

City/Port Liaison Committee Minutes

June 15, 2001

The City/Port Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Commissioner Protopappas at 8:05 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, Councilmember De La Fuente, Assistant City Manager Dolores Blanchard and a representative from the City Attorney's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT

Councilmember Larry Reid

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Commissioner & Co-Chair John Protopappas, Commissioner Kramer, Commissioner Ayers-Johnson, Executive Director Charles Foster, 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 May 18, 2001 Meeting Summary.

1-B: Determination of Schedule for Outstanding Committee Items: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the July 20, 2001 meeting recommendations and pending list.

JULY 20, 2001

1. A report by the Port of Oakland on the proposed art policy
2. A report by the City of Oakland on the storm water system and the new state requirements
3. A report by the Port of Oakland on the status of Embarcadero Street improvements
4. A report by the City of Oakland on the efforts to address the Webster Street intersection and crosswalk
5. 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

AUGUST - NO MEETING

City Council Recess

SEPTEMBER 21, 2001 - OAKLAND ARMY BASE

1. A report by the City of Oakland on its plans for the relocation of the Police Station
2. A report by the City of Oakland on the proposed military academy
3. A report by the City of Oakland on the City's redevelopment plans for west of Maritime Street on the Oakland Army Base

OCTOBER 19, 2001 - EMPLOYMENT

1. A report by the Port of Oakland on the structure, purpose and goals of the Port's 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

NOVEMBER 16, 2001 - RESTAURANT/RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

DECEMBER 21, 2001 - ESTUARY PLAN AREA DEVELOPMENT

JANUARY 18, 2002 - AIRPORT AREA DEVELOPMENT

1. An update 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

PENDING/NO SPECIFIC DATE/FOR SCHEDULING

1. A report and recommendation to relocate City and Port corporation yards

ITEM 2: 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

City of Oakland Community & Economic Development Agency staff, provided a brief overview of the efforts to incorporate West Oakland's maritime trucking businesses into the Oakland Army Base Reuse program.

Port of Oakland Strategic Planning Division staff, provided a brief update on the Port's efforts to obtain 15 additional acres of property to meet the Port's contribution of the additional 30 acres. These efforts are underway due to the additional 30-acres that resulted from the BCDC approval of the Application deliberations to address the maritime-related trucking issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers on this item.

The report was accepted by consensus.

ITEM 3: A FINAL REPORT FROM THE PORT OF OAKLAND AND CITY OF OAKLAND ON TRUCK STUDIES, PLANS, ACTIVITIES AND MITIGATION EFFORTS

Port of Oakland Strategic Planning Department staff and a consultant from TIOGA Group provided the final truck study. This study identifies the economic and traffic implications of relocating and facilitating future development of port-related services.

The report included the identification of "core" and "non-core" services; assessment of available space that will be required as the port and cargo volumes expand; information on the future changes in the market and escalating property values; and review of other measures that are available to control growth and the impact of truck traffic in the port and adjacent areas.

The final report will serve as a foundation for staff to assess plans for future action.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Co-Chairman Spees expressed his concerns regarding the issues of land use and employee density balance. He encouraged proactive planning efforts and consideration of zoning issues. He expressed support for the Joint Port/City Strategy.

Council President De La Fuente stated that the issue of trucking has become a regional problem. Mr. De La Fuente stated that the priority for the Port and the City should be to identify possible land to accommodate truck parking and facilities in partnership with the private sector.

Councilmember Nadel expressed her support for the Joint Port/City recommendation. She also encouraged the two entities to look at land that is available to work toward maximizing job density.

Commissioner Kramer stated that the Port has already engaged in efforts to decrease truck traffic through its intermodal efforts. He suggested that the Port review and assess the current real estate assets to determine ways to encompass the truck needs.

DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS:

1. Identify City of Oakland and Port of Oakland staff to work jointly to analyze the final report and provide a brief plan of action at the July 20, 2001 meeting.

This plan of action should include:

- Assessment of how the joint effort will work.
- Discussion on sustainability.
- A timeline.
- Ways in which to work with and incorporate the comments/input of the trucking companies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were three public speakers on this item:

1. Calvin Benton
2. Steve Lowe, WOCA
3. Ron Blake

The report was accepted by consensus.

The Executive Director, Charles Foster provided an update on the Embarcadero Improvement Project. The project is moving forward and will begin on Monday, July 9, 2001. There will be a follow-up discussion at the July 20, 2001 City Port Liaison Committee meeting.

ITEM 4: OPEN FORUM

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one public speaker on this item:

1. Michael Munoz, Machinist Union, Local 1546

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.