

**CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
PCAC REPORT  
February 10, 2009**

**Port Community Advisory Committee:**

The January 20 PCAC meeting had a Port Staff Report by Teresa Scognamillo on status of the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Projects. Plaza Park is to be done with Rec & Parks. Ten new projects are to be selected and sent to the State Lands Commission for their opinion. The SLC has thirty days to respond, then a final selection will be made by the EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee to be forwarded for PCAC approval.

An Informational Presentation was made by IBEW Local 11 president and PCAC member Joel Barton on the City Green Energy, Good Jobs Initiative, also known as Proposition B.

**Action items from January 20 PCAC meeting:**

**1. Foreign Trade Zones Impacts**

Motion amended as follows:

Whereas, Port related businesses conduct their operations throughout the local area, especially in transporting goods to and from the Port; and Whereas, the Port often assists these businesses, sometimes through terminal agreements and also through agreements such as Foreign Trade Zone agreements; and Whereas, these businesses must operate in ways that impact local neighborhoods, sometimes by truck and train operations, employee transit, local on-site operations, and otherwise; and Whereas, there may be ways that the impacts on local neighborhoods may be lessened through activities and improvements such as planting trees, improving streets, building local parks, or other improvements;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Port should examine and consider the impacts of Port related business operations on local neighborhoods, and provide ways in its decisions ~~for these businesses to contribute to~~ address needed local area improvements. **Amended motion passed 14-3-1.**

**2. Inclusion of Construction Emissions in Health Risk Assessments**

Clarification requested, motion tabled for committee member input. See 2/17 Action Item below.

**3. Opposition to Cruise Ship Terminal in Outer Harbor**

(See January 13 PCAC report for full text of motion) . . . Therefore, be it resolved that the Port Community Advisory Committee supports the Sustainable Waterfront Plan and strongly opposes any permanent berthing of cruise ships in the outer harbor. **Chair pulled motion from the agenda as the public comment period for the Waterfront EIR closed December 2008.**

**Action Item for February 17 PCAC meeting: (Central SPNC approval received 1/13/09)**

**1. Inclusion of Construction Emissions in Health Risk Assessments**

Whereas, the Port of Los Angeles is completing its draft Health Risk Assessment to become the San Pedro Bay Standard, and; Whereas, the Draft HRA excludes consideration of Construction Emissions and prior and continued requests by the PCAC Air Quality Subcommittee to include Construction Emissions in the HRA have not garnered a positive response, and; Whereas, major projects are planned for construction at the Port, and their cumulative construction phases will exceed five years which will result in a significant increase to localized air pollution in addition to on-going emissions from Port operations.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Air Quality Subcommittee requests the PCAC to advise the Board of Harbor Commissioners to require that the Baywide HRA be revised to include consideration of and re-calculation for the harmful and significant contribution to pollution and health risk resulting from Construction Emissions.

**Next Meeting:** The next PCAC meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 17, 5:30-8pm**, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Pedro.

**China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Fund Projects:** The PCAC EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee approved the following projects at their January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to send to the State Lands Commission for priority consideration. The remaining projects will be submitted to SLC at a later date. SLC has thirty (30) days to render an opinion on the project nexus of each, then the EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Committee will make its final choice and forward it to the full PCAC for approval.

PCAC Rank	#	Company/Contact	Project Name	Requested Amount	Category
1	26	Carrie Scoville / Carrie Scoville	Black Hill Stabilization/Green Belt Park	\$2,800,000	Open Space
2	17	Angels Gate Cultural Center / Nathan Birnbaum	Angeles Gate Cultural Center and Park Renovation Project	\$1,000,000	Open Space, Landscaping & Educational
3	5	Fort MacArthur Museum Association / Joseph Janesic	Restoration of the "Hey Rookie" Swimming Pool	\$7,000,000	Open Space, Landscaping & Educational
4	21	Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council / Diana Nave	Northwest Harbor Beautification Project	TBD	Open Space & Landscaping
5	27	Carrie Scoville / Carrie Scoville	N. Front Street/No Pacific Avenue Scenic Highway Improvements	\$4,500,000	Landscaping
5	24	Community Redevelopment Agency /LA Pacific Corridor Redevelopment Project / Susan Totaro	Front Street - Harbor Blvd. landscaped Gateway Improvements	\$1,547,500	Landscaping
6	1	San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition / Andrew Mardesich or Janet Gunter	Demonstratable nexus or connection to mitigating the environmental, aesthetic, and or public health impacts of the Port's operations and facilities.	\$5,000,000	Open Space & Landscaping
7	34	Carrie Scoville / Carrie Scoville	N. Front Street/No Pacific Avenue Sidewalk Installation & Bicycle Path	\$1,200,000	Landscaping
8	32	Carrie Scoville / Carrie Scoville	Public Stairwell at N. Front St. & N. Pacific Ave.	\$250,000	Open Space, Landscaping & Educational
9	11	Point Fermin Lighthouse Society / Martha Austin McKinzie	Reconstruction of Historic Outbuildings at Point Fermin Lighthouse	\$694,750	Educational
10	23	Cabrillo Bch. Youth Sailing Club / Bill Schoppe & Ashley Bose	The Port of Los Angeles Youth Aquatic Complex	\$5,250,000	Educational

**ICTF NOP Released:** The International Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) Joint Power Authority (JPA) released a Notice of Preparation/Initial Study (NOP/IS) for expansion of the UP railyard on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Built in 1986 to serve the Alameda Corridor, the railyard is located on Sepulveda Blvd. at the end of the Terminal Island Expressway (SR-103) in Long Beach. The property is owned by the Port of Los Angeles and the City of Carson. The JPA who built the railyard is comprised of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Commissions and executive staff. The expansion project proposes construction of additional tracks, a new gate facility, improvement of existing gate facilities, and additional parking. The proposed Project would more than double the throughput capacity from 725,000 to 1.5 million containers per year. It would also use of electric overhead cranes, cleaner hostling tractors, and ultra low emissions locomotives. A Public scoping meeting will be held **February 11<sup>th</sup>** at Stephens Middle School, 1830 West Columbia Street in West Long Beach 6-9 PM. The public comment period closes February 25<sup>th</sup>. Input will be used to prepare a Draft EIR document.

**Wilmington Aesthetic Mitigation Projects:** Have a great idea for aesthetic mitigation? The POLA released an RFP January 26<sup>th</sup> for a new round of proposals for Aesthetic Mitigation Projects in Wilmington. These will be funded with China Shipping Mitigation funds and selected through the PCAC EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Committee. There are **\$4.9 Million** in available funds for these projects, the deadline for submissions is **March 1, 2009**.

**Pier 400 Terminal EIR Appealed:** On December 19 the Wilmington Coalition for a Safe Environment and several San Pedro/Wilmington/Long Beach individuals filed an appeal of the approved Pier 400 Terminal project by Plains All American. One of the reasons stated was the relationship between Plains All American and Amerigas had not come forward at the time the EIR was available for comment. The Army Corps of Engineers will not approve going forward with this project until the appeal is resolved.

**A TIME FOR CHANGE** – President Barak Obama has the opportunity to make the following Federal appointments that will impact our Port community:

- Department of Transportation – Ray LaHood appointed Secretary of Transportation 1/23/09
- Federal Railroad Administration – *Administrator Vacant*
- Coast Guard – Admiral Thad W. Allen appointed Commandant 5/25/06
- Department of Commerce – Senator Judd Gregg, Secretary of Commerce nominee
- Department of Homeland Security – Janet Napolitano appointed Secretary of DHS 1/31/09
- Maritime Administration – *Administrator Vacant*
- Federal Highway Administration – *Administrator Vacant*
- Federal Maritime Commission – *3 vacancies including the Chair*
- Surface Transportation Board / Interstate Commerce Commission – *2 of 3 seats up for reappointment in 2009*
- Environmental Protection Agency – Lisa Jackson appointed EPA Administrator 1/23/09
- Department of Labor – Rep. Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor nominee

**Port of Los Angeles Proposed Stimulus Projects**

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Time to construction</b>
Ongoing projects under the port's Clean Truck, Alternative Marine Power and Green Technology Center programs	\$2.3 bill	11,245	90 days
Expansion of the Advanced Transportation Management Information and Security systems that would build upon the joint Advanced Transportation Management Information and Security-Intelligent Transportation Systems project with the Port of Long Beach	\$11.5 mill	219	90 days
Improvements to Harry Bridges Boulevard	\$32.1 mill	610	120 days
Main Channel deepening	\$1.5 mill	29	120 days
Wharf reconstruction at the TraPac terminal	\$25 mill	475	120 days
Improvements to the existing rail network at both Los Angeles and Long Beach ports	\$108 mill	2,343	1 year
Wilmington grade separation project	\$73 mill	1,000	1 year
Waterfront redevelopment/Sampson Way road improvements	\$63 mill	1,197	1 year
Waterfront redevelopment, Red Car expansion/Phase I	\$49.5 mill	941	2 years
Arterial freeway-to-freeway interchange improvements between the SR 47 and the I-110	\$50.7 mill	1,540	2 years
C Street Access Ramp/arterial interchange improvements on the I-110	\$29.3 mill	1,540	2+ years
Waterfront redevelopment, Red Car expansion/Phase II	\$81.7 mill	1,553	2+ years
SR-47 ramp improvements to steer traffic away from surrounding residential neighborhoods	\$24 mill	1,540	2+ years
Navy Way to SR-47 interchange to eliminate the last traffic signal on Seaside Avenue/Ocean Boulevard	\$43 mill	770	2+ years

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Port Community Advisory Committee Meeting** – Tues, February 17, 5:30-8pm, Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Pedro

**Los Angeles Harbor Commission Meetings:**

- Thurs, February 19, 8:30 am, Banning's Landing, Wilmington
- Thurs, March 5, 8:30 am, POLA Headquarters, San Pedro
- Thurs, March 19, 6:00 pm, Banning's Landing, Wilmington
- Thurs, April 2, 8:30 am, POLA Headquarters, San Pedro

**PCAC Subcommittees (open to the public):**

- **San Pedro Waterfront Coordinated Plan** – Weds, February 11, 5-7 pm, POLA High School
- **Port Master Plan/Quality of Life** – Thurs, February 12, 4-5:30 pm, POLA High School
- **Traffic** – Weds, February 18 – *meeting cancelled*
- **Water Quality** – Weds, February 18 – *meeting cancelled in lieu of WRAP meeting*
- **EIR Aesthetic Mitigation** – Thurs, February 26, 4-6 pm, POLA HS
- **Air Quality** – Weds, March 4, 4:30-6:30 pm, POLA High School.
- **Lights, Aesthetics and Noise** – Mon, March 9, 5-7 pm, Banning's Landing
- **Wilmington Waterfront Development** – Tues, March 10, 5:30-7:30 pm, Banning's Landing.

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