

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EIR/AESTHETIC MITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Minutes
October 15, 2009

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

Kathleen Woodfield, Acting Chair
Chuck Hart, Voting Member
Jody James, Alternate Member
Pat Nave, Voting Member
Frank O'Brien, Voting Member
Donna Ethington, Voting Member
Gordon Teuber, Ex-Officio

PORT STAFF

Teresa Scognamillo
Harry Hunold

PARTICIPANTS

Gwen Butterfield
Richard Pawlowski

MEETING LOCATION: POLA Charter High School, 250 W 5th St., San Pedro, CA 90731

- A. Call to Order: Kathleen Woodfield, Acting Chair: 4:10 p.m.
- B. Sign In / Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Approved the Minutes for the September 24, 2009 EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee Meeting
- E. Public Comment:
Richard Pawlowski, a San Pedro resident, stated for the record, that it was his opinion that some of the rules in various subcommittees were discriminatory and petty. Public participants were asked not to sit at the Committee table, whereas there were other committees where public participants were allowed to sit at the committee table.

Pat Nave reported that some of the new trees in the North Gaffey Street project area were dying. Teresa Scognamillo will take this information back to the Port so that they can contact the contractor who is usually required to replace such elements during the first year.
- F. POLA Staff Update:
 1. China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Fund:
 - a. Finalization of the Monitoring Document for all of the China Shipping Amended Stipulated Judgment (ASJ) Projects:

Kathleen Woodfield met with Teresa Scognamillo, outside the subcommittee, at which time they made some final adjustments to the Mitigation Project Monitoring Spreadsheet. The updated version was distributed. Committee members made their final comments on the format and content of the document. The spreadsheet will be updated regularly with the status of project development and will be distributed to the Subcommittee on a regular basis.

b. Status of Current Wilmington/San Pedro Projects

▶ Wilmington Youth Sailing Center

Wally Knox, Deputy Executive Director of External Relations, and the lead person for the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center met with Port staff to get a status report. Teresa Scognamillo, the (EMC) Environmental Mitigation Coordinator is awaiting further direction from senior staff.

▶ Banning Residence Museum

The project is expected to be completed in December 2009.

▶ Wilmington YMCA Aquatic Center

The agreement between the Port and the YMCA has been approved by both the POLA Board (October 15, 2009) and the YMCA Board. The YMCA requested that the Port use an escrow account for distribution of funds. Selection of an escrow agent and preparation of an escrow agreement is underway.

▶ Alameda / Harry Bridges Boulevard Landscaping

The final agreement was approved by City Council on June 23, 2009. The CRA will be responsible for the design, construction, and the implementation of the project. The CRA received an executed agreement in August 2009. CRA is ready to proceed. No further update.

▶ The Angels Gate Lighthouse Restoration:

Ms. Scognamillo met with the team working on the project. Applicant is getting required paperwork and permits from U.S. Coast Guard. Staff met with applicant on second version of scope of work. Once all requested information is received an agreement will be prepared.

▶ The LA Maritime Institute (Vessel Rehabilitation Project)

Applicant submitted a scope of work and proposed payment structure. Staff is preparing an agreement.

▶ The Chamber of Commerce LED Sign

Port staff met with applicant. Applicant's contractor will provide a cost breakdown so staff can prepare an agreement.

▶ The Storm Drain Education Program

Applicant has been asked to submit a draft scope of work and payment schedule.

▶ The Health Program at Banning's Landing

Applicant has been asked to submit a draft scope of work and a payment schedule.

c. Plaza Park

The Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the agreement between the Port and the Department of Recreation and Parks. Rec and Parks will now take the agreement to their Board for approval. Shortly thereafter there should be a tentative schedule or timeline for the project.

Frank O'Brien facilitated a discussion regarding the Plaza Park Project, which had been approved by PCAC with a \$1M cost estimate. Subsequently, the Board approved the project with a \$5M allocation. The Subcommittee asked for clarification on the project components, specifically those that contributed to the significant increase. The Committee was also concerned about using Mitigation funds on a mitigation project for China Shipping.

Mr. O'Brien explained that the project changed a little because of project content, but mostly because of what it would cost to complete the project. The initial cost of the project was based on a conceptual proposal, and increased after the site plan assessment and the survey. The most expensive components are the stairs and the slope stabilization. The Applicant's Engineering Architect came up with an estimate of \$2.5 Million and above. The Board approved \$5 M, with any excess to go back into the Mitigation Fund.

Mr. O'Brien reminded the committee that the mitigation fund was set up to address aesthetic impacts off Port land. The funds that had been allocated for the Welcome Park and the East Wilmington Greenbelt projects that were not approved could be reallocated for Plaza Park, a project that clearly falls under aesthetics / open space and parks off Port lands. The intent is to complete a beneficial project off Port lands similar to the North Gaffey Street Project.

d. Schedule for When Newly Recommended (San Pedro) Projects go to the Board. Status/Insights on Staff Report/ Staff Evaluation of Newly Recommended San Pedro Projects

The staff report for the San Pedro projects is expected to go to the Board on November 19, 2009.

Ms. Scognamillo has been trying to get the cost breakdown for the Fort McArthur Museum / Hey Rookie Pool project. At one point they stated that they could move ahead with the project if they got at least \$3.5 M. They are now stating that they would need the whole \$7M. Staff is waiting for a cost breakdown. There was no update on the two San Pedro landscaping projects.

2. EIR Schedule and Status Update of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Projects: (There was no change from the report given at the September Subcommittee meeting.)

a. San Pedro Waterfront Final EIR

The EIR was presented to the Board on September 29, 2009. They approved the EIR with conditions. Port staff is working on the conditions, and will report back to the Board in 30 days.

The Committee discussed:

- A potential action item for the November Subcommittee meeting regarding co-equal analysis of alternatives in the EIR. (Broad circulation / showcase all the alternatives rather than just the preferred plan.)
- The formal establishment of a Waterfront Steering Committee
- The formation of working groups drawing from the larger group
- Perhaps re-evaluate and find a way to strengthen PCAC, working with all the interested stakeholders

b. Wilmington Waterfront

As part of the TraPac Project, the construction phase for the Wilmington Buffer is moving right along. Presently, there is no definite timeline available.

c. LA Marine Terminal

The EIR has been certified. There is a lawsuit pending. The project is still moving forward.

d. China Shipping:

The document was certified in December 2008. The Port has received the Record of Decision (ROD) from the Army Corp. of Engineers. The lawsuit filed by the City of Riverside is still pending.

e. Channel Deepening

Gamble Industries is working with the Port of LA, designing a detailed business plan/job description for the proposed ship yard at the Southwest Marine site. The deadline for this objective is February 2010.

f. Other CEQA Projects

- American President Lines (APL) - The Notice of Preparation (NOP) is out. POLA staff is working on the Draft EIR.
- Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) and the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF), an expansion of near dock transit. The intent was to have the Draft out by the end of the year, but that may not happen.

G. Possible Action Item Regarding Ship Fuel Subsidy Program/Funding:

Ms. Woodfield suggested that this item be referred back to the Air Quality Subcommittee, since they were still meeting on a monthly basis. There was no motion drafted for today's meeting. If Richard Havenick does not agree with this strategy it can be brought back to the EIR Subcommittee.

H. EIR Motion on the October PCAC Agenda Regarding PCAC Subcommittee Structure

Ms. Woodfield stated that moving forward with a motion may not be the best approach to reinstating the subcommittees. She suggested that the Committee try to work directly with the Commissioners and with Port staff first on a feasible recommendation rather than maintaining the desire to restore the Subcommittees back to the way they were. The Committee agreed to table the action item on the October PCAC Agenda.

In the meantime, it was suggested that the Subcommittees start drafting a work plan of their objectives for the next year.

I. Discussion and Action Item Regarding Air Quality Committee – Postponed

J. Discussion of Anchorage Road Soil Storage and the Need to have a Storage Removal Program. What is short term? What is the EIR requirement for this site?

There were no staff members available to discuss this issue. It will be carried over to the November Subcommittee meeting.

K. Old Business: None

L. Status of Operational Mitigation Monitoring Report Program (MMRP): An operational MMRP should be available for review in the near future.

M. New Business/Non Agenda Items: None

N. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: November 12, 2009, at 4:00 PM

O. Adjournment: 6:00 PM

Signature on File

Kathleen Woodfield, Acting Chair
EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant