

**WEST OAKLAND PROJECT AREA
COMMITTEE (WOPAC)
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**
West Oakland Senior Center, 1724 Adeline Street, Second Floor
Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:30-8:30 P.M.

I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Rice, Parrott, Amao, Beasley, Bouze, Eschelle, Herbert, Huff, Hurwich, Horiuchi /McGee, Gordon, Lowe, Mac Donald, Wells, Wright, Wyrick-Parkinson

III. Approval of Minutes for Meeting held May 10, 2006

IV. Open Forum (2 minutes each)

V. Staff Reports

1. Main Street Program Update (10 Minutes)
2. ORA Staff Report (Wendy Simon) (5 Minutes) to include: Budget, Project Updates, and Correspondence

VI. Old Business

1. McClymonds Area Community Organization Representative Nominations (5 minutes)
2. Discussion Item (postponed at the May 10 meeting)
Industrial Development/Land Use -- Ms. Nadel and Steve Lowe (20 Minutes)

VII. New Business

1. Public Hearing: Re: Replacement of Hoover/West MacArthur Resident Tenant Position (5 minutes)
2. Project Presentations
 - Report from the Special Meeting of June 12, 2006 for Projects and Programs (10 Minutes)
3. Action Items:
 - Center/8th Street Project Rene Boisvert--(10 minutes)
4. Discussion Items:
 - Oakland Army Base -- Ms. Nadel (20 Minutes)

VII. Committee Reports

1. Community Outreach/ Equitable Development Committee (5 Minutes)
2. Neighborhood Planning Committee (5 Minutes)
3. Trees and Transportation Committee (5 Minutes)
4. Projects and Programs Adhoc Committee (5 Minutes)
5. Neighborhood Safety Adhoc Committee (5 Minutes)

- VIII. **Announcements (2 Minutes)**
- IX. **Future Agenda Topics & New Business (3 Minutes)**
- X. **Adjournment (NEXT MEETING July 12, 2006)**

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ADDRESSING THE WEST OAKLAND PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

Welcome & Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Parrott.

Roll Call

Present: Rice, Parrott, Bouze, Eschelle, Herbert, Hurwich, Horiuchi /McGee, Gordon, Lowe, Mac Donald, Wells, Wyrick-Parkinson

Absent: Amao, Beasley, Huff, Wright

Approval of Minutes for Meeting held May 10, 2006

MOTION: to approve the minutes by Larry Rice, 2nd by Kiri Eschelle

Approved unanimously

Open Forum

Margot Lederer-Prado, CEDA/Business Development Unit Staff:

- She is applying for a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the 7th Street streetscape improvements project. This project will help calm traffic and make it more pedestrian and bike friendly.
- She may need to return to the PAC for funding the required 11.5% match in October if the grant is awarded.
- *Follow-up: Agendize for July*

Harley Goldstrom, MIG: Update on the West Oakland Community Transportation Plan

- It is completed and was approved by the Alameda County Congestion Management Authority Board on May 25, 2006. It was presented to the Oakland City Council on May 30.
- The Plan includes 27 projects in West Oakland. Copies and executive summaries passed out.

Staff Reports

1. Main Street Program Update: Jai Jennifer

- June is the final month of the contract. The board has been formed and has met twice for leadership training. Mr. Jennifer and some board members attended the National Main Street Conference in New Orleans earlier in June.
- Kiri Eschelle noted that the Main Street Board needs to raise money to hire a full time staffer.

2. ORA Staff Report (Wendy Simon)

- Correspondence from the WOPAC was described and distributed.
- Mills Act Program: The City is beginning a pilot Mills Act Program which is managed from the Planning Department.
- \$50,000 has been allocated from West Oakland funds by the CEDA director
- This program is mandated in the Environmental Impact Report for the redevelopment area.
- Follow-up: The program manager will attend a future meeting to fully describe the Mills Act Program

Budget: Ms. Simon will give a budget presentation at the July meeting and will ask the WOPAC to prioritize the projects for time management purposes.

7th Street Partners Site: CEDA staff and the developer are still working with Caltrans to finalize an Option to Purchase. The Exclusive Negotiating Agreement will be extended.

Several WOPAC members expressed strong displeasure that funds have been allocated from West Oakland funds for projects that the WOPAC has not chosen. They feel that WOPAC's advisory function is compromised. Ms. Nadel advised that she will convey these sentiments to Mr. Vanderpriem.

Strong interest was expressed for the 2801 Martin Luther King Jr. Way project, which was presented at the June 12 special meeting. One member asked if the \$25,000 used for environmental studies for could be paid back.

Follow-up: Sean Rogan will be invited for the July agenda.

Old Business

1. McClymonds Area Community Organization Representative Nominations (5 minutes)

Staff announced that there were 2 responses to the advertising during the month. One respondent, Mr. Williams, is a member of Beat 8 NCPC which is in the subarea.

Members discussed whether Kiri Eschelle could continue serving on the WOPAC but switch categories from homeowner to representative of the McClymond Business and Neighborhood

MOTION: by Joe Hurwich, 2nd by Margaret Gordon to remove Mr. Wright from the Hoover/West MacArthur resident tenant position.

Vote: Unanimously Passed

MOTION: by Joe Hurwich, 2nd by Steve Lowe, to direct staff to advertise the position

Vote: Unanimously Passed

4. Discussion Items:

Oakland Army Base — Ms. Nadel (20 Minutes)

MOTION: by Steve Lowe, 2nd by Margaret Gordon, to move this discussion of the Army Base to the Trees and Transportation Committee which will be held June 19.

Vote: Unanimously Passed

Ms. Nadel agreed to attend the next Trees and Transportation Committee meeting.

Committee Reports

1. Community Outreach/ Equitable Development Committee (5 Minutes)
2. Neighborhood Planning Committee (5 Minutes)
3. Trees and Transportation Committee (5 Minutes)
4. Projects and Programs Adhoc Committee (5 Minutes)
5. Neighborhood Safety Adhoc Committee (5 Minutes)

Announcements

There were no announcements

Future Agenda Topics and New Business

There was no discussion due to time constraints.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.