

CITY/PORT LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
May 17, 2002

The City/Port Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair & Commissioner Tagami 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, Vice-Mayor Larry Reid, Councilmember Ignacio De La Fuente, Assistant City Manager Dolores Blanchard, and Deputy City Attorney Bruce Plebuch

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Nancy Nadel

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner and Co-Chair Phillip Tagami, Commissioner Darlene Ayers-Johnson, Executive Director Tay Yoshitani, Port Attorney Vivian O'Neal and serving as secretary, Port Government Affairs Manager Eve Grossman-Bukowski

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: none

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 15, 2002 meeting summary.

1-B: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the agenda for the June meeting as listed below and at the request of Councilman Spees agreed to reschedule the June 21 meeting to June 28. Additionally, staff agreed to present proposed agenda items for the remaining 2002 meetings at the June 28 meeting.

June 28:

- A report by the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland on transit oriented mixed-use development
- 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
- A follow-up report by the Port of Oakland on Union Point Park
- An update report by the Artship Foundation on the Artship's major milestones and finances
- A report by the Port of Oakland on local and small business participation in the Oakland Airport expansion

Pending List:

- A report by the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland on the transfer/construction of Galbraith Golf Course
- 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
- A report by the City of Oakland on their efforts to bring a ballpark to Oakland
- A report by the City of Oakland on the Jack London Aquatic Center

ITEM 2: A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON DEVELOPMENT/IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES INCLUDING A CONVENTION CENTER

City staff updated the Committee on efforts to expand or replace the existing Oakland Convention Center located at 12th Street and Broadway. Staff indicated that consultants have been retained by the City to examine whether it is most prudent to expand the existing facility or explore the feasibility of building a new convention center.

Report accepted consensus.

ITEM 3: A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON COORDINATION OF FESTIVALS AND OTHER FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

City and Port staff presented this report by discussing existing and future events where the City and Port can collaborate. Staff discussed the City of Oakland's 150 year celebration and the many events that are occurring over 16 weeks, as well as annual events such as PortFest, the July 4th Celebration and the Lighted Yacht Parade.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 4: A REPORT BY THE ARTSHIP FOUNDATION AND THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE ARTSHIP

The Port's Commercial Real Estate Director introduced Slobodan Dan Paich who summarized the progress the Artship has made in raising funds and completing other required tasks, such as obtaining environmental permits and making needed repairs to the ship.

Councilman Spees asked for more current financial information than was provided in the Artship's 2001 Annual Report.

Commissioner Tagami indicated that the Port Board's Commercial Real Estate (CRE) Committee had recently reviewed an audit of the Artship conducted by the Port Auditor. He indicated that the CRE Committee was concerned that the Artship was in noncompliance with its MOU with the Port. He indicated that the full Port Board of Commissioners will soon further discuss the matter and look into possible next steps.

The Committee asked Mr. Paich to come back to the June meeting and provide more detail on key milestones for the Artship with serious focus on the Artship's current financial condition.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 5: A REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON UNION POINT PARK

The Port's Commercial Real Estate Director updated the Committee on actions related to finalizing a ground lease and operating plan for the park.

Councilman Spees asked what barriers the project must overcome and specifically how will environmental issues be addressed. In response, Port Attorney Vivian O'Neal briefly detailed action plans that will be required, including executing a lease with the City of Oakland.

The Committee asked that certain required actions be taken expeditiously and that an update report be presented at the Committee's June meeting. Remaining issues relate to contamination and responsibility for clean-up of certain parcels.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 6: AN UPDATE REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE PORT'S COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DIVISION'S ACTIVITIES

The Port's Commercial Real Estate Director gave the Committee a general update on several major projects the Port is working on including Jack London District development, the Oak to 9th development, and Hegenberger Corridor development.

Vice-Mayor Reid stated that in his view it is important to bring a four star hotel to the Simeon project in the Hegenberger Corridor. He stated that bringing a hotel to the table is necessary if the Simeon project is to succeed.

Council President De La Fuente stated that he believes a subsidy will be needed in order to bring a hotel to the project.

Councilman Spees stated that agrees that a four star hotel is needed, but suggested that all projects potentially needing a public subsidy be considered as part of a whole so as to allow the City to consider which projects have the most merit.

Vice-Mayor Reid asked the Port to provide the Committee with an update report on the Port's efforts to include local and small firms in the construction of the airport expansion.

Public Comment:

There was one public speaker:

Andy Lee, Hotel and Restaurant Workers

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 7: OPEN FORUM

There were no public speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.