhood councils, business, and labor.

H. Non-Agenda Items (2 Minutes): None

I. Subcommittee Meeting for September 14, 2010:

- The Committee decided to hold a tour of the Buffer area in lieu of a September meeting. The full PCAC will be invited to attend. The tour will leave from Banning's Landing at 5:30PM, on Tuesday, September 14th.
- The tour to the Rail Museum in Perris, California, has been scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2010, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. The following Committee members have confirmed that they will attend (Ken Melendez, Charlie Rico, Frank Herrera, Donna Ethington, Cecilia Moreno).

J. Adjournment: 7:00 PM

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Ken Melendez, Chair
Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant