

CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
CITY COUNCIL SHORELINE - MARINA COMMITTEE

February 1, 2011
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Committee Members: Councilmember Prola, Councilmember Souza, Councilmember Starosciak

City staff present: City Manager Hollister, Assistant City Manager Marshall, Community Development Director Sims, Public Works Director Bakaldin, Business Development Manager Battenberg, Community Relations Representative Ornelas, Business Development Analyst Kay, Marina Supervisor Snodgrass, Senior Development Specialist Penaranda

Public present: Audrey Albers, Al Frates, Lydia Hynds, Carol Kennedy, Bob Leigh, Gerd Marggraff, Charles Porrill, Janet Porrill, Kurt Raphael, William Westcott

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. The Committee agreed to take the third item out of order.

3. Discussion Regarding Selection of Committee Chairperson

Councilmember Starosciak nominated Councilmember Prola as the Shoreline-Marina Committee Chairperson and Councilmember Souza seconded the motion. Councilmember Prola accepted the nomination and was appointed Chairperson.

1. Discussion of Mayoral Request to Appoint Additional Members to the Shoreline Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

City Manager Hollister and Business Development Manager Battenberg gave a summary of the Shoreline CAC appointment process and the Mayor's request to the Committee to add four new members - three Mayoral appointments and one appointment by the new District 5 Councilmember.

Gerd Marggraff, Mulford Garden resident, stated that he did not see any benefits for new persons appointed to the CAC now that it seems near the end of the review process for the Shoreline master plan. Al Frates and Audrey Albers, CAC members, concurred.

Councilmember Starosciak explained that the previous City Council did not make the appointments to the CAC, instead the Shoreline-Marina Committee formed a Selection Committee

that made the appointments. Therefore, having the Mayor and District 5 Councilmember make appointments would give them rights that previous councilmembers did not have. Additionally, she added that it was her belief that it didn't seem practical to add new members to the CAC since the process is nearing a conclusion. Councilmember Souza stated that the persons that the Mayor and Councilmember have in mind can still participate in the CAC meetings which are open public meetings, or at future town hall meetings, Shoreline Committee meetings and/or City Council meetings. Councilmember Prola stated no opposition to having additional appointments to the Shoreline CAC, however he agreed to support the majority opinion that new members should not be added.

2. Update on Proposed Amendment to BCDC's Bay Plan and Regional Sea Level Rise Issues

Business Development Analyst Kay gave an update on BCDC's plans in regards to sea level rise due to climate change. BCDC, a permitting jurisdiction, has a Bay Plan with policies and goals to prevent fill of the San Francisco Bay and to improve access to the Bay. Last August 2010, it considered amending its Bay Plan with a new section addressing climate change, based on an assumption that the Bay will rise 16 inches from its current level by the year 2050 and 55 inches by 2100. A map was created that estimated large areas of land that would be under water. The proposed amendment to the Bay Plan would add significantly to their jurisdiction and permitting authority. Numerous agencies which share regulatory oversight, including the City of San Leandro, raised major concerns with this expansion of BCDCs jurisdiction.

BCDC has held public meetings following public outcry. Several agencies, including the City of San Leandro and the East Bay EDA proposed that the sea level rise language be advisory only, not an amendment of the Bay Plan. At present, BCDC staff is reviewing a set of proposed revisions submitted by local land use attorneys in response to concerns raised. The new proposal addresses many of San Leandro's concerns but we will continue to monitor developments with an emphasis on the likely impact of the amendments on our Shoreline-Marina Development.

Manager Battenberg stated that the future plans by Cal-Coast Development will be required to consider the 2050 sea level rise and all necessary mitigation measures.

The Committee asked if the harbor is in BCDC's jurisdiction. Public Works Director Bakaldin and Analyst Kay replied yes. The Committee asked if the pedestrian access areas are in BCDC's jurisdiction and staff replied yes. The Committee thanked staff for staying informed of BCDC's actions.

4. Discussion Regarding 2011 Meeting Day and Time

The Committee concurred that its meetings are to be regularly scheduled on first Tuesdays of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the Sister Cities Gallery Room at City Hall.

5. Public Comments

Gerd Marggraff stated that in his opinion a majority of the Mulford residents would like the shoreline development to move forward – and the sooner the better. The marina could likely function at half its current size and still have new quality development.

Audrey Albers stated that the marina must be saved. What is a marina without boats? The future master plan does not need office development. Her opinion is that there are just as many persons that oppose the future plans as there are in favor. The City has not promoted the marina; the marina is the main attraction at the shoreline. She believes it is a mistake for apartment and office development and once they are built they would be there forever.

Bob Leigh recommended that the City move forward in clearing out the part of the boat harbor that is in poor condition and not replaced it due to the cost.

4. Committee Member Comments

Councilmember Souza stated that she was glad to be on the Committee and appreciated the lively dialogue of the meeting.

Councilmember Starosciak welcomed Councilmember Souza to the Committee and congratulated Councilmember Prola on being selected as the Chair for the Committee. She asked for an update on all facilities at the shoreline area such as the dog park, restaurants, golf course, etc.

Councilmember Prola reminded that audience that the Shoreline Development CAC will meet at the Marina Inn, 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday March 16, 2011. Manger Battenberg also announced that the City Council will be conducting a work session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011 to discuss the Harbor Basin Alternatives Study that is being prepared by ESA, consulting.

5. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.