

City/Port Liaison Committee Minutes

October 19, 2001

The City/Port Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Councilmember Spees at 8:10 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 Nancy Nadel, the Assistant City Manager Dolores Blanchard, and Deputy City Attorney Curtis Kidder.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

Councilman Ignacio De La Fuente and Councilman Larry Reid.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Commissioner Darlene Ayers-Johnson (Acting Co-Chair), Commissioner Frank Kiang (Substitute), Executive Director Tay Yoshitani, Port Attorney Vivian O'Neal and the Secretary of the Board Chris Marshall.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner and Co-Chair Phillip Tagami and Commissioner David 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 July 20, 2000 meeting summary.

1-B: Determination of Schedule for Outstanding Committee Items: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the November 16, 2001 meeting recommendations and pending list.

NOVEMBER 16, 2001 - ENTERTAINMENT/RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

1. A discussion on the entertainment and retail development strategy in the City of Oakland.

DECEMBER 21, 2001 - TRANSPORTATION RELATED ISSUES

1. An update report by the Port of Oakland on the Port Services Location Study (Port Truck Study)
2. A final report by the Port of Oakland and City of Oakland on the Jack London District Transportation Improvement Study
3. A report by the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland on the BART - Oakland International Airport Connector

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1. A report on the status of the waterfront pathway from JLS to the Oakland Airport
2. A report on the transfer/construction of Galbraith Golf Course
3. A report on security at Port of Oakland's airport/maritime facilities
4. A report on the Oakland Army Base

PENDING/NO SPECIFIC DATE/FOR SCHEDULING

1. A report and recommendation to relocate City and Port corporation yards
2. A report by the City of Oakland on its plans for the relocation of the Police Station
3. A report by the City of Oakland on the military academy
4. A report by the City of Oakland on the City's redevelopment plans for west of Maritime Street on the Oakland Army Base

ITEM 2: A REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE STRUCTURE, PURPOSE, AND GOALS OF THE PORT SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

Port staff updated the Committee on the creation of the Social Justice Labor Management Cooperation

Trust Fund. Port staff indicated that the fund has been created and has received its determination letter from the IRS as a 501(c)(4). Each building trade group that is doing business with the Port under the Project Labor Agreement will be contributing \$.15 for each man-hour worked on Port projects. The East Bay Community Foundation will be the fiscal responsible agent for the fund. The fund will support the Port's apprenticeship social justice program.

Councilwoman Nadel urged the Port to keep the Trust's funds at the West Oakland Community Credit Union. She said the City of Oakland is looking to introduce other programs that eliminate obstacles to employment.

Commissioner Kiang asked Port staff if the East Bay Community Foundation will handle the funds from the Trust. Staff responded affirmatively and stated that an agreement is forthcoming. Staff indicated that the agreement with the East Bay Community Foundation includes a 1% administration fee, which staff said is a very reasonable fee structure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one public speaker on this item:

1. Robin Bartoo, waterfront activist

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 3: AN UPDATE REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON ITS EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Port staff presented a report on the ERDP program at the Port of Oakland. The staff report provided a variety of statistics on the program, including number of job seekers served, number of job placements, types of jobs, and average hourly wage.

Councilman Spees asked if job retention statistics were being compiled for the ERDP program. Staff indicated that they will attempt to capture retention rates in the future. Councilman Spees also asked why the number of Hispanic participants was low. Staff indicated that language barriers have hindered their efforts in the Hispanic community, but that they are making an effort to do more outreach.

Commissioner Kiang told the Committee that the Port does more to promote employment opportunities at the Port other than through the ERDP program. He mentioned the Port's sponsorship of an annual job fair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers on this item.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 4: AN UPDATE REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON ITS LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE

Port Staff presented a report on the Port's recently enacted Living Wage Ordinance. Staff highlighted the key provisions of the new ordinance and indicated that the ordinance is very similar to the ordinance that was adopted by the City of Oakland.

Councilwoman Nadel asked City staff how the City ordinance treats tenants. City staff indicated that the City ordinance only applies to tenants if the tenants are receiving a subsidy from the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers on this item.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 5: A REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE MASTER DEVELOPER FOR THE OAK-9TH DEVELOPMENT SITE

Port staff presented a report on the status on the master developer of the Oak - 9th development site. Staff stated that the Board of Port Commissioners had approved the Oakland Harbor Partners as the

master developers for the site. Staff said they are working to create a new and vibrant neighborhood in Oakland. Staff expects to begin the actual planning process in the Spring of 2002.

Councilman Spees asked what the current thinking is on what the development would look like. Staff stated that they envisioned a vibrant new neighborhood with a mix of housing, retail and public access. Staff stated they expected as many as 1500-2000 new housing units.

Councilman Spees asked if the retrofitting of the 880 Freeway could include accommodations for the new development such as a new off-ramp. Staff stated that they intend to work with CALTRANS on providing additional access to the new Oak-9th neighborhood. Councilman Spees asked City staff to report on issues related to CALTRANS and the new development.

Councilwoman Nadel said she is pleased that the Smart Growth Fund is a partner in the project. She stated that she wants to see housing that is available to mixed income levels.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers on this item.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 6: A STATUS REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON ITS PROPOSED ART POLICY

Port staff presented an overview on the Port's efforts to develop a public art program. Staff stated that they are developing a Vision Statement for the Port's art policy that they will bring back to the Committee at its December 21st meeting. Staff also stated that they are exploring a number of methodologies to be used for the formulation of such a program, including determining how such a program should be funded.

Councilman Spees stated that he is concerned that the vision/policy could just reflect the Bay Area in general and not specifically Oakland. He also stated he does not want to back-off on public art on the maritime side. He wants there to be educational opportunities related to the historical role of the Port reflected in the art.

Commissioner Ayers-Johnson stated that the airport has an aviation museum and that she hopes the new terminal when completed includes exhibits or displays that highlight the role of women in aviation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public speakers on this item.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 7: OPEN FORUM

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one public speaker on this item:

1. Robin Bartoo, waterfront activist

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.