

**CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PCAC REPORT**

August 12, 2008

Port Community Advisory Committee:

Outstanding PCAC Recommendations: Port Commission Vice President Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza attended this meeting and reported that she and Dr. Geraldine Knatz have been meeting on this issue. They are planning to group the backlogged motions and bring them in batches to Harbor Commission meetings beginning in August.

Informational Presentations: 1) The ILWU gave a presentation on modifications to monument on Harbor Blvd.; 2) PCAC Air Quality Subcommittee Chair Richard Havenick gave a presentation on R&D and retrofit projects recommended for PCAC Air Quality Mitigation Program funding; and 3) Richard Havenick presented an Air Quality Subcommittee comment letter on the Plains All America Pier 400 EIR/EIS.

Action Items: The following Action Items were considered at the July 15 PCAC meeting.

San Pedro Waterfront Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) Recommendation #1: Whereas preliminary versions of the Bridge to Breakwater plan do not offer a viable, community-supported alternative for keeping the cruise ship terminal and berths near downtown and north of 5th Street, and Whereas the community has produced past alternatives with features that are not included in one comprehensive alternative in the Port's current draft for the San Pedro Waterfront, and Resolved that the PCAC strongly advises that a new alternative be developed before release of the DEIR and incorporated in the DEIR that contains these elements in a newly revised alternative four. *(NOTE: eleven points follow in this motion. See July PCAC report for full text).* **Motion passed.**

San Pedro Waterfront DEIR Recommendation #2: Whereas the Port project description places a cruise ship terminal south of 5th Street as its preferred location, PCAC requests that the DEIR/DEIS for the San Pedro Waterfront investigate another alternative that berths a cruise ship along the Main Channel with a watercut to offset navigation problems. **Motion passed.**

CONTROVERSY: Board members raised concerns about the action item below in light of Commissioner Mendoza's report on outstanding PCAC items. Several members left the room and successfully **broke the quorum** in order to prevent a vote on this item, which would have easily passed:

Dredged Material Storage and request for the Board of Harbor Commissioners to pass outstanding PCAC recommendations: The Air Quality Subcommittee recommends that the PCAC request Port staff to put through Motion No. 66 regarding the storage and transport of dredged materials at and to Anchorage Road to the Board of Harbor Commissioners. Additionally, the PCAC requests timely movement of all previously passed motions from POLA to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for their consideration. **NO VOTE TAKEN DUE TO LOSS OF QUORUM.**

The August PCAC meeting has been cancelled due to vacation schedules and lack of member availability. The Committee will reconvene September 16.

Gateway Plaza Fountain Grand Opening celebration was held Friday, July 25th to a crowd of thousands from San Pedro and all over the Southland. The schedule for the Fountain is: Tues-Thurs 1pm-10pm one song every 15 min / Fri-Mon 10am-10pm one song every 15 min / daily 12pm & 8pm one hour continuous shows.

ILWU/PMA Tentative Agreement: On July 28 the ILWU and the PMA announced a tentative agreement for a new six year contract covering the 29 West Coast ports. The Longshore Caucus will meet August 18 to decide if this should be voted on by the rank and file.

CA Notifies US EPA of Lawsuit over Greenhouse Gas Emissions: CA Attorney General Jerry Brown announced on July 31 that he is filing a lawsuit against the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for failing to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from ships, planes, construction, and agricultural equipment. The EPA has 180 days to respond or the suit will go forward.

The **House Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a field hearing** on Monday, August 3 at the Port of Long Beach to receive testimony on infrastructure needs and Port programs to reduce emissions. The Subcommittee is considering the constitutionality of the use of container fees to implement local projects. Congressional Reps in attendance: Elijah Cummings D-MD (Chair), Laura Richardson D-Carson, Hilda Solis D-EI Monte, Grace Napolitano D-Norwalk, Bob Filner D-San Diego, and Dana Rohrabacher R-Huntington Beach.

China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Fund Projects: The POLA announced a call for Aesthetic Mitigation project ideas in San Pedro. The Call for Projects is available at www.portoflosangeles.org or by mail by calling 310-732-3675. Project descriptions are due on September 22, 2008.

Construction Plans:

Downtown Plaza/Harbor Blvd:

- Phase I 5/31-7/30: concrete crosswalks looking like bricks, at 5th and 6th Streets; one lane traffic and detours through downtown; two lanes will be open for the Tall Ship event.
- Phase II 8/19-9/16: one lane again; two lanes will be open for the Lobster Festival.
- Phase III 9/23-10/28: redoing the "inside" of Harbor Boulevard; one lane open in each direction.
- Phase IV: Work on the plaza between the firehouse and the Maritime Museum.

AMPing the Cruise Ship Terminal: Late Sept./early Oct. - traffic at Harbor Blvd. and Swinford will be affected by the installation of the power lines for AMPing the Cruise Ship Terminal.

22nd Street Curb Work: Late Sept./early Oct - the curbing along 22nd Street, opposite the Yacht Club and 22nd Street Landing will be replaced. Traffic may be restricted to one lane going west.

N. Gaffey Street Curbing/Tree Planting: Late Sept./early Oct. – installation and replacement of curbs and gutters, and planting of approx. 100 street trees along N. Gaffey St. between Capitol and Westmont.

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) News:

- **Channel Deepening Project Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR (Draft SEIS/SEIR)** – The 2002 Channel Deepening Project has resulted in more dredge material than initially estimated and additional disposal capacity is needed. The SEIS/SEIR analyzes completing the project and adding disposal capacity. Dredging is proposed for the entire East Basin Channel, East Basin, Cerritos Channel, and numerous berths. The fill sites proposed are 5 acres in the Northwest Slip (supporting the TraPac project), 8 acres at Berths 243-245 (former Southwest Marine/Bethlehem Shipyard) on Terminal Island creating a new Confined Disposal Facility for toxic materials; the Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site (ARSSS) in the Wilmington Marina, and expanding the submerged disposal site in Cabrillo Bay to create an eelgrass habitat area and rock dyke for nesting. The Public Hearing was held August 6 at the POLA Headquarters. The deadline for written comments is September 1, 2008.
- **Draft Pacific LA Marine Terminal Project (Pier 400) Supplemental EIS/Subsequent EIR (SEIS/SEIR)** – the deadline for written comments has been extended through tomorrow, August 13.

Upcoming Events:

Port Community Advisory Committee Meeting – Tues, August 19, *Meeting Cancelled*.

PCAC Subcommittees (open to the public):

- **San Pedro Waterfront Coordinated Plan** – Weds, August 13, 5:00pm, POLA High School.
- **Port Master Plan/Quality of Life** – Thurs, August 14, 4:00pm, POLA High School.
- **Traffic** – Weds, August 20, 8:00 a.m., POLA HQ Executive Session Room, 2nd Fl.
- **Water Quality** – Weds, August 20, 5:30 p.m. Location TBD.
- **EIR Aesthetic Mitigation** – Thurs, August 28. Time and location TBD.
- **Air Quality** – Weds, September 3, 4:30 p.m., POLA High School.
- **Lights, Aesthetics and Noise** – Mon, September 8, 5:00 p.m. Location TBD.
- **Wilmington Waterfront Development** – Tues, September 9, 5:30 p.m., Banning's Landing.

Port Commission Meeting – Thurs, August 21, 8:00 am, Banning's Landing, Wilmington

Port Commission Meeting – Thurs, September 4, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro

Festival of Sail LA 2008, Port of Los Angeles, Fri – Sun, August 15–17, Free

Fri, August 15 10am - Grand Parade of Sail, 12pm - 7pm - Ship Viewing, Children's Activities & Booths

Sat and Sun August 16-17 11am – 7pm - Ship Viewing, Entertainment, Children's Activities & Booths

More than a dozen ships will be participating. They may be boarded, tours offered for visitors.

All open to the public and free of charge.

Tall Ships Film Festival, Warner Grand Theatre, Fri – Sun, August 15 – 17, Admission Required

Fri, August 15 8:00 p.m. - "Mutiny on the Bounty" Warner Grand Theatre

Sat, August 16 8:00 p.m. - "Master & Commander" Warner Grand Theatre

Sun, August 17 2:00 p.m. - "SpongeBob Square Pants: the Movie" Warner Grand Theatre

Sun, August 17 4:00 p.m. - "Hook" Warner Grand Theatre

Admission required for film festival.

CEQA Workshop, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, San Pedro, Sat, August 16 9am to 5pm, \$35.00

Neighbors Organized and Involve to Support Education (NOISE) and the Palos Verdes / South Bay Sierra Club are hosting a public CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Workshop led by the Planning and Conservation League Foundation (PCLF). This is basic training on how to read and respond to an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which is essential for community members who are interested in environmental/land use planning matters involving government agencies or private developers. The workshop is open to the public, scholarships are available.

Electronic Container Mover Workshop, Long Beach City Council, Weds, Sept. 3, 9am to 11:30 am

The POLA/LB and Alameda Corridor Transit Authority (ACTA) are holding a Joint Board Workshop on everything you ever wanted to know about maglev, or as they call it Electronic Container Mover Systems (ECMS). The workshop will include discussions of the practical considerations and issues for both the port area and regional ECMS system, as well as the coordination efforts with other agencies regarding their examination of feasible ECMS guideway alternatives along the I-710 Corridor and transportation corridors to eastern terminals. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Annual Dominguez Channel Clean-Up Day, Saturday September 20, 8:30 am – 1 pm

Come join the PCAC Water Quality Subcommittee in a community clean-up of Dominguez Channel as part of the national Coastal Clean-up Day Campaign. Location: 2006 Opp Street, Wilmington. East of intersection of Opp Street and Goodrich Ave.

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