



**Meeting of the Port Northern Advisory Committee (NAC)
September 15, 2021 (5:30 to 7:30 pm)
Virtual Public Meeting via Zoom**

Meeting Notes

NAC Attendees

Jane Connors (Co-Chair), Ferry Building, Hudson Pacific Partners
Katy Liddell, (Co-Chair), South Beach/Rincon/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association
Alec Bash, Alternate for Bob Iwersen
Ted Choi, City Kayak, Pier 40
Bob Harrer, Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Bruno Kanter, North Beach Neighbors
Stewart Morton, San Francisco Heritage
Ritika Puri, Watermark Homeowners Association

NAC Members Absent

Kelsey Bauer, Alternate for Pam Perez
Marc Dragun, President, Brannan Homeowners Association
Bob Iwersen, The Gateway Resident
Mahesh Katwani, Alternate for Ritika Puri
Shani Krevsky, Exploratorium
Flicka McGurrin, Pier 23 Café
Carol Parlette, Golden Gateway Commons Resident
Pam Perez, Metro Events
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
Kimberly Beal, Real Estate and Development
Rebecca Benassini, Deputy Director, Real Estate and Development
Boris Delepine, Port of San Francisco
Dan Hodapp, Port of San Francisco
Jai Jackson, Port of San Francisco
Kent Nishimura, Port of San Francisco
Kimberly Roberts, Port of San Francisco
Kathryn Purcell, Port of San Francisco
Randy Quesada, Port of San Francisco

Ming Yeung, Port of San Francisco

Presenters and Audience

Pascale Soumoy, BCDC
Yuriko Jewett, BCDC
Terry Seward, CA Water Boards SF Bay Region
Ross Steenson, CA Water Boards SF Bay Region
Mark Dreger, SFMTA
Pallavi Panyam, SFMTA
Anne Trickey, SF Arts Commission
Luke Vernagallo, PG&E
Maggie Trumbly, PG&E
April Fame, Pacific Waterfront Partners LLC
Noel Urick, Pacific Waterfront Partners LLC
Claudin Tomasi, Pacific Waterfront Partners LLC
Simon Snellgrove, Pacific Waterfront Partners LLC
Sheila Chandor, Pier 39
Frazer Thompson, Pier 39
Pat Murphy, Blue & Gold Fleet
Penny Wells, Bay Area Water Trail
Wayne Perry, Cornerstone Concilium
Pooja Rajani, En2action
Nathan Lee, Haley & Aldrich, Inc.
Mark Hornberger, HWI Architects
Jodi Goodman, Live Nation
Kate Van Horn, New Deal Advisors
Patrick Ryan, Ryan Joyce Structural Design
Matt Bramlett, Silverado Contractors
Ananda Johnson, Silverado Contractors
Greg Giachino, THD
C. White, THD
Howard Wong, S.A.C. Member
Richard Harrington
Devlin Hassett
Paul Liao
Paul Osmundson
David Albert

1. Announcements and Introductions

Patrick Foster started off the meeting by providing a round of Zoom instructions, including muting, turning on video, participant identification and affiliation, process to ask questions and provide comments (raise your “hand”), and participating in chat.

Participants were reminded to introduce themselves before speaking.

The Port announced that the Teatro Zinzanni development plans are under review with construction commencement slated for late 2021 with completion in late 2023 or early 2024. However, these dates are estimates only and subject to change.

David Beaupre, Patrick Foster, and Don Kavanagh of the Port are available to answer questions or address comments

2. Approval of May 19, 2021 Meeting Notes (No meeting in July 2021)

Jane Connors approved the NAC Meeting Notes from the May 19, 2021 meeting.

3. Waterfront Parks Special Event and Activation RFQ: Update by *Rebecca Benassini* on responses to the Request for Qualifications to develop temporary events and activities along the waterfront. The RFQ closed in June and Port staff updated the Port Commission in August 2021.

- Q&A

- *Jane Connors* – Will the activations overlap with sidewalk vending program?
 - *Rebecca Benassini* – These programs will be separate, the vending program will be focused on small scale food and merchandise sales
- *Bob Harrer* – Likes the vibrancy pop-ups create but is concerned about establishing controls to insure reasonable sound levels. Traffic management is also a concern.
 - *Katy Liddell* – Support Bob’s comments, advise involving Ritika and Mahesh who live near Pier 30-32
 - *David Beaupre* – We will work with community to figure out issues - including size/scale of events, parking, traffic, noise etc. Port has experience with this type of event management and will work to manage these issues.
- *Ted Choi* – similar concern, ask that event details are shared well in advance and approach residents to make sure it will work.
- *Jane Connors* – Concerned about weekend staff/bandwidth of the Port, will this be augmented so people are available to support the vendors? More police on weekend? Provide contacts for people to report any issue, direct number would be best.
 - *Rebecca Benassini* – especially with larger events, we will need to plan for who is on the ground to ensure there is sufficient staffing. We will be sure to provide a City/Port contact number.
- *Jodi Goodman* from Live Nation – Live Nation produced the successful 2014 America’s Cup pavilion. They interacted closely with the community to ensure

safety, traffic control and similar. Live Nation recognizes it has responsibility to make sure the public is safe, and that their concerns are addressed. Feels it is very possible to make this work, large demand among public for this to happen, what are next steps/timeline to be notified to find out when we can move forward?

- *Rebecca Benassini* – please email me directly, thank you for your comments.
- *Paul Liao* – Indicated America’s Cup concerts were nice but noise was higher than is acceptable and needs a better way to control high decibel events.

4. Mobile Vending Permit Program: Presentation by *Boris Delepine*, Port of San Francisco Legislative Affairs, on a new pilot program for permitted vending on Port property.

- Q&A

- *Jane Connors* – The significant spread of vendors near the Ferry Building created tenant concern. Further, Senate Bill No. 946 (“SB-946”) prevents vendors from operating close to farmers market – what will enforcement look like, especially during Saturday Farmer’s market? Our tenants are trying to make it through the pandemic, and we want to support them.
 - *Boris Delepine* – The Port’s goal is to engage with Ferry Building operators, including extensive outreach to vendors to educate them about program requirements and enforcement procedures.
- *Alec Bash* – Support *Jane*’s comments, avoid overconcentration in one area.
 - *Boris Delepine* – Understood, we will be able to reduce and/or modify locations as needed, this pilot program is a work in progress.
- *Ted Choi* – Heads up - vendors in front of Pier 38/40 create foot traffic bottlenecks/congestion after Giant’s games.
- *Paul Liao* – Wants to know the limits on use of amplified sound and selling of noise making products/horns. Locations close to residential areas need to be monitored such as Pier 27.5 where sound is annoying to residents.
 - *Boris Delepine* – Advised he will check the regulations – which should prohibit vendors from using speakers, amplifiers, musical instruments, or noise-making devices. These restrictions should already be in the Port code.
- *Howard Wong SAC* – There are two areas of interest that need to be coordinated. I recognize that immigrants and low-income folks are looking for opportunities, but we also need to consider small businesses, many of which are stressed by the pandemic. Port should implement mini-zoning to coordinate the types of uses so vendors do not compete directly with small businesses.
 - *Boris Delepine* – SB-946 limits regulation of vending to public health, safety, and welfare concerns, so unfortunately we are unable to consider economic concerns of surrounding businesses.

5. Pier 39-43.5 Offshore Sediment Remediation: Presentation by *Luke Vernagallo*, PG&E Project Manager, on PG&E's offshore sediment remediation project, including permitting schedule and recommended remedial action detailed in Feasibility Study/Remedial Action Plan and CEQA Initial Study to be released for 30-day public comment in late October 2021.

- Q&A

- *Stewart Morton* – Will there be any change in the physical structures of piers or sheds?
 - *Luke Vernagallo* – no, the investigation is limited to testing only underwater sediment
- *Katy Liddell* – can committee members get the project fact sheet?
 - *Kathryn Purcell* – yes, we will make sure it is distributed by email – there will be a 30-day public review comment period starting in October.
- *Bruno Kanter* – How are processes reviewed, i.e., for environmental issues?
 - *Luke Vernagallo* – We are working with Bay Area Regional Water Quality Board and the Port and going through the CEQA process. Permitting with regulators will take another year.
 - *Kathryn Purcell* – PG&E is working with team for all permits including ACOE, BCDC, NOAA, and Port Building permits which will include design review for engineering work. There have been about six meetings so far with various agencies, including our current effort to review biological impacts and mitigation measures with the resource agencies.

6. Central Embarcadero Improvements: Presentation by *Mark Dreger* and *Pallavi Panyam* both from the SFMTA on the Central Embarcadero Quick-Build project which was approved for implementation by the Port Commission on August 10, 2021. The project will promote safety, mobility, connectivity, access, and economic recovery along The Embarcadero.

- Q&A

- *Bob Harrer* – Supports one left turn lane and two through lanes at Broadway and likes the idea of an advisory group which will be helpful. We support separating bicyclists and pedestrians and using signage and enforcement to ensure safety.
- *Stewart Morton* – With regard to reducing to one left turn at Broadway, why is this being done here but not at other places such as Washington Street.
 - *Mark Dreger* – Initial modeling showed that two left turn lanes would help traffic move faster but this might not be completely accurate. Port Commission asked to look at two through lanes and analyze results before deciding on the long-term plan.
- *Jane Connors* – Port will need to make sure there is enforcement especially for motorized scooters and bikes (and all other motorized vehicles) to keep them off the Promenade. There is heavy congestion near the Ferry Building and

enforcement is needed ensure congestion is handled appropriately. The promenade provides great through line along the waterfront, but it has become very dangerous given the many methods of pedaled and motorized transport. Also please consider delivery truck issues caused by double parked vehicles.

- *Mark Dreger* – We agree and want to make sure the waterfront is as safe as possible. A tiered approach will be necessary, and an education campaign is in the works. We are looking to bring on a consultant to do a banner campaign on Embarcadero poles or other similar messaging.
- *Katy Liddell* – Please include representatives from the Bike Coalition and Walk SF on the advisory committee.
- *Howard Wong* – Broadway intersection is confusing. Given the given high volume of traffic it would be best to test both options (one lane straight, two left turn lanes versus one left turn lane and two lanes straight); have clear street markings starting well south to tell drivers what they are approaching.

7. Piers 38/40 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI): Update on the DEI Plan by *David Beaupre*, Port Real Estate and Development and *Simon Snellgrove* of San Francisco Waterfront Partners for proposed redevelopment of Piers 38/40, including summary of public feedback to date and status of use concept.

Simon Snellgrove of Pacific Waterfront Partners introduced his equity team and discussed their efforts so far and future DEI plans for the redevelopment of Piers 38/40.

- Q&A
 - *Jane Connors, Katy Liddell* – Both commend the efforts to add diversity to the waterfront, looking forward to seeing how it develops, appreciate the outreach
 - *Howard Wong* – Look at history and contributions of diverse cultures to the waterfront including diverse fishing and shipyard industries. This could be a good overlay in search for diversity and historical depth for the project
 - *Simon Snellgrove* – We are investigating the diverse history of the waterfront and connection to other infrastructure including railroads, levees, etc.
 - *Ritika Puri* – really likes the development plan and the DEI program and community benefits and gave thanks to the team.

8. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.