

**CITY OF PORT HUENEME AND OXNARD HARBOR DISTRICT**

**CITY / PORT STANDING COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the City of Port Hueneme and the Oxnard Harbor District City/Port Standing Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at 250 N. Ventura Road, Port Hueneme, California.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Member Murray Rosenbluth, Council Member Norman E. Griffaw, Commissioner Jess Herrera, and Commissioner Michael A. Plisky.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Plisky moved to approve the October 9, 2007 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Griffaw. The motion carried unanimously.

**REVTMENT REPAIR/LIGHTHOUSE PROMENADE:**

Harbor District Director of Facilities Development, Chris Birkelo, the manager of the project, gave a report. He stated the project is expected to be completed February 29, 2008 and \$50,000 under the approved contract amount. He said there is a tentative date to dedicate the promenade on March 6, 2008. Executive Director Anthony Taormina welcomed the City's input on the ceremony, and said they will use a number of avenues to advertise the event to encourage the public's participation.

A speaker request card was submitted by Mrs. King, an Anacapa View Beach Homes and Surfside I property owner. She asked four questions with regard to the Lighthouse Promenade project.

- 1) Are there any other projects planned for the area, for example: restaurants, hotels, residential buildings, beach bathrooms/showers, or parking lot?
- 2) With the progress of the revetment and promenade area, are there any developmental plans for the Gion easement property across the street, located at the corner of East Surfside Drive and Surfside Drive in front of Anacapa View Beach Homes, next to Surfside I?

- 3) Who owns or is responsible for the Gion easement property?
- 4) Is there a process of notification to the homeowners of the community regarding input or consultation regarding future developments?

Greg Brown, Community Development Director, explained that the Hueneme Beach Master Plan (HBMP) is a policy document on development of current and future improvements that was approved by the Coastal Commission and the City Council. The HBMP requires the area in question to be improved as a public parking lot as a condition to development at the Sunkist site. The Gion easement is owned by the City, with a public recreation easement that requires it to be used for public/recreational uses related to the Hueneme Beach Park.

The City and Harbor District did a "land swap" to exchange ownership of land at the Sunkist site and on Hueneme Road, for the beachfront portion of the Lighthouse Promenade. Though development interest has been shown in the past for this beachfront portion, there are no current proposals. A possible improvement at the Gion easement lot involves a public parking lot, which may be necessitated by the existence of the promenade.

Due to the parcel's location in the Coastal Zone it is subject to the public hearing process, which includes notification. Any Council action may be appealed to the Coastal Commission.

Council Member Rosenbluth asked Mr. Brown to provide Mrs. King with additional information regarding the public notification process.

#### CHANNEL ISLANDS RAIL CROSSING UPGRADE:

City Manager David Norman gave a report stating that there is a delay with the project, due to the City's improvements of its sewer system that negated the need for an Economic Development Administration grant and the purchase of an easement from the Railroad. Due to the revisions of the sewer system project, the City Manager and the Executive Director will present revised purchase offers to their respective agencies for partial easement. Upon approval, the railroad crossing upgrade project will move forward. Council Member Rosenbluth commended City staff for reviewing the project to be more cost-effective and saving the taxpayers' money. Mr. Taormina explained that the Harbor District/Railroad and the City are working with the contractor to keep traffic disruptions at a minimum.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION:

Council Member Griffaw requested an update on the Traffic Study at the next meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: No one spoke.

NEXT MEETING DATE: To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City/Port Standing Committee the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michelle Ascencion, Executive Specialist  
City of Port Hueneme