

CITY/PORT LIAISON COMMITTEE  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
July 19, 2002

The City/Port Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair & Commissioner Frank Kiang 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, City Planning Director Leslie Gould, and Deputy City Attorney Curtis Kidder

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Ignacio De La Fuente, Vice-Mayor Larry Reid

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Commissioner and Co-Chair Frank Kiang, 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:** Commissioner Phil Tagami

**ITEM 1: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**1-A: APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY:** The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the June 28, 2002 meeting summary.

**1-B: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS:**  
The Committee accepted the following agendas for the remaining 2002 meetings.

**August 16, 2002 Meeting: Cancel meeting due to City Council summer recess**

**September 20, 2002 Meeting: (Theme: Recreation & Arts)**

- A report by the City of Oakland on the Jack London Aquatic Center
- A report by the City of Oakland on the Lake Merritt/Waterfront Bond Initiative
- A report by the Port of Oakland on Middle Harbor Shoreline Park
- A report by the Port of Oakland on street artists at Jack London Square
- A report by the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland on strategies for pursuing grants for arts related projects
- An update report by the Port of Oakland on the Port's new Arts Policy
- A report by Training Resources Ltd regarding its maritime technologies education program and a proposal for a high school maritime academy on the Artship.
- A report by the Artship Foundation on the Artship business plan

**Item 1-A**  
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**October 18, 2002 Meeting: (Theme: Local Infrastructure Projects)**

- A report by the City of Oakland on the Amtrak/UP Embarcadero rail improvements
- A report by the Port of Oakland on the Joint-Intermodal Terminal
- A report by the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland on efforts to construct new on-ramps and off-ramps on I-880 near 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in conjunction with Caltrans seismic retrofit project
- An informational follow-up report by the City of Oakland on the Oakland Army Base conveyance
- A report by the Water Transit Authority on initiatives relating to ferry service and progress on funding requests

**November 22, 2002 Meeting: (Theme: Planning and Development)**

- A report by the City of Oakland on the City's General Plan Zoning Update, including efforts relating to Port ancillary uses
- A report by the Port of Oakland on regional transportation planning initiatives with MTC
- An update report by the Port of Oakland on the Port Services Location Study
- A report by the City of Oakland on the Jack London District parking study

**December 20, 2002 Meeting: Cancel meeting due to winter holiday**

**Pending List:**

- A report by the City of Oakland on city-wide security and emergency response plans
- A report by the City of Oakland on commercial real estate development in Oakland

***ITEM 2: AN INFORMATIONAL UPDATE REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE OAKLAND ARMY BASE CONVEYANCE***

Oakland Base and Reuse Authority staff updated the Committee on the status of the army base conveyance, providing key milestone dates for the early transfer. Staff indicated that they are now in an intense period of negotiating final agreements for the environmental, real estate, financial, and legal actions that lead to conveyance.

Commissioner Kiang asked if the Port and City have agreed how to allocate the \$11 million Caltrans payment related to leasing an army base parcel for a staging area for the Bay Bridge construction. Port Executive Director Yoshitani indicated that the Port and City are negotiating a fair settlement agreement. Mr. Yoshitani stated that he would inform Committee members when an agreement is reached between the City and the Port.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

**ITEM 3:      *AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSED TRANSIT VILLAGE PROJECTS IN OAKLAND***

City of Oakland, Oakland Redevelopment Agency, and Port of Oakland staff provided summary reports on five transit village developments that are either in the planning or construction phase of being built. These included:

- 1)      McArthur BART Station Transit Village
- 2)      Fruitvale Transit Village
- 3)      Coliseum Transit Village
- 4)      West Oakland Transit Village
- 5)      Metroport Development

Councilman Spees commended what he called progressive developments presented to the Committee. He said these transit oriented developments have been talked about in the Bay Area for a long time; however, he stated that funding remains the biggest challenge if these plans are to come to fruition.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

**ITEM 4:      *AN UPDATE REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE PORT'S COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES***

Port staff updated the Committee on the Port's commercial real estate activities. The report included updates on Jack London District development, Oak to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue development, San Antonio/Fruitvale District development, and Hegenberger Corridor development.

Councilman Spees stated that developers developing waterfront properties should provide for clean-up and waterfront access earlier rather than at the end of their projects. He said this is especially important if projects are delayed due to economic conditions. He further said that bringing back the 26 mile waterfront walkway and other amenities is a great opportunity for Oakland.

Councilwoman Nadel said that she hopes efforts are made to make the Oakland waterfront unique. She further stated that new developments should not lead to the displacement of the artist community near 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Public Comment:**

There was one public speaker:

1. Sanjiv Handa, East Bay News Service

Report accepted by consensus.

***ITEM 5: A REPORT BY THE ARTSHIP FOUNDATION ON THE ARTSHIP'S FINANCIAL STATUS***

The Artship Foundation gave the Committee a brief report on their financial status with an accompanying financial statement dated December 31, 2001. They also provided the Committee with a report from a professional maritime surveyor who gave an overview of the ship's physical condition.

Councilman Spees asked if the Artship Foundation has a business plan. The Artship Foundation said they do, but said it is changing. They indicated that they could make a presentation on the business plan at the Committee's September meeting.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

***ITEM 6: AN UPDATE REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION***

Port and City staff updated the Committee on a number of legislative and regulatory initiatives that both the Port and City are working on at the state and federal levels. These included the Oakland Army Base conveyance, appropriations for the Port's -50 foot dredging project, and state funding for the Oakland Airport/BART Connector.

Commissioner Ayers-Johnson asked if the construction schedule for the -50 foot dredging project would be adversely affected if the amount of federal funding currently requested were not forthcoming. Port staff indicated that they have some flexibility with the construction schedule, however, they stated that if funding were significantly reduced it could delay construction and ultimately make the Port less competitive as the next generation of container ships requiring -50 foot depths come on-line.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

***ITEM 7: A REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE PORT'S IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE I, THE LIVING WAGE CHARTER AMENDMENT***

Port staff gave the Committee a brief overview on the Port's efforts to implement Measure I, as well the Port living wage ordinance that was adopted by the Port Board of Commissioners in November, 2001.

Port staff indicated that the Port is working through some policy and legal issues in the Charter Amendment as they relate to retroactive month-to-month agreements. Port staff stated that they are talking with the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE) and affected car rental companies in order to come to a resolution of the issues in question. Port staff stated that they expect to come to the Port Board of Commissioners on August 6, 2002 with recommendations to resolve this situation.

Commissioner Ayers-Johnson stated that she supports EBASE's position as it relates to car rental agencies at the Oakland Airport.

**Public Comment:**

There were two public speakers:

1. Amaha Kasa, EBASE
2. Nathaniel Stewart

Report accepted by consensus.

***ITEM 8: OPEN FORUM***

There was one public speaker:

Sanjiv Handa, East Bay News service

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.