

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO**  
**CITY COUNCIL SHORELINE - MARINA COMMITTEE**

**October 28, 2008**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**San Leandro City Hall**  
**835 East 14th Street**  
**San Leandro, California**  
**Sister Cities Gallery Room**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Committee Members: Mayor Santos, Councilmember Prola, Councilmember Starosciak

City staff present: Interim City Manager Hollister, Community Development Director Sims, Engineering Director Udemzue, Public Works Director Bakaldin, Business Development Manager Battenberg, Facilities and Open Space Manager Pollart, Marina Supervisor Snodgrass, Planner Penaranda.

Public present: Ann Buell, (State Coastal Conservancy), Al Fernandez, Darlene Hays, Karen Holzmeister (Bay Area Newsgroup), Matt Maloon, Bob Leigh, Linda Perry, Penny Wells (Bay Access)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

**1. Discussion regarding Selection Committee Recommendation for Composition of the Shoreline Development Citizens Advisory Committee (Shoreline CAC)**

Manager Battenberg explained that there was significant outreach to attract Shoreline CAC members. The composition of the CAC is intended to have city-wide representation, new and long term residents, men and women, families, individuals who have participated in City committees before, new persons who want to get involved, and stakeholders from various interest groups.

Mayor Santos and Councilmember Starosciak stated that they, the Selection Committee, reviewed the 66 applications received. They worked cautiously and diligently to narrow their recommendation to 30 persons. Councilmember Starosciak added that the Selection Committee recommends representation from the Youth Advisory Commissioners (YAC). Manager Battenberg stated that no YAC members have expressed interest or submitted an application to date. However, staff will continue to work with the YAC to identify a youth who can provide input on shoreline development.

Mayor Santos stated that he received a call questioning Michael Cook's representation of the Spinnaker Yacht Club.

Councilmember Prola was pleased to see a good number of persons representing District 6. He asked why there were so few members from Districts 2 and 3. Councilmember Starosciak replied that the two applicants from District 2 who applied and were selected and that half of the applicants (three of the six) from District 3 were selected, consistent with the overall

percentage of applicants accepted. Councilmember Starosciak further explained that people that were not on the Shoreline CAC could still attend all public meetings and participate in the Shoreline master plan.

Manager Battenberg announced that following the Shoreline CAC appointment ratification by the City Council, a kick-off meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2008. She clarified that if someone declines to serve on the Shoreline CAC, the Mayor could appoint another member and if someone is unable to attend a meeting, a substitute could not participate as a member but could comment during the public comment period.

**Recommendation:**

**The Committee recommended that the list of 30 persons for the Shoreline CAC membership be forwarded to the City Council for ratification, and that staff continue to work with the YAC to identify youth(s) to be added to the list of 30 persons.**

**2. Presentation by California Coastal Conservancy and Bay Access on the San Francisco Bay Water Trail Project**

Interim City Manager Hollister introduced Ann Buell, California Coastal Conservancy, and Penny Wells, Bay Access Group.

Ann Buell explained that the Coastal Conservancy is a state agency. It is non-regulatory and is a grant giving agency for regionally significant projects. The grants are for protection and enhancement of coastal lands. She stated that the San Leandro shoreline is one of 57 opportunity sites that could be a designated trailhead for the *Bay Trail*.

Penny Wells explained that Bay Access is a user group representing boaters such as kayakers, canoers, windsurfers, outrigger members, etc.

Ann Buell gave a presentation on the Coastal Conservancy's programs and goals which include:

- Improved public access
- Providing amenities such as parking, concessions, restrooms and ADA compliance
- Heightened awareness of opportunities
- Educational material so as to reduce impacts on habitat and wildlife and to ensure personal safety and safe navigation
- Increased stewardship
- Promote economic stimulus
- Provide opportunities for recreation closer to residents in the nearby vicinity

Ann Buell elaborated on the desired amenities to encourage and promote the use of the Bay which include:

- Boat storage facilities (out of public view so as not to detract from the area)
- Public transportation to Bay access sites
- Casual dining and drinking establishments
- Long term parking (four to six hours or longer)
- Boat washing facilities with fresh water
- Boat rentals and lessons

Mayor Santos asked if windsurfers still used the San Leandro shoreline. Public Works Director Bakaldin replied affirmatively explaining that windsurfers use the water area near the Mulford Point *bend*.

Ann Buell explained that Coastal Conservancy sees that it is opportune timing for their work to be coordinated with the City's shoreline master plan.

Interim City Manager Hollister asked what actions, if any, the City would need to take to be part of the water trail. Ann Buell replied a sign should be installed along the shoreline for the public to see and suggested that the City adopt a Resolution.

### **3. Discussion Regarding Potential for Private Development to Support Harbor Dredging or other Shoreline Amenities and Improvements**

Interim City Manager Hollister and Manager Battenberg explained that Ed Miller, Cal Coast (developer), was ill and could not travel to San Leandro to discuss this matter. It was suggested that the item be postponed until the next meeting when the developer can be present.

Mayor Santos recalled that the City may be committed to constructing a new clubhouse and restaurant as part of the contract with American Golf Corporation.

Councilmember Starosciak asked for information on the minimum amount of dredging that has to be done. Councilmember Prola asked what was done with the dredge spoils. Mayor Santos recalled that the Regional Water Quality Control Board requires that dredge spoils be moved within nine months, and that one possibility could be moving the material from one location to another within the dredge spoils site with complete removal within three years. Engineering Director Udemezue explained that when the water amount within the spoils is high, the permit can be extended. Furthermore, he explained that movement of the material within the site would be cost prohibitive.

Director Udemezue shared that the hydrology report will be completed and information on how to proceed with regards to dredging will be presented at the November meeting.

### **4. Next Meeting – November 18, 2008**

The Committee affirmed that the next meeting date will be Tuesday, November 18, 2008 in lieu of the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **5. Public Comments**

Bob Leigh commented that perhaps the harbor basin should be opened up to allow water circulation and reduce bay silt accumulation.

Al Fernandez, a resident on Cypress Street in the Bonaire Neighborhood, stated that he owns a 25 foot boat and that he rents a space in a storage lot for it. He explained that when he wants to use his boat, he obtains a City permit to allow him to store his boat in front of his home for three days. He explained that this is not sufficient time to prepare the boat for a trip, use it and then clean it prior to return to storage. He suggested that the City increase the time allowance on the City permit to five days.

Linda Perry, School Board member, shared that San Leandro High School has a dragon-boat team.

**6. Committee Member Comments**

None provided.

**7. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.