

**CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PCAC REPORT
April 13, 2010**

Port Community Advisory Committee:

March 16 Action Item:

After several months of intensive review and evaluation the following motion on PCAC restructuring was considered. The body moved to separate items 1 through 8 for individual consideration.

Whereas the Port Community Advisory Committee has been in continuous operation since January 2002 and was formed to implement three charges from the Mayor's office, and Whereas many of the original tasks PCAC studied and made recommendations on have been received and acted upon by the Board of Harbor Commissioners, including the China Shipping Mitigation Funds, the Wilmington Waterfront Plan, the Clean Trucks Initiative, and the San Pedro Waterfront Plan, and Whereas the Port Executive Director felt it necessary to curtail PCAC operations by eliminating staff support for **some of** its committees and operations, and Whereas the Board of Harbor Commissioners has not replaced the Commissioner co-chair in four years, hampering orderly and timely communication with the Board, Therefore the Port Community Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations for changes to its structure and operation: **Main motion moved as amended. Vote 15-0-4 motion passed.**

Items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 below moved as consent motion. Vote 14-3-4 motion passed.

1. Adopt the PCAC recommendation for By-law changes, POLA #83 and POLA #84 adopted by PCAC on May 20, 2008; **Item #1 split into two parts.**

A. POLA Adopted Motion #83 **moved to be amended as follows:** ~~"A majority of members shall constitute a quorum and who must be present for business to be legally conducted. The quorum refers to the number of such members present, not to the number actually voting on a particular question."~~ "Members who have not attended three or more consecutive unexcused meetings, immediately prior to a meeting at which a vote is to be taken, shall not be counted in determining the number of members". **Vote 14-2-4 motion passed.**

B. POLA Adopted Motion #84 **ruled out of order due to redundancy, motion had already been approved. Item #1B pulled from the Agenda.**

2. Eliminate those organizations that did not send a representative to the PCAC meetings during 2009; **Item #2 considered unnecessary in light of passage of Item #1A. Vote 7-12-1 motion failed.**

3. Place on inactive status, those organizations that have three consecutive absences without notification to the chair, and give them 30 days to respond to the question as to whether or not they wish to retain their seat on the Committee; **Motion carried as consent item.**

4. Adopt a new By-law stating that inactive members shall not count against a quorum; **Sense of motion included in Item #1A, as newly amended. Item #4 pulled from Agenda.**

5. Provide Port staff for the following committees meeting monthly: Air Quality, Wilmington Waterfront Development; San Pedro Coordinated Plan; Environmental Impact and Mitigation; Steering, and the monthly PCAC meeting; **Motion carried as consent item.**

6. Provide Port staff for rotating all other committees or ad hoc committees that may be formed as deemed necessary but who will not meet on a monthly basis; **Motion carried as consent item.**

7. Report on a monthly basis directly to the Board of Harbor Commissioners as a set part of the Board agenda; and **Motion carried as consent item.**

8. Have the Port City Attorney work with the PCAC to suggest further By-law changes that may be necessary to carry out the membership changes and quorum changes that the suggested restructuring will require. **Motion carried as consent item.**

An substitute PCAC restructuring motion moved by the Northwest SPNC was denied by a vote of 2-15-4.

CSPNC Alternate:

At the PCAC meeting it was announced that Ralph "J.R." Perez had been appointed the Central San Pedro NC Alternate to the PCAC. The Harbor Commission will vote to approve this selection at their April 15 meeting. The City Council then has five days to appeal the appointment, should they choose to do so. Unfortunately I will not be available to attend the April 20 PCAC meeting and J.R. would not be allowed to be seated by then, so the CSPNC seat will be vacant for this meeting. However there will be no action items going forward at this meeting.

Informational Presentation:

A briefing was given on the Red Car Feasibility Study released by the POLA last December. The chart below shows construction costs only, not operating costs, for proposed routes. It is ranked in order of preference.

Extension	Estimate	Miles
1. Harbor Blvd/Samson Way	\$26.35 M	1.54 mi
2. Cabrillo Beach/Marina	\$22.43 M	1.38 mi
3. Downtown San Pedro	\$18.37 M	1.4 mi
4. Outer Harbor (Kaiser Point)	\$14.33 M	.83 mi
5. City Dock One	\$ 9.14 M	.71 mi
6. North Gaffey	\$ 6.88 M	.75 mi
7. Wilmington	\$44.26 M	3.0 mi
Total	\$141.76 M	9.61 mi

Next Meeting: At the next PCAC meeting it is planned to have a presentation on the Gambol Industries shipyard and a report on the San Pedro Waterfront protocols for community participation. The meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 20, 5:30-8pm**, at Banning's Landing in Wilmington.

San Pedro Downtown Harbor Project Public Workshop:

The first public workshop on the San Pedro Waterfront EIR was held March 18 at the POLA HS. A description of the proposed project area from 5th to 7th Streets was given followed by the group reviewing storyboards focused on different project elements. Public input is still being accepted.

Clean Truck Program Status:

A hearing date has been set for the American Trucking Association's suit against the POLA Clean Truck Program for April 20 at the US District Court in Los Angeles. Meanwhile, a Congressional Hearing will be held May 5 in Washington, DC on amending the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act (F4A) to allow local governments limited control of trucking.

Clean Air Action Plan Released:

The latest version of the POLA/LB Clean Air Action Plan was released April 7. This is the second iteration of the original CAAP approved in December 2005. **Hearings will be held April 21, 7pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Pedro, and 7pm April 27 at Long Beach City Hall.** Public comment is being accepted on this document through May 7. The CAAP can be found at <http://www.cleanairactionplan.org/>.

IMO Emissions Control Areas Approved:

On March 25th the UN International Maritime Organization accepted a joint US/Canada proposal to establish Emissions Control Areas (ECA)s along the Eastern Seaboard, West Coast, Gulf Coast and Hawaii. This will mandate the use of low sulphur fuels for all ships of domestic or foreign registry within 200 miles of the designated coasts, thereby reducing toxic nitrogen oxide (NOx), sulphur oxide (SOx), and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) emissions from low grade bunker fuels. ECAs are a part of the Maritime Policy (MARPOL) Annex IV Treaty regulating ship emissions which the US ratified last July. They will go into effect in August 2011. The approved US/Canadian ECAs are shown below:



US/Canadian Emissions Control Areas

Balqon Electric Truck Demo:

On March 31 the POLA conducted demonstrations for the public of the new all electric Balqon truck fleet at the Cruise Terminal parking lot. The fleet will be tested at various POLA terminals to encourage their purchase and use. The truck is built at an assembly plant in Harbor City.



Yours truly behind the wheel of a Balqon electric truck. March 31, 2010, POLA Cruise Terminal.

Upcoming Events:

Clear Air Action Plan Public Hearings – April 21, San Pedro and April 27, Long Beach:

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ARB Chair's Seminar – Harbor Community Monitoring Project – April 26, Sacramento (webcast):

The ARB will be holding a seminar on the air quality monitoring project conducted by researchers from USC, UCLA, and the Desert Research Institute out of the University of Nevada, Reno on April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Sacramento, CA. The seminar will be webcast at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/seminars/fujita/fujita.htm> and the presentation will be posted. Yours truly was a participant in the UNR portion of this program in 2007.



Dr. Eric Fujita (center) and crew of the University of Nevada, Reno installing passive air monitoring equipment at my home in San Pedro (aka Site 11) for the Harbor Communities Monitoring study. February 2, 2007.

Port Community Advisory Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 20, Banning's Landing

Los Angeles Harbor Commission Meetings:

- Thurs, April 15, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro
- Thurs, May 6, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro
- Thurs, May 20, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro
- Thurs, June 3, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro

PCAC Subcommittees (open to the public):

- **San Pedro Waterfront Coordinated Plan** – Weds, April 14, 5:00 - 7:00, POLA HS
- **Traffic** – *Cancelled*
- **Water Quality** – *Cancelled*
- **Lights, Aesthetics and Noise** – *Cancelled*
- **Port Master Plan/Quality of Life** – *Cancelled*
- **Air Quality** – *Cancelled*.
- **PCAC Steering Committee** – Tues, May 4, 6:00 – 7:30, POLA HS
- **Wilmington Waterfront Development** – Tues, May 11, 5:30-7:30, Banning's Landing
- **EIR Aesthetic Mitigation** – Thurs, May 13, 3-5 pm, Banning's Landing

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