



Port of San Francisco – Pier 1 – San Francisco, CA 94111

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*Thursday, April 16, 2015, 11:30pm-1:00pm*

**Pier 1, Bayside Conference Room**

**Meeting Summary Notes**

**Attendees:**

David	Beaupre	Port of San Francisco
Shawn	Bennett	Baydelta Maritime
Peter	Dailey	Port of San Francisco
John	Davey	Port of San Francisco
Tom	Escher	Red & White Fleet
David	Gavrich	SF Bay Rail
Bobby	Guillory	ILWU
Tom	Hart	Sheedy Crane
Catharine	Hooper	Maritime Consultant
Carolyn	Horgan	Blue & Gold Fleet
Ellen	Johnck	Ellen Johnck Consulting
Frank	Johnston	Board of Pilot Commissioners
Joel	Lopez	Federal Resources
Jim	Maloney	Port of San Francisco
Michael	Nerney	Port of San Francisco
Diane	Oshima	Port of San Francisco
Roger	Peters	Maritime Consultant
Steve	Pieroni	Darling International
Gerry	Roybal	Port of San Francisco
Veronica	Sanchez	Masters, Mates & Pilots
Marina	Secchitano	Inland Boatmen's Union
Denise	Turner	Port of San Francisco

**1. Welcome (MCAC Co-chairs Ellen Johnck and Marina Secchitano)**

- Self-introductions by all present.

**2. Maritime Update (Peter Dailey)**

- The Port Commission approved a 20-year lease with BAE Systems for operation of the Port's drydock and ship repair facility at Pier 70. Ship repair is an important maritime industry, going back more than 150 years. BAE Systems employs an average of 250 skilled craft workers year-round, representing 10 local trade unions. During peak periods, yard employment rises to

1,000 workers. In 2014, BAE made \$9 million in local purchases, a great support to the economy. The cruise ship Golden Princess is scheduled for a two-week drydocking at Pier 70 this month, one of the major ship repair jobs this year.

- The 2015 cruise season is off to a good start, with three ship calls at Pier 27 in the coming week by Star Princess (April 19), Crown Princess (April 20), and Grand Princess (April 24-25), plus Golden Princess in the drydock (April 17-30). The Port received two awards for its outstanding work on the Pier 27 cruise terminal project: SPUR's Good Government Award, presented at City Hall on March 11, to the Port team of Peter Dailey, John Davey, John Doll, Elaine Forbes, and Meghan Wallace; and SF Business Times "Real Estate Deal of the Year in Public-Private Infrastructure," presented on March 26. The dedication of the James R. Herman memorial wall sculpture at Pier 27 took place on March 26, with speeches by Port Commissioner and ILWU official Willie Adams, former Mayor Art Agnos, Mimi Silbert of Delancey Street, and other dignitaries.
- On February 20, after nine months of negotiation, the longshore union (International Longshore and Warehouse Union, ILWU) reached a tentative agreement for a new five-year contract with the employers association (Pacific Maritime Association, PMA). The proposed contract covers 20,000 dock workers at 29 West Coast ports. On April 3, the ILWU coastal caucus voted by a margin of 78% to recommend approval of the tentative agreement, which is expected to be ratified by the rank-and-file union members in May.
- The Port welcomed US Senator Tom Carper (D-Delaware) on April 8 for a port familiarization tour, hosted by Port Commissioner Willie Adams, Peter Dailey, Jim Maloney, and Sidonie Sansom. Senator Carper is on the Senate committee for Homeland Security and was able to learn more about the Port of San Francisco's infrastructure and security needs.
- Maritime personnel update: Joe Monroe was appointed Harbormaster of South Beach Harbor (Pier 40). Joe has worked at South Beach Harbor for several years, most recently serving as Acting Harbormaster since the retirement of Jim Walter; wharfinger Demetri Amaro has transferred to the Port's Real Estate Division; environmental manager Jay Ach retired in March.
- Jim Maloney reported on the Port's trade mission to the Philippines and China in March. Port representatives were Port Commission VP Willie Adams, Maritime Director Peter Dailey, and Marketing Manager Jim Maloney. The trip began in the Philippines as follow-up to the Sister Port relationship formed in November 2014 between the Port of San Francisco and the Philippine Ports Authority. The group then proceeded to Shanghai, China, for an annual breakbulk cargo shipping conference, attended by carriers, shippers, logistics companies, ports, etc. The next biennial Sister Ports conference is scheduled for Shanghai in October 2015 (last was in Osaka, Japan, in November 2013).

### **3. Pier 96 RFP Process and TIGER Grant Opportunity (Jim Maloney)**

- On March 10, the Port Commission authorized the Port to advertise and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting a developer and operator for a bulk export maritime terminal operation at Pier 96.
- Based on meetings at the Shanghai cargo conference, there is interest in China in developing a bulk export facility in San Francisco. However, the commodities market is soft now. For example, the price for iron ore in 2006 was \$140 per ton; today the price is only \$60 per ton, yet it is expected to rise soon. The Port may wait a few months to issue the Pier 96 RFP until the market is doing better. The RFP process will take about six months, between issuance and selecting a developer/operator.

- Jim reported on the Quint Street Lead rail project: engineering design work is being done now; track upgrade work is scheduled to begin this fall (2015); expected completion next spring (2016). MCAC considered sending a letter to California Public Utilities Commission and Caltrain in support of freight rail and new tunnel heights, but the consensus was to hold off and wait.
- Applications for Round 7 of the TIGER Grants (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) are due June 5. The Department of Transportation allocated \$500 million for TIGER 2015, which will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure to projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a region, or metropolitan area. The Port decided to pass on this round of grants, but will be in better position next year, when new operator for Pier 96 is on board. TIGER Grants require a percentage of matching funds, which a private partner, such as shipper or operator, could help provide.

#### **4. Waterfront Land Use Plan Update (Diane Oshima)**

- The Port's Waterfront Land Use Plan was adopted in 1997. Over the past 18 years many changes have occurred, and now the port is taking a fresh look at land use needs and challenges ahead. The Port's 7½-mile waterfront consists of five regions: Fisherman's Wharf; Northeast Waterfront; Ferry Building Area; South Beach/China Basin; Southern Waterfront. There are numerous infrastructure concerns, including sea level rise and seismic risk to the seawall and other structures.
- The Port is starting a public process to update the Waterfront Plan this summer (2015). A new Port advisory group is being formed, the Waterfront Plan Working Group, which will engage stakeholders citywide in the project. A delegate from each of the existing Port advisory groups, including MCAC, will be invited to participate.
- Staff Report: <http://www.sfport.com/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=9669>
- The Waterfront's Evolution: <http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/nextsteps/portofsf/>

#### **5. Maritime Industry Preservation Policy Review and Update (Peter Dailey)**

- The Port established a Maritime Industry Preservation Policy nearly four years ago (September 2011). Peter Dailey said this is a good time to review and update this maritime policy, while the same process is underway with the Waterfront Land Use Plan. He and John Davey will form a subcommittee of MCAC to reconsider the definition of a maritime berth, looking at geography, marine activities, funding for maintenance, etc. Peter will schedule a subcommittee meeting in May, prior to the next MCAC meeting (May 21). Subcommittee volunteers include: Tom Escher, Bobby Guillory, Catharine Hooper, Carolyn Horgan, Ellen Johnck.
- Maritime Industry Preservation Policy:  
<http://www.sfport.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=2238>

#### **6. Proposed improvements to Red & White Fisherman's Wharf facility (Tom Escher)**

- Tom Escher, president of Red & White Fleet, made a presentation describing planned improvements for the Red & White facility at Pier 43½, including installation of a pavilion that will improve public access and customer flow. The two ferry berths will be reconfigured to accommodate four boats, instead of three as at present. The same spectacular view corridors to the Bay will be maintained.

**7. Other Discussion Topics**

- Gerry Roybal reported the annual May Day party, jointly hosted by the Port of San Francisco and the Marine Exchange, will be held on May 14, 4:30-7:30pm, at McCormick & Kuleto's in Ghirardelli Square. In addition, National Maritime Day is Friday, May 22. The Port is planning events to celebrate maritime businesses, either on this or another date. Details to follow.
- Catharine Hooper reported that the four-masted Japanese bark Kaiwo Maru will visit San Francisco at Pier 30/32, May 2-6. Kaiwo Maru is a training ship with 176 souls on board.

**8. Next MCAC meeting**

- The next MCAC meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 2015, 11:30am-1:00pm, at the SF Port Offices, Pier 1, Bayside Room.