

City/Port Liaison Committee Minutes

July 20, 2001

The City/Port Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Councilmember Spees 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 Larry Reid, Councilmember De La Fuente, and the Assistant City Manager Dolores Blanchard.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Commissioner Ayers-Johnson (Acting Co-Chair), Commissioner Kiang (Substitute) Executive Director Charles Foster, Deputy Executive Director Tay Yoshitani, Port Attorney and the Secretary of the Board.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Co-Chair John Protopappas and Commissioner 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 June 15, 2001 Meeting Summary.

1-B: Determination of Schedule for Outstanding Committee Items: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the September 21, 2001 meeting recommendations and pending list.

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
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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
2. An update report by the Port of Oakland on its Employment Resources Development Program and apprenticeship recruitment
3. An update report by the Port of Oakland on its Livable Wage Ordinance
4. A report by the Port of Oakland on the Oak-9th Master Developer
5. A status report by the Port of Oakland on its proposed art policy

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: A REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE PROPOSED ART POLICY

Port staff summarized the research and activities engaged in to date in developing a public art policy and outlined how they would proceed with the final recommendation of an appropriate art policy. The working group will continue to meet over the next four months to finalize the policy taking into account the legal considerations and the unique funding characteristics of each division.

The Port is working closely with a consultant to research art policies of other airports, establish goals and objectives, explore funding resources and develop an art selection committee.

Councilmember Nadel urged the Port to review the City's policy and encourage performing arts as well as visual arts.

ACTION ITEM

Committee requested that staff provide a status report at the October City/Port Liaison Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were four public speakers on this item:

1. Denise Pate, City Center Dance Theatre
2. Karen Brown, Oakland Ballet
3. Gary Knecht, Citizen
4. Naomi Diouf, Arts Commission, Diamano Coura West African Dande Company, Alice Arts Working Group

Report was accepted by consensus.

ITEM 3: A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE STATUS OF EMBARCADERO STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Port staff presented a report on the status of the JLS Crosswalk Improvement Project.

The Port has been working jointly with UP staff and construction is currently underway. There will be improvements to Embarcadero Street at four intersections (Franklin, Broadway, Washington and Clay Streets). Construction began on July 16, 2001 and the anticipated completion date is August 24, 2001.

Each intersection will take approximately one and a half weeks. There will be a possible closure overlap of one to two intersections in addition to one intersection closure on Fridays and Saturdays only.

Councilmember Reid stated that UP should also explore improvements along 98th Avenue (in route to the Oakland Airport). Staff from the City's Public Works Agency responded that there have not been any preliminary discussions they will begin these discussions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one public speaker on this item:

1. Gary Knecht, SoNic and JLNA

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 4: A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE WEBSTER STREET INTERSECTION AND CROSSWALK

Staff from the City's Public Works Agency provided an oral report on the efforts to address the crosswalk issues at the Webster and Embarcadero Street intersections.

The Committee recommended that the Port of Oakland consider re-opening the fencing along its parking lot near the Old Spaghetti Factory.

The Committee also recommended that the Port post directional signs for crosswalk use and explore any additional efforts that would make the sidewalks at the site more visible.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were two public speakers on this item:

1. Gary Knecht, SoNic and JLNA
2. Sanjiv Handa, East Bay News Service

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 5: 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

The Director of Planning and Zoning for the City of Oakland provided an update on the status of the Waterfront Pathway from Jack London Square to the Oakland International Airport.

The Director announced that the City had recently been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy and the San Francisco Bay Trail Regional Development Program. This grant will be used to hire a consultant to conduct a feasibility study of the project, land use acquisitions, toxic studies, and design standards.

There will also be a Project Manager who will be jointly hired by the City and the Port for implementation of the open space projects along the waterfront areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers on this item.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 6: OPEN FORUM

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were two public speakers on this item:

1. Gary Knecht, SoNic and JLNA
2. Sanjiv Handa, East Bay News Service

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.