

CITY/PORT LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
November 15, 2002

The City/Port Liaison Committee meeting was called to order by Co-Chair & Councilman Dick 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, Councilwoman Nancy Nadel, Council President Ignacio De La Fuente, Community and Economic Development Agency Director William Claggett, and Deputy City Attorney Curtis Kidder

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Vice-Mayor Larry Reid

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner & Co-Chair Frank Kiang, 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: None

ITEM 1: DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

1-A: APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY: The City/Port Liaison Committee, by consensus, approved the October 18, 2003 meeting summary.

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

The Committee approved the agenda for the January 17, 2003 agenda and agreed to discuss in January scheduling agendas for future meetings from the list of topics proposed by staff (see list below). Additionally, Commissioner Tagami suggested a report be presented on City and Port efforts to do outreach to local contractors, as well as promote workforce development. Councilman Spees also emphasized the need to continue to discuss retail development in Oakland.

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

January 17, 2003 Meeting:

- A report by the Port of Oakland on its annual environmental report, including a status report on various air quality environmental activities
- A report by the Port of Oakland on its sustainable development initiatives
- A report by the City of Oakland on its sustainable development initiatives
- A report by the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland on strategies to gain state approval of the Oakland Army Base conveyance

Topics For Future 2003 Meetings:

City/Port Development

- Reports on specific development projects, including those at Jack London Square, Oak to 9th, Metroport and other Hegenberger corridor sites, and possible sites in downtown Oakland
- Reports on strategies to bring retail, entertainment, and hotel development to Oakland
- Status reports on Oakland redevelopment areas

Oakland Army Base

- Update report on completing Oakland Army Base conveyance
- Report on interim leasing program at the Army Base
- Report on the feasibility of relocating West Oakland trucking businesses to the Army Base
- Status report on zoning and development initiatives for the Army Base

Funding Transportation Improvements

- Status report on the BART-Oakland International Airport Connector
- Status report on I-880 improvements, including 5th Avenue on and off ramps
- Update report on federal TEA-21 Reauthorization funding requests

Zoning/Planning and Public Waterfront Improvements

- Status report on City's General Plan Zoning Update
- Update report on regional transportation planning initiatives
- Status report on proposed transit villages in Oakland
- Report on trucking related issues, including the status of Port services location issues
- Update report on Measure DD initiatives, including projects at Lake Merritt, Lake Merritt Channel, and on the waterfront along the estuary

Other

- Reports from the City and Port on local efforts on outreach to local contractors, as well as City/Port workforce development efforts

ITEM 2: AN UPDATE REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON THE PORT SERVICES LOCATION STUDY

Port staff updated the Committee on the efforts related to the Port Services Location Study that were last discussed by the Committee at their January 4, 2002 meeting. Specifically, staff discussed the need to find additional land for ancillary uses, ideally in proximity to Port facilities. Staff also discussed the need to protect existing uses near Port facilities. Further, staff discussed the City's zoning update as well as regional planning initiatives as they relate to Port service industries.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 3: A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN ZONING UPDATE, INCLUDING EFFORTS RELATING TO PORT ANCILLARY USES

City staff updated the Committee on the City's General Plan Zoning Update project. Staff indicated that following the City's General Plan Update completed in 1998, the City is now in the process of updating the 40-year old zoning code. Staff described how they are re-mapping the entire City in digital format. Staff indicated that they expect approximately twenty percent of the existing zoning designations to be modified. Staff stated that once the drafting of the maps is completed, the Planning Department will solicit public comment by holding public meetings. Once this is completed, the zoning update will go to the Planning Commission and then to the City Council for approval. Staff hopes to complete this process sometime in 2004, but stated that it could take longer due to limited staff resources.

Council President De La Fuente stated that there is a lot of concern in the business community about the City's zoning. He emphasized the need to expand business opportunities, as well as the need to protect existing businesses, especially those located in industrial and light industrial areas.

Councilwoman Nadel stated that while efforts are made to accommodate the business community in this process, Oakland residents must be considered by reducing impacts from business, such as truck traffic. She stated the need to develop bio-diesel fueling stations in Oakland in order to reduce truck emissions.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 4: A REPORT BY THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING INITIATIVES WITH MTC

Port staff presented this report, which discussed regional transportation planning initiatives focused on the movement of goods. Staff indicated that the Port of Oakland is a regional, if not national, resource and must be supported by a regional network of roads, highways, distribution

facilities and other infrastructure necessary for the safe and efficient movement of goods. Staff discussed several planning efforts and indicated that such efforts must adhere to three basic objectives: 1) reducing congestion; 2) promoting safety; and 3) mitigating environmental impacts.

Bruce Kern, Executive Director of EDAB, was present and discussed the need to better plan for the movement of goods. He stated that MTC's 20 year plan does not discuss goods movement. He said that the Central Valley and the Bay Area do not adequately coordinate planning for goods movement. He said, however, there is currently a joint EDAB/MTC study being done on inter-regional goods movement and he hopes this portends for better planning in the future.

Councilman Spees stated that the City and Port need to better coordinate efforts to get Oakland representation on regional planning boards. In particular, he emphasized the need for Oakland to get representation on MTC.

Public Comment:

There were no public speakers.

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 5: A REPORT BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND ON THE JACK LONDON DISTRICT PARKING STUDY

City staff presented the report, which provided highlights of the Jack London District Improvement Study that was completed in August, 2002. Staff directed the Committee to the improvement options listed on page 3 of the report. Staff indicated that the various options need to be presented to the community at public meetings and then will go to the City Planning Commission and then to the City Council for consideration.

Commissioner Kiang stated that we should not lose sight of the fact that whatever is done, parking will always be limited in the district. He said it is necessary to find additional ways to get people to the JLS District if the district is to become more vibrant.

There were two public speakers:

1. Gary Knecht, South of Nimitz Improvement Council
2. Sanjiv Handa, East Bay News Service

Report accepted by consensus.

ITEM 6: OPEN FORUM

There was one public speaker:

1. Sanjiv Handa, East Bay News Service

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.