

CITY/PORT LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
September 20, 2002

The City/Port Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair & Councilman Dick Spees at 8:09 a.m. in the Port of Oakland's Board Room located at 530 Water Street in Oakland, California.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman & Co-Chair Dick Spees, Councilwoman Nancy Nadel, Vice-Mayor Larry Reid and City Planning Director Leslie Gould

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Ignacio De La Fuente

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Co-Chair & Commissioner Frank Kiang

ITEM 1: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

1-A: APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the July 19, 2002 meeting summary.

1-B: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS:

The Committee agreed to remove two reports from the October meeting agenda. The first was a report on the Amtrak/UP Embarcadero rail improvements and the second was a report on the Joint-Intermodal Terminal (JIT). Port staff agreed to discuss the JIT as part of the October report on the Army Base. Below are the scheduled agenda items for the October and November meetings and the Committee's pending list. The December meeting is cancelled due to the winter holiday.

October 18, 2002 Meeting: (Theme: Local Infrastructure Projects)

- 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 5th 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 15, 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: Meeting cancelled 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: A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE JACK LONDON AQUATIC CENTER

City of Oakland staff presented an informational status report on the Jack London Aquatic Center. Staff said that construction of the center has been completed and that all permit requirements should be met by the end of 2002. Staff indicated that after completion of the boating facility, the Port contributed \$75,000 to the renovation of a kitchen at the facility, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Staff also described some of the youth-oriented programs now operating at the center, including some collaborative programs with Oakland Unified School District.

Councilwoman Nadel commented that she had recently been to the center and observed a water program for middle school students. She said it was a great experience for all of the children involved.

Councilman Spees asked how many people are using the center. Staff said they would get back to the councilman with the exact number; however, staff indicated that in addition to working with the Oakland Unified School District, the center has hired a marketing firm to help market the center to business and community groups as well as to members of the general public.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 3: *A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE MERRIT/WATERFRONT BOND INITIATIVE*

City of Oakland staff gave a PowerPoint presentation on the \$198,250,000 bond measure, which included an overview of projects in the following five areas:

- Lake Merritt restoration and water quality improvements
- Estuary waterfront access, parks and clean-up
- Lake Merritt-to-Oakland Estuary connection
- Youth and public recreation facilities
- Creeks and waterways restoration

Port Commissioner Ayers-Johnson told the committee that the Port Board of Commissioners recently voted to endorse the measure.

Public Comment:

There was one public speaker.

1. Cayren King

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 4: *A REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON MIDDLE HARBOR SHORELINE PARK*

Port of Oakland Maritime staff presented a report to the committee on the soon to-be-opened Middle Harbor Shoreline Park. Staff indicated that Phase I of the park, which includes the Point Arnold area and the corridor connecting Point Arnold with the existing Portview Park, should be completed by October, 2002. Phase II of the park is expected to be completed by August of 2003. Staff said that the East Bay Regional Park District will operate the Park. Staff also told of efforts to improve access to the park, including a signage program and possible new AC Transit bus service to the park on weekends.

Councilman Spees asked what the recreational elements of the park will be. Staff said the new park will provide visitors with walking trails, picnic areas, barbeques, areas for jogging, Frisbee games, in-line skating and spectacular views.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 5: A REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON STREET ARTISTS AT JACK LONDON SQUARE

Port of Oakland staff presented the report, which included a discussion of the City of Oakland's Artisan Marketplace program as well as other efforts by Jack London Square Partners and the Port of Oakland to bring local artists and street performers to Jack London Square. City of Oakland staff were also present to provide further details on the Oakland Artisan Marketplace program.

Councilwoman Nadel asked if the Oakland Artisan Marketplace program is at capacity. City staff said that the program is at capacity with roughly 100 local artists signed-up. Staff indicated that there is a waiting list and that they are looking for additional possible venues in Oakland.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 6: A REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND AND THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON STRATEGIES FOR PURSUING GRANTS FOR ARTS RELATED PROJECTS

Port and City staff presented the report, which outlined areas where the Port and City can work collaboratively in the areas of public art and grants for arts related projects. It also discussed augmenting the working relationship between the Port's Communications Division and the City's Craft and Cultural Arts Department.

Vice Mayor Reid complimented Commissioner Ayers-Johnson for her exemplary work in helping bring public art to Oakland.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 7: AN UPDATE REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE PORT'S NEW ARTS POLICY

Port staff gave this report, which outlined the Port's new public arts program. Staff described how the Port of Oakland Public Art Ordinance provides that resources of the three revenue divisions will be set aside to fund the purchase or commission of visual and performing art and its placement and performance, respectively, in publicly accessible locations within the jurisdiction of the Port.

Councilman Spees said he is concerned that Port's public arts program centers too much on the Northern California region rather than focusing on Oakland. He said it is important that the public art program tell the "Oakland story."

Commissioner Tagami said he will ensure that Councilman Spees' views are considered especially as it relates to public art at the airport. Commissioner Tagami also complimented Commissioner Ayers-Johnson on her leadership with respect to the Port's new arts policy.

Public Comment:

There were no speakers:

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 8: A REPORT BY TRAINING RESOURCES LTD. REGARDING ITS MARITIME TECHNOLOGIES EDUCATION PROGRAM AND A PROPOSAL FOR A HIGH SCHOOL MARITIME ACADEMY ON THE ARTSHIP

Ray Addicott of Training Resources, Ltd. (TRL) gave a PowerPoint presentation on TRL's maritime training program, focusing specifically on a program TRL undertook at a San Diego high school. The program he described is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard, is fully integrated into a high school curriculum and provides both classroom and hands-on training for high school juniors and seniors. Program graduates are fully certified for merchant seamen jobs with maritime unions. Mr. Addicott expressed his interest in working with the Oakland Unified School District in developing a similar program in Oakland that uses the Artship for hands-on training.

Commissioner Ayers-Johnson asked if it would indeed be feasible to use the Artship for the TRL program. Mr. Addicott responded by saying that the Artship is properly equipped to provide for the hands-on portion of TRL's curriculum.

Councilwoman Nadel asked if companies that would hire TRL graduates would be willing to help finance an Oakland-based program. Mr. Addicott indicated that this would need to be investigated.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 9: A REPORT BY THE ARTSHIP FOUNDATION ON THE ARTSHIP BUSINESS PLAN

Frank Guinta from the Artship Foundation's Board of Directors presented the Artship's business plan. Mr. Guinta indicated that it is a five-year plan that over time will make the Artship self-sustaining without undue reliance on external funding sources. He described several revenue streams that would support a variety of cultural arts and educational programs. He also said the business plan provides for an "upside" and "downside," under both of which the Artship could be successful.

Councilman Spees stated that the business plan presupposes that the Artship will have the start-up funding that will be necessary to properly retrofit the ship. Mr. Guinta responded by stating that the Artship Foundation is hoping to get a substantial grant from the federal government.

Councilwoman Nadel asked when the Artship expects to hear as to whether they will be awarded such a grant. Mr. Guinta said he expected they would know later this Fall.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 10: OPEN FORUM

There were no public speakers:

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.