



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

Thursday, May 21, 2015 11:30pm-1:00pm
Port of San Francisco, Bayside 1 & 2
Meeting Summary Notes

Attendees:

Bill	Butler	Jerico Products
Peter	Dailey	Port of San Francisco
John	Davey	Port of San Francisco
Dennis	Deisinger	BAE Systems
Bill	Dunbar	BAE Systems
Tom	Escher	Red & White Fleet
Aaron	Golbus	Port of San Francisco
Bobby	Guillory	ILWU Local 10, retired
Catharine	Hooper	Maritime Consultant
Ellen	Johnck	Ellen Johnck Consulting
Frank	Johnston	Board of Pilot Commissioners
Denise	Lum	Port of San Francisco
Jim	Maloney	Port of San Francisco
Bernie	Meyerson	Multi Material Managing & Marketing
Michael	Nerney	Port of San Francisco
Ray	Paetzold	SF Bar Pilots
Gerry	Roybal	Port of San Francisco
Veronica	Sanchez	Masters, Mates & Pilots
Rich	Smith	Westar Marine
Denise	Turner	Port of San Francisco
Anita	Yao	Port of San Francisco
Marilyn	Yeh	Port of San Francisco

1. Welcome (MCAC Co-chair Ellen Johnck)

- Self-introductions by all present.

2. Maritime Update (Peter Dailey)

- Peter Dailey and Michael Nerney travelled to Southern California earlier this week for meetings with Princess Cruises and Crystal Cruises. Approximately two-thirds of our cruise bookings come from Princess Cruises. Princess was complimentary and positive regarding operations at the new Pier 27 cruise terminal, which opened in September 2014.

- Crystal Cruises will have five calls at San Francisco in 2016, including a 102-day world cruise beginning in January 2016 from Pier 27. Crystal Cruises is offering a unique 32-day voyage in August 2016 from Anchorage, Alaska, to New York, via the Northwest Passage.
- The next cruise ship going to drydock (BAE Systems) will be early next year.
- The National Park Service (NPS) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation project. The project would establish a new, long-term ferry embarkation site for passenger service between the northern San Francisco waterfront and Alcatraz Island. Hornblower currently provides the ferry service to Alcatraz Island from Pier 31½. At the May 26 Port Commission meeting, there will be an informational presentation regarding the National Park Service selection process.
- A BBC ship will be in port this week bringing in large spools of cable, and next week a steel ship is expected. The breakbulk business is percolating a bit but still relatively flat.
- 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. The RFP will most likely happen next year, awaiting more favorable market conditions.
- Jim Maloney is a board member of the National Association of Foreign Trade Zone and recently attended the spring seminar in Florida. The association shares ideas with granting authorities, and does marketing to get the word out to potential users of the Foreign Trade Zone program. Another trade zone site is under implementation at SFO which will help push air freight through the zone. Four years ago, San Francisco had one FTZ site; now there are four – Chevron, Phillips 66, Valero, Expeditors International – with the prospect of fifth site in the near future.

3. Maritime Industry Preservation Policy Update (John Davey)

- A two-sided map, dividing the SF waterfront north and south of McCovey Cove (China Basin), was distributed at the meeting and discussed.
- The “active” berths are where the Port currently has various types of operations, either controlled by the Port or tenants; the “useable with improvements” areas include berths not currently used for vessel mooring, or in need of dredging or repairs; the “red-tagged” areas are unusable berths.
- For the northern waterfront, some piers can be brought back to use with light dredging and capital improvements.
- Pier 35 North will continue to be dredged to support the cruise business.
- For Pier 30/32, the cost to dredge the north and south berths to 20 feet of water would run \$10-15 million. The east berth is naturally deep (in excess of 35 feet).
- Around Pier 48, the north apron is in bad shape but with the Warriors arena project nearby, it is possible this berth can be brought back for more active use in the future.
- South of Pier 54, the land is more of a natural shoreline rather than seawall.
- The area between Pier 70 and Pier 80, “Warm Water Cove,” behind the old Potrero power plant, will mostly not be developed.
- The only Port-controlled berth in the southern waterfront is part of the area at Pier 96; the other berths are leased to tenants.
- The maritime waterfront map will be posted on the Port’s website after being fine-tuned based on input at the meeting, including adding water depths and a color key for recreational boating. Additional comments and suggestions are welcome.

4. Update on Caltrain freight threshold regulation (Jim Maloney)

- Caltrain is planning to install overhead wires to existing tunnels that would constrict the Port's potential to attract automobile imports.
- Per California Public Utilities Commission regulations, overhead wires must be installed a minimum of 22.5 feet above the rail.
- The Peninsula Freight Rail Users Group (PFRUG) is meeting with Caltrain regularly to hear about the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process.
- PFRUG met with the California Public Utilities commission two weeks ago to see if Caltrain applied for waivers or deregulation.
- Jim Lazarus, a member of the SF Chamber of Commerce and PFRUG, was recently in Washington DC, and met with congressional representatives; his discussions included the height regulation issue.

5. Port Advisory Group Protocols and Responsibilities (Michael Nerney)

- The Port Advisory Group Protocols and Responsibilities are described in this memo: <http://sfport.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=9878>

6. New Business and discussion of agenda topics for future meetings

- Update from SF Giants regarding Seawall Lot 337 & Pier 48 development project
- Update from City Hall staffer on Warriors Arena Project
- SF Fleet Week is scheduled for October 6-12, 2015, and will include a parade of ships, air shows by the Blue Angels, ship tours, and live entertainment.

7. Forward Calendar

- Next MCAC meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2015, 11:30am-1:00pm, at Pier 1