

City/Port Liaison Committee Minutes

April 27, 2001

The City/Port Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Commissioner Protopappas on Friday, April 27, 2001, 2001 at 8:04 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 Nadel, Assistant City Manager Dolores Blanchard, and a representative from the City Attorney's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT

Councilmember Larry Reid and Councilmember De La Fuente.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Commissioner & Co-Chair John Protopappas, Commissioner Kramer, Commissioner Ayers-Johnson, Executive Director Charles Foster, a representative from the Port Attorney's office and the Secretary of the Board.

ITEM 1 DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

1-A: APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the March 16, 2001 Meeting Summary

1-B: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the May 18, 2001 meeting and pending list.

MAY 18, 2001

1. Hotel Development Task Force

JUNE 22, 2001

1. Report by the City of Oakland on its plans for the relocation of the Police Station
2. Report by the City of Oakland on the storm water system and the new state requirements
3. A report by the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland on the status of the waterfront pathway from Jack London Square to the Oakland International Airport
4. An update report on the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland efforts to incorporate existing West Oakland Maritime related trucking businesses as part of the Oakland Army Base Master Reuse Development Program.
5. Report by the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland on the status of Embarcadero Street improvements (UPI Agreement)
6. Report by the City of Oakland on the efforts to address the Webster Street intersection and crosswalk
7. A status update from the Port of Oakland and City of Oakland on truck studies, plans, activities and mitigation efforts

PENDING/NO SPECIFIC DATE/FOR SCHEDULING

1. Report by the City of Oakland on the proposed military academy
2. A report by the City of Oakland on the structure, purpose and goals of the Port Social Justice Fund, detailing the budget that is being issued to implement the hiring of Oakland residents into apprenticeship positions and describing the success rate of the program to date
3. A report by the Port of Oakland on the proposed art policy
4. A report and recommendation to locate City and Port corporation yards
5. A policy discussion regarding the location of trucking throughout the City of Oakland
6. A report by the City of Oakland on the City's redevelopment plans for west of Maritime Street on the Oakland Army Base

ITEM 2: A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON ITS PLANS FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BROADWAY CORRIDOR

City staff presented an informational report on the streetscape work along the Broadway Corridor.

City staff reported on the one project located in the Port area, a proposed 14-story high-rise mixed used building at 2nd and Broadway.

Councilmember Nadel questioned if the Estuary Plan includes any height restrictions. Staff reported that there are density requirements, but no height restrictions. This project meets the density requirement as specified in the Estuary Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one public speaker on this item:

1. Steve Lowe, WOCA

The report was accepted by consensus.

ITEM 3: A FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION ON THE CITY/PORT LIAISON COMMITTEE VISION AND WORKPLAN FOR 2001

Port Staff made a recommendation to the committee for thematically structured meetings.

Recommendation from staff was offered to split future meetings into two portions: 1) Policy Reports and 2) Status Reports.

Commissioner Kramer stated that the staff memo provided a good synthesis for the future direction of the City/Port Liaison Committee.

Councilmember Nadel asked which items were on the City of Oakland's listing of topics that were not included in the Port of Oakland's list.

Staff reported on the two items:

1. **Pacific Rim Foreign Trade** was not on the list due to the staff's lack of expertise in this area.
2. **Joint Lobbying Efforts** were not included on the list since this item is an ongoing item.

Co-Chair Spees commented that he would like a report on the World Trade Center to be included on the list of topics for the Liaison Committee.

Councilmember Nadel agreed that future meetings should be thematic.

Co-Chair Protopappas directed staff to move forward with the scheduling of the thematic meetings for the remainder of the year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers on this item.

ITEM 4: A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE PROPOSED BANNER THEMES FOR THE AIRPORT GATEWAY/ HEGENBERGER ROAD STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

City Staff provided an overview on Airport Gateway/Hegenberger Road Streetscape Improvement Project. The project is moving forward and completion is estimated for October 2001.

There were seven themes presented to the committee detailing the ideas for the sidewalk and median banners. The seven themes consist of Arts, Culture, Landmarks, Parks, Sports, Transportation and the Waterfront.

Next steps for the project will be to continue to seek input and work toward the completion of the project.

Commissioner Ayers-Johnson suggested additional landmarks (City Hall, State Building) be considered for the Landmark banner.

Councilmember Nadel also recommended the addition of the City Hall.

Co-Chair Spees recommended that for similar banners be considered for hanging in the Airport. Commented that his office will take the lead on pursuing this item.

Co-Chair Protopappas questioned the maintenance and responsibility of the banners.

City staff reported that the Public Works Department of the City would have responsibility for the maintenance of the permanent and sidewalk banners and the maintenance of the palm trees and branches.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers on this item.

ITEM 5: A STATUS REPORT FROM THE PORT OF OAKLAND AND THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON TRUCK STUDIES, PLANS, ACTIVITIES AND MITIGATION EFFORTS

Port staff presented a brief update on the status of the truck studies report. The final report is behind schedule and is expected to be complete by the end of May. The final report will be provided at the June meeting.

Councilmember Nadel recommended that the results of the study be provided to BCDC. Co-Chair Spees recommended that all officials be well versed on the issue due to the forecasting of the changing dynamics of the current economy. There is a high level of sensitivity that surrounds this issue and all should be involved in the decisions being made on this matter.

Chuck Foster, Executive Director of the Port of Oakland, offered to provide necessary additional studies and assistance to address issues that are not addressed within the final report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one public speaker on this item:

1. Steve Lowe, WOCA

The report was accepted by consensus.

ITEM 6: A FOLLOW-UP REPORT FROM THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE STATUS OF THE SITE B DEVELOPMENT PARKING MITIGATION PROJECT

Port staff provided a brief history and status of the Site B Development Parking Mitigation Project.

Staff report addressed the issues of the February 15, 2001 letter from SoNIC regarding the process of amending the Mitigation Reporting and Monitoring Program (MRDP).

Staff also provided information on suggested interim solutions (i.e. working with CalTrans).

Staff reported that there is an adequate parking supply to accommodate the current demand and that CalTrans does not have any properties available for additional parking. All properties are currently leased out.

Co-Chair Spees commented on the need to work with the Jack London District (JLD) businesses for input on this item. In addition, the City of Oakland will be addressing the number of disturbances in the JLD and would like to see this issue come back to the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers on this item.

The report was accepted by consensus.

ITEM 7: OPEN FORUM

There were five speakers on this item:

1. Robert Kidd, Jack London Aquatic Center
2. Sandra Threlfall, Waterfront Booster
3. Kathy Garrett, Pattillo & Garrett Associates-Landscape Architects
4. Steve Lowe, WOCA
5. Sanjiv Handa, East Bay News Service

Co-Chair Spees recommended that the Jack London Aquatic Center be scheduled for future City/Port Liaison Committee.

Co-Chair Protopoulos directed staff to add this item for scheduling at the City/Port Issues Staff meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.