

CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
CITY COUNCIL SHORELINE - MARINA COMMITTEE

September 13, 2010
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 and Councilmember Starosciak

City staff present: City Manager Hollister, Assistant City Manager Marshall, Community Development Director Sims, Public Works Director Bakaldin, Business Development Manager Battenberg, Facilities and Open Space Manager Pollart, Marina Supervisor Snodgrass, Senior Development Specialist Penaranda

Public present: Peggy Combs, Al Frates, Dave Johnson, Carol Kennedy, Bob Leigh, Gerd Marggraff

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Summary of the Shoreline-Marina Process to Date

City Manager Hollister introduced Business Development Manager Battenberg who gave a summary of the Shoreline-Marina process that has been on ongoing for approximately five years.

The Committee asked if any Shoreline CAC members have vacated their seats and if the vacated seat should be filled with a new appointment. Staff replied there has been one seat vacated by a member from the Youth Advisory Commission who went away to college. Staff recommended that the vacant seat not be filled to ensure CAC continuity and due to how far the committee is in the process. Manager Battenberg shared that persons interested in the shoreline development do not need to be a member of the CAC to participate as the meetings are available to the public and include a public comment period.

Discussion ensued about the openness and inclusiveness of the meetings regarding the shoreline and marina. Town Hall meetings at the Main Library and the Marina Community Center, in addition, to the Shoreline CAC and the Shoreline-Marina Committee meetings are good forums to capture input from the general public's participation. Staff added that the City has received emails from individuals regarding the Shoreline development and these individuals are added to the email distribution list so they receive reminders of upcoming Shoreline CAC and Shoreline-Marina Committee meetings.

2. Discussion Regarding Harbor Basin Alternative Study

Facilities and Open Space Manager Pollart gave a presentation which provided an update on the Harbor Basin Alternatives Study (see attached powerpoint slides).

City staff along with Cal-Coast and the Chair of the Shoreline CAC interviewed Environmental Sciences Associates and their team and made minor modifications to the scope of the study. The cost of the study was also reduced from their original proposal of \$94,000 to \$70,000. City staff will perform much of the public outreach. One half of the cost of the study will be paid by Cal-Coast and the other half would come from the City's Shoreline Enterprise Fund (not the City's General Fund) which budgeted for this expenditure this fiscal year. The Consultant Services Agreement will be brought to the City Council at their October 4, 2010 meeting and the final report is scheduled to be completed in February 2011.

The Committee asked that the Audubon Society, Sierra Club and other environmental groups be contacted to ask their input on the Dredge Material Maintenance Site (DMMS) portion of the study. If the DMMS can be restored without having to haul away the existing dredged material the cost savings would be approximately \$3 million. Council member Prola, however, stated that input from the Sea Scouts leader was that the City should not be swift in disposing the DMMS since small dredging projects in the future would still require a disposal site.

3. Public Comments

Bob Leigh, Shoreline CAC member, stated that the information on the City's website related to the shoreline and marina meetings does a good job in providing all of the information of the public review process to date.

Peggy Combs, Vice Chair of the Shoreline CAC, stated that the CAC meetings have been conducted as a transparent and all-inclusive process where the public has been encouraged to attend and be involved. She commended the group in their time and effort devoted to the process.

Carol Kennedy, Broadmoor Homeowners Association, spoke in favor of the public process for the future of the shoreline. She recommended the use of maps and exhibits to accompany reports or verbal presentations to make it easier for the public to understand any proposed plans.

Gerd Marggraff, Mulford Garden area resident, also recommended the use of maps which would clearly show that the proposed future development would be on what are predominantly paved parking lots and not green park areas. He stated that he has conducted his own informal survey from residents and shoreline users. There is a wide mixture of opinions for new development or keeping the shoreline area the same. It appears the minority opinion is to prevent the shoreline/marina area from new development.

4. Committee Member Comments

Council member Prola, stated that Jeff Houston, Sierra Club member and Shoreline CAC member, plans to attend a future Mulford Gardens Improvement Association meeting to provide the homeowners association information regarding the CAC's process to date

5. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.