

**CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PCAC REPORT
July 14, 2009**

Port Community Advisory Committee:

Elections for the PCAC Co-Chairperson and Parliamentarian at the June meeting. The new Co-Chair is June Smith, the new Parliamentarian is yours truly. The new officers will be installed at the July meeting.

Action item from June 16 PCAC meeting:

China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Projects for Wilmington and San Pedro

Wilmington:

1. Banning's Landing Education Program, Health Program only, \$1,000,000
2. Los Angeles Harbor Lighthouse Restoration Project, funding to be capped at \$1,800,000
3. Wilmington Marinas Parkway \$1,455,971
4. Tall Ship Restoration for Youth Program Expansion, funding to be capped at \$771,000
5. Under the Drain: Elementary Storm Water Education Program, not to exceed \$75,000
6. Welcome to Wilmington Sign, not to exceed \$50,000

San Pedro:

1. Nexus Study
2. Hey Rookie Swimming Pool
3. Northwest Harbor Beautification
- 4(a) N. Front Street/N. Pacific Avenue Scenic Hwy Improvements
- 4(b) Front Street-Harbor Blvd. Landscaped Gateway Improvements
5. Angels Gate Park Renovation Project

Motion Passed

Action Item for July 21 PCAC meeting :

Wilmington Marina Sound Wall/Bypass Route - From the Traffic Subcommittee:

Whereas, to accommodate the TraPac intermodal rail yard, Pacific Harbor Line's (PHL) Pier A yard will be relocated to a 70-acre area between the Consolidated Slip and Alameda Street adjacent to the Wilmington marinas; Whereas, the relocation site is used for storage of new vehicles which does not generate any noise; Whereas, PHL operates 24-hours-a-day and the relocated yard will have 46 tracks with train engines coupling and uncoupling groups of railroad cars, shuttling cars back and forth on different tracks and generating noise levels of 68-80 dBA; Whereas, there is nothing but open water and land between the proposed rail yard and the Wilmington marinas and offshore winds or atmospheric conditions can amplify noise; Whereas, the rail yard project includes construction of an east-west track across Henry Ford Avenue which is the only access road to the Wilmington marinas; Whereas, vehicular access to the marinas is already significantly impacted by trains using the four existing rail lines and a West Basin spur that cross Henry Ford Avenue as a result of the reconfiguration of Henry Ford Avenue during the 2001 Alameda Corridor railway construction; Whereas, the ultimate goal of the ports is to ship 50% of all cargo by rail, which will potentially cause a substantial increase in train movements across these tracks; Whereas, there is no mitigation proposed by any agency (ACTA, Port of LA, Port of Long Beach, CalTrans or LADOT) to resolve the current marina access problem and, further, no mitigation is proposed in the TraPac EIR or engineering plans for the new rail yard to eliminate the access problem or to buffer rail yard noise;

Therefore, be it resolved that the PCAC Traffic Subcommittee recommends that PCAC request the Harbor Commission to urge Port staff to include in the rail yard engineering plans an internal road that bypasses all Henry Ford Avenue rail lines and a sound wall between the rail yard and marinas as proposed numerous times by the Wilmington Boat Owners Association

The next PCAC meeting will have a presentation by Dr. Domenick Miretti on the ILWU memorial now proposed to be located south of Bloch Field.

Next Meeting: The next PCAC meeting will be held **Tuesday, July 21**, 5:30-8pm, at Banning's Landing in Wilmington.

LA Harbor Commission Election of Officers – the POLA Harbor Commission will elect its new officers at Thursday's meeting. Cindy Miscikowski is expected to be seated as Harbor Commissioner at that time.

Long Beach Harbor Commission Vacancy – numerous individuals have filed for the open seat on the Long Beach Harbor Commission. Among them are recent LB City Council candidate Evan Braude, and former LB/San Pedro Assemblywoman/State Senator Betty Karnette.

Federal Maritime Commission Acting Chair – On June 5 President Obama announced Joseph E. Brennan would serve as Acting Chair, a seat which has been vacant since November 2006. Last October Commissioner Brennan was the lone dissenting vote when the FMC sided with the American Trucking Association to block portions of the POLA/LB Clean Truck Program. The FMC dismissed its challenge June 16. There is still one vacancy on this commission to be filled by Presidential appointment.

APL Terminal NOI/NOP Released: The POLA released a Notice of Intent for proposed expansion of the Pier 300 APL terminal on July 10. The project would build a 41 acre container terminal on unimproved land in Fish Harbor, add up to 12 new cranes, and develop the former LAXT terminal area to container backlands. The proposed Project would increase throughput from approximately 1.3 M TEUs in 2008 to approx. 3M n TEUs by 2027. A public hearing will be held August 5, 6pm, at the POLA Headquarters in San Pedro. **Public comments are due by August 24.**

Port of Long Beach Releases Request for Concepts/Solutions for a Zero Emissions Cargo Mover System – The Port of Long Beach is seeking ideas to replace the diesel trucks that travel between Port marine terminals and the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF). Proposed technologies might include electric guideways, zero-emission trucks, or electrified rail, rather than diesel-fueled trucks. An RFP will likely be issued upon review of concepts. Submissions are due September 25, 2009.

Upcoming Events:

Port Community Advisory Committee Meeting – Tues, July 21, 5:30-8pm, Bannings Landing, Wilmington

Los Angeles Harbor Commission Meetings:

- Thurs, July 16, 6:00 p.m., Banning's Landing, Wilmington
- Thurs, August 6, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro
- Thurs, August 20, 6:00 p.m., Banning's Landing, Wilmington
- Thurs, September 3, 6:00 pm, POLA Headquarters, San Pedro

PCAC Subcommittees (open to the public):

- **Wilmington Waterfront Development** – *Cancelled, will meet in August*
- **Traffic** – Weds., July 15, 8-10 a.m., Banning Residence Museum, 401 E "M" St, Wilmington
- **Water Quality** – *Cancelled*
- **EIR Aesthetic Mitigation** – Thurs, July 23, 4-6 pm, Bannings Landing
- **Air Quality** – Weds, Aug 5, 4:30-6:30 pm, POLA HQ
- **PCAC Steering Committee** – Tues, Aug 4 7, 6:00 pm, POLA High School
- **Lights, Aesthetics and Noise** – *Cancelled, will meet in September*
- **San Pedro Waterfront Coordinated Plan** – Weds, Aug 12, 5-7 pm, POLA High School
- **Port Master Plan/Quality of Life** – Thurs, Aug 13, 4-5:30, Bannings Landing

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