

CITY/PORT LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
February 15, 2002

The City/Port Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair & Commissioner Tagami at 8:10 a.m. in the Port of Oakland's Board Room located at 530 Water Street in Oakland, California.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember & Co-Chair Dick Spees, Councilmember Nancy Nadel, Assistant City Manager Dolores Blanchard, and Deputy City Attorney Curtis Kidder

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Ignacio De La Fuente and Councilman Larry Reid

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner and Co-Chair Phillip Tagami, Commissioner Darlene Ayers-Johnson, Deputy Executive Director John Glover, Port Attorney Vivian O'Neal and serving as Acting-Secretary Eve Grossman-Bukowski

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner David Kramer

ITEM 1: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

1-A: APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the January 4, 2002 meeting summary.

1-B: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the agendas for the March, 2002 through June, 2002 agendas and a pending list.

March 15 Meeting:

- A report by the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland on the transfer/construction of Galbraith Golf Course
- A report by the City of Oakland on the Oakland Army Base
- An update report by the Port of Oakland on the Port's Commercial Real Estate Division's activities, including Jack London Square and the Oak to 9th development
- A report by the City of Oakland on the Lake Merritt Master Plan

April 19 Meeting:

Theme: Entertainment

- A report by the City of Oakland on their efforts to bring a ballpark to Oakland
- A report by the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland on development/improvement of public facilities including a convention center
- A report by the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland on coordination of festivals and other family entertainment

May 17 Meeting

Theme: Estuary Plan

- A report by the Port of Oakland on estuary development
- A report by the Artship Foundation on the Artship
- A report by the City of Oakland on the Jack London Aquatic Center
- A report by the Port of Oakland on Union Point Park

June 21 Meeting:

Theme: Development/Redevelopment

- A report by the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland on transit oriented mixed-use developments
- A report by the City of Oakland on commercial real estate development in Oakland
- A report by the City of Oakland on plans for various redevelopment areas
- A report by the City of Oakland on the Coliseum BART Station

Pending List:

- A report and recommendations by the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland to relocate City and Port corporation yards
- A report by the City of Oakland on its plans for the relocation of the Police station
- A report by the City of Oakland on the Military Academy

Public Comment:

There was one public speaker:

Robin Bartoo, Waterfront Activist

ITEM 2: A FINAL REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND AND THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE JACK LONDON DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT STUDY

Leslie Gould, Director of Planning for the City of Oakland, presented the report. She stated that the study, which began in 1999, was commissioned by the City and the Port. She said it is a policy document that examined all modes of transportation. She stated that the study was intended to provide information on parking demand in the Jack London District; evaluate impacts on future development scenarios; and identify strategies to assist policy-makers in deciding upon new infrastructure that will be needed in the future.

The study summarized a number of recommendations to improve parking and traffic in the Jack London District. Ms. Gould indicated that over the next two years, the Planning Department will put a package of policy recommendations together to take to the Oakland Planning Commission and City Council.

Commissioner Tagami asked if the study included community outreach, such as focus groups or community surveys. Ms. Gould indicated that some community meetings were held to solicit community input. The Committee asked that Ms. Gould's department solicit more public input before the study is presented to the Oakland City Council.

Public Comment:

There were five public speakers:

Sandra Threlfall, Waterfront Activist

Steve Lowe, West Oakland Commerce Association

Robin Bartoo, Waterfront Activist

Gary Knecht, Property Owner and Member, Jack London Neighborhood Association

Wilda White, President, Jack London Neighborhood Association

Report accepted consensus.

ITEM 3: A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE STATUS OF THE WATERFRONT PATHWAY FROM JACK LONDON SQUARE TO THE OAKLAND AIRPORT

Leslie Gould, Director of Planning for the City of Oakland, presented the report. She reviewed actions over the past year that advanced the goal of implementing a continuous pathway along the Oakland Estuary. She also summarized efforts to access funding opportunities for the pathway in the coming year. Ms. Gould stated that it is a big and complicated project that could take many years to complete; however, she said they are breaking it down parcel by parcel into more doable parts. Ms. Gould introduced Kerry Jo Rickerts-Ferris, the City's Project Manager for Waterfront Open Space, who is working on the pathway.

Councilman Spees asked if pathway construction on waterfront parcels, where new developments are planned, would need to wait until such development projects were completed. Ms. Gould indicated that this issue has not as of yet been contemplated.

Public Comment:

There were two public speakers:

Robin Bartoo, Waterfront Activist
Sandra Threlfall, Waterfront Activist

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 4: A REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON SECURITY AT THE PORT OF OAKLAND'S AIRPORT/MARITIME FACILITIES

Steve Grossman, Director of Aviation at the Port of Oakland, presented an update report on security at the Oakland Airport. He stated that the airport has instituted a rigorous security program since last fall. He described how the Port has worked together successfully with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and the Oakland Police Department. Mr. Grossman also provided the Committee with major milestones on new federal security programs and requirements, such as the federalization of airport security screeners and a new federal requirement that all luggage be inspected for explosives.

Commissioner Tagami stated he had recently met with officials from the Federal Aviation Administration and said that they have good marks on security at the Oakland Airport.

Councilman Spees said it was his understanding that new federal funds will be available for improved airport security and suggested that the City and Port coordinate their lobbying efforts in Washington D.C. to garner such funds.

Ray Boyle, General Manager of Maritime Operations at the Port, gave an update report on security at Oakland's maritime port. He gave an overview of measures already instituted since the terrorist attacks of last fall, such as new fencing at maritime terminals, increased identification checks for port workers, and the new sea marshal vessel escort program.

Mr. Boyle described measures that the U.S. Congress and the California State Legislature are considering. These include new maritime security legislation at the federal level and a possible state bond measure that would raise funds for increased security at California ports.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 5: OPEN FORUM

There was one public speaker:

Gary Knecht, Property Owner, Member, Jack London Neighborhood Association

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.