



**Meeting of the Port Northern Advisory Committee (NAC)
July 1, 2020 (5:30 to 7:30pm)
Virtual Public Meeting via Zoom**

Meeting Notes

NAC Attendees

Katy Liddell, (Co-Chair), South Beach/Rincon/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association
Jane Connors (Co-Chair), Ferry Building, Hudson Pacific Partners
Ted Choi, City Kayak, Pier 40
Shani Krevsky, Exploratorium
Marc Dragun, President, Brannan Homeowners Association
Bruno Kanter, North Beach Neighbors
Carol Parlette, Golden Gateway Commons Resident
Bob Iwersen, The Gateway Resident
Alec Bash, Alternate for Bob Iwersen
Bob Harrer, Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Ritika Puri, Watermark Homeowners Association
Mahesh Katwani, Alternate for Ritika Puri

NAC Members Absent

Stewart Morton, San Francisco Heritage
Flicka McGurrin, Pier 23 Café
Pam Perez, Metro Events
Kelsey Bauer, Alternate for Pam Perez
Diana Taylor, Alternate for Bob Harrer

Port Staff

Patrick Foster, Planning and Environment, NAC Coordinator
David Beaupre, Real Estate and Development, NAC Coordinator
Don Kavanagh, Real Estate and Development, NAC Coordinator
Byron Rhett, Chief Operating Officer
Diane Oshima, Deputy Director, Planning and Environment
Ming Yeung, Planning and Environment
Dan Hodapp, Planning and Environment
Mark Paez, Planning and Environment
Ryan Wassum, Planning and Environment
Kimberley Beal, Real Estate and Development

Demetri Amaro, Real Estate and Development
Joseph Reilly, Security and Emergency Planning

Presenters/Audience

Jennifer Chan, SF Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA), Presenter
John Grubb, Bay Area Council, Presenter
Keith Garner, Sheppard Mullin / Bay Area Council
Ellen Johnck, RPA / Bay Area Council
Howard Wong, Port Southern Advisory Committee (SAC)
David Albert, Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Patrick Ryan, Ryan Joyce Structural Design
Ellen Lou, Skidmore Owings & Merrill
Simon Snellgrove, Pacific Waterfront Partners
David Mik, Power Engineering Co.
Shannon Fiala, BCDC
Yuri Jewett, BCDC
Patricia Ash
Roland Lebrun
Richard Harrington
William Hannan
Mark Hornberger

1. Announcements and Introductions

Patrick Foster started off the meeting by providing Zoom instructions, including muting, asking questions/providing comment (raise your “hand”) and other essential Zoom management tools. The participants agreed to schedule the next Northern Advisory Committee meeting for 5:30 PM on July 29, 2020. This will be a remote meeting facilitated by Zoom.

Diane Oshima mentioned the passing of Ron Miguel over the prior weekend. Ron was a longtime active citizen stakeholder in City and Port matters and served on the Waterfront Plan Working Group.

2. Advisory Committee Restructuring and Member Orientation

Patrick Foster discussed agenda coordination, including:

- The previous three committees (NEWAG, CWAG, and SWAC) were consolidated into two committees, the Southern Advisory Committee (SAC) covering the Ball Park to India Basin, and the Northern Advisory Committee (NAC) covering Pier 35 to South Beach Harbor.
- The committees will meet every other month on the third Wednesday of the month. NAC will meet on the odd numbered months and SAC will meet on the even numbered months; members of either committee are welcome to attend either or both meetings.

- Both committees will take agenda requests and Port staff will create agendas in coordination with co-chairs, including an opportunity to review the forward calendar. Open dialogue is encouraged.
- The agendas will be posted on the Port’s web site and transmitted by email
 - There were no comments or questions on the restructuring

3. Update on Port and City COVID-19 Response

Presented by *Joe Reilly*, Port’s Security and Emergency Planning Manager. Joe coordinated the Port’s emergency response and worked with other City agencies on city-wide coronavirus issues.

- The Port participated in the coronavirus response early on including management of the Grand Princess cruise ship.
- The Port’s response increased after the shelter-in-place orders were issued. In the last 90 days, the Port mobilized people, places, and property as shown in the slide show presentation. Examples include:
 - At Seawall Lot 377, establishing a drive-through food pantry to supply people with one-week of groceries was approved by the Port Commission.
 - At Seawall Lot 344 (the Piers 90-96 Backlands), the Port, in assistance with the Public Utilities Commission and Department of Public Works, set up temporary housing within 45-days. The Housing consisted of 120 trailers from the California Office of Emergency Services.
 - Piers 30-32 were set up as a city coronavirus test site quickly; Port staff were assigned there as Disaster Service Workers.
 - At Seawall Lot 330, the Embarcadero Navigation Center reduced capacity to maintain social distancing. There is room for approximately 55 people, it was double that before.
- Other Port responses include:
 - Offering tenants rent deferral through December 31, 2020
 - A program to allow for restaurants to use adjacent sidewalks and other areas to set up outdoor dining (“Shared Spaces Program”)
 - Establishment of consistent coronavirus signage from Fisherman’s Wharf to Heron’s Head park.
 - The Port has also been referring people and entities to the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development for other services.
- Questions and Comments
 - A question was asked about how many people are using the various programs.
 - The Port did not have statistics but indicated that the services are at full capacity, with testing and food as the programs with the highest usage.
 - A question was asked about the capacity and number of people housed at the navigation center and the percentage of businesses seeking relief.
 - The Port did not have specific statistics, but said the Port’s relief program is the one tenants are most interested in. The Navigation Center is also in

demand, but the number of beds has been cut in half to approximately 55 beds.

- NAC members thanked *Joe Reilly* for his efforts.
- *Joe Reilly* presented the status of the Pier 45 fire responses which included the following updates:
 - Cleanup operations are almost complete with many businesses resuming operations.
 - Removal of the debris is slated to commence, perhaps within a week.
 - The Port has been working on a financial relief package for the affected tenants and is coordinating with the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and multiple other governmental agencies.
 - A question was asked about the cause of the fire.
 - SFFD fire investigators continue to work to identify the source of the fire, but until collapsed building materials are removed from an area of specific interest, it is unsafe to analyze this area.

4. Embarcadero Quick Build Projects

Dan Hodapp said the Quick Build Projects are intended to begin to realize the City's vision of enhanced safety for all travel modes - pedestrians, bikes, vehicles, and transit, and improvements will be made in three locations this summer. Dan then introduced *Jennifer Chan*, project planner at the SF Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) who made a presentation, including PowerPoint slides.

- The three locations to be improved are:
 - Ferry Terminal – Mission to Folsom Streets.
 - Designed to include two-way bike path on the waterside of the Embarcadero roadway. This work will require removal of one of three traffic lanes.
 - The south side of the Embarcadero has already been repaved and marked.
 - Rincon Park – Folsom to Harrison
 - This work will help with the current conflict with the valet parking for the Epic Steak and Waterbar restaurants.
 - Will double passenger loading zones.
 - Reduces parking along the block but added back motorcycle parking.
 - Pier 35
 - This work is designed to accommodate operational flexibility for Pier 35 and Cruise Ship berthing.
 - Includes repainting and installation of removable delineator posts so that on cruise day events the space can flex to accommodate cruise ship loading and provisioning;
- This work is slated for the months of July, August, and September. Upon completion of the improvements, the MTA will collect data, perform surveys, and analyze the project to determine if the changes are working as intended and adjust the design if necessary.

- These quick build projects are early stages of a larger Embarcadero Enhancement Project. That project is proceeding, and the NAC will be kept updated on progress.
- Questions and Comments
 - Why is there is a two-way bike lane in the Mission to Folsom section only?
 - *Jennifer Chan* said it was selected to connect the Ferry terminals to the Folsom bike facilites and will help pilot the bi-directional Embarcadero Enhancement concept.
 - Concerns were expressed that northbound riders would feel uncomfortable and the new configuration would place more bikes on the Promenade.
 - *David Beaupre* said the goal is to separate users (bicycle, pedestrian and vehicular traffic) to create a safer environment and that it is intended to reduce use of the promenade by bicyclists;
 - Concerns were expressed about bicycle traffic on the Promenade and wanted to know about loading and unloading plans as part of the Exploratorium’s use including school field trips and multiple school bus arrivals and departures. Are there plans to monitor and slow traffic?
 - *Jennifer Chan* said one goal of the plan is to avoid conflicts and perform close monitoring and said she will work directly with the Exploratorium.
 - It was expressed that people do not like to ride on the west side of the Embarcadero and use the Promenade instead. There should be no excuse for bicycle riders on the Promenade once the Embarcadero Enhancement project is completed.
 - Comment that bicycle riders ignore red lights and stop signs which has resulted in bicycle/pedestrian collisions and mentioned the NYC street controls for bicycles as an example of a program that helps. Curbside operations are critical for Ferry Building tenants
 - *Jennifer Chan* said she will reach out to *Jane Connors* at the appropriate time to hear her concerns in more detail.
 - It was noted that MTA has listened to concerns and has made improvements to enhance the bicycle and pedestrian experience. It was also mentioned that an ultimate goal would be to ban all “wheels” from the Promenade.
 - There was support of the presentation, including its detail and visuals.

5. Historic Ferryboat Klamath

Patrick Foster provided information about the proposal to berth the Klamath alongside Pier 9 south, and introduced *John Grubb* of the Bay Area Counsel, sponsor of the project. The use would include offices for the Bay Area Counsel and other historic and public space opportunities. This use will require a BCDC permit, as well as an amendment to the Special Area Plan. John made a detailed presentation about the Klamath, including PowerPoint slides. The presentation provided historical background, as well as an overview and renderings of the current proposal and public access amenities, including a conference center, museum space, and roof deck.

- Questions and Comments
 - There was support for the proposal and a question was asked if the entire Pier 9 apron will be open.
 - The entire apron will not be open as the San Francisco Bar Pilots use berthing areas adjacent to the premises for active marine operations and they have a fence/gate about two-thirds of the way toward the end of the apron. The apron before this fence will be open to the public (currently closed).
 - A question was asked if mitigation will be required for the new fill proposed by the project.
 - *Patrick Foster* said there are no definitive answers yet, but the berthing may require fill mitigation which will be developed as part of the permitting process.
 - *John Grubb* was asked if this is a semi-permanent mooring. It is, but the vessel will need to be drydocked periodically to perform maintenance.
 - Several comments complimenting the presentation and a general consensus that the Klamath would be a positive addition to the waterfront.

6. Other Comments

There was a sentiment of appreciation of the Port staff's willingness to help the recovery of restaurants and added kudos.

There was support and appreciation for Jane Connors for establishing Ferry Building outdoor seating and management of coronavirus issues.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.