

**WEST OAKLAND PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE (WOPAC)
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

West Oakland Senior Center , 1724 Adeline Street, Second Floor
Wednesday, August 9, 2006 6:30 P.M.—9:00 P.M

I. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

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

II. Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held July 12, 2006

III. Open Forum (2 minutes each)

IV. Chairpersons Report (5 minutes)

V. Staff Reports

1. Main Street Program Update --- Mr. Jai Jennifer (10 minutes)
2. ORA Staff Report—Ms. Wendy Simon (10 minutes)
 - Correspondence
 - Extension of WOPAC
 - Ongoing Projects Updates: This item will include:
 - Picnic “Hot Links and Cold Drinks”
 - Credit Union Tenant Improvement Grant
 - Mandela Foods Rent Guarantee
 - WOPAC Request for Clarification of Procedures for Making Presentations to Other Groups
 - New Projects and Requests for Staff Presentations to the WOPAC

VI. Old Business

1. Clawson/McClymonds/Bunche Homeowner Representative Nominations (5 minutes)
2. Hoover/West MacArthur Tenant Position Nominations (5 minutes)

VII. New Business

1. Project Presentations
 - Alliance Metals (15 minutes)
2. Program Presentations
 - Seventh Street Streetscape --- Margot Lederer-Prado (10 minutes)
 - West Oakland Website -- Cecily Burt (10 minutes)

VIII. Committee Reports

1. Community Outreach/Equitable Development Committee (5 minutes)
2. Neighborhood Planning Committee (5 minutes)
3. Trees and Transportation Committee (5 minutes)
 - Trees and Transportation Committee Request for Outreach to Mayor-Elect Dellums

- Trees and Transportation Committee Request to Mayor-Elect Dellums to Appoint a West Oaklander to the Port Commission

4. Projects and Programs Ad Hoc Committee (5 minutes)
5. Neighborhood Safety Adhoc Committee (5 minutes)

IX. Announcements (2 minutes)

X. Future Agenda Topics and New Business (3 minutes)

XI. Adjournment

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**WEST OAKLAND PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE (WOPAC)
MEETING MINUTES**

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Wednesday, August 9, 2006 6:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M

I. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Larry Rice called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Present: Rice, Parrott, Amao, Beasley, Bouze, Eschelle, Herbert, Huff, Hurwich,
Lowe, Mac Donald, Wells, Wyrick-Parkinson

Absent: Horiuchi/McGee

Alternate attending for Ms. Gordon: Brian Beveridge

II. Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held July 12, 2006

Correction by Larry Rice: Alliance Metals' new site is on Market Street, not Martin Luther King Jr. Way as stated.

Motion: To approve the minutes by Bruce Beasley, seconded by Kiri Eschelle

Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Abstentions: 0

III. Open Forum

There were seven speakers. Please note that the minutes only note the speakers' topics if they have requested to be placed on future agendas.

1. Mr. Ben Golvin (Equity Community Builders) spoke about the train station portion of the 16th Street housing project and asked for time on the September agenda to present in more detail.
2. Mr. Andre Wright (City of Oakland Public Works Agency) spoke about a traffic calming project for 17th and Peralta Streets and requested to return to present in more detail.
3. Ms. Queen Thurston (West Oakland District Council)
4. Ms. Kathy Kuhner (Dogtown Neighborhood)
5. Ms. Ora Knowell (West Oakland Fatherless Children Foundation)
6. Ms. Kenna Stormogipson (Lower Bottom Neighborhood Association)
7. Mr. Steve Lowe (West Oakland Commerce Association and others) requested a place on the Planning subcommittee's agenda to discuss his letter to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: to move the Alliance Metals item up on the agenda because of the number of community members that came for this item by Bruce Beasley seconded by Kiri Eschelle. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

1. Project Presentations

- Alliance Metals

Chair Rice read a letter from Jay Anast received on August 8, 2006 stating that Mr. Anast was rethinking his move to Market Street and requesting a delay in presenting to the WOPAC for sixty days.

There were eight public speakers.

1. Mr. Allan Hicks
2. Mr. Hunter Wimmer
3. Mr. Vicente Padilla
4. Mr. Antonio Brooks
5. Ms. Diane Hutchings
6. Ms. Christine Atkins -Brooks
7. Ms. Queen Thurston
8. Mr. A.L. Brown

After WOPAC members spoke, a motion was voted on.

MOTION: by Kiri Eschelle, seconded by Bruce Beasley.

That staff draft a letter to Mr. Jay Anast of Alliance Metals expressing the WOPAC's vehement opposition to his proposed move to the Market Street site and their opposition to this business moving anywhere in the West Oakland Redevelopment Project Area. The letter is to add that he is welcome to present his project in the future to the WOPAC. The letter is to be sent to the City Council and Planning Commission members, Mayor Brown, Mayor-Elect Dellums and the City Administrator. Staff will try to arrange to have all WOPAC members sign the letter.

Vote: Ayes: 11 Noes: 1 Abstentions: 2

MOTION: by Bruce Beasley, seconded by Kiri Eschelle, to move to Item No. 7 (Nominations for WOPAC vacancies).

VII. Old Business

1. Clawson/McClymonds/Bunche Homeowner Representative Nominations
2. Hoover/West MacArthur Tenant Position Nominations

Vote: Ayes: 11 Noes: 0 Abstentions: 0

1. McClymonds/Clawson/Bunche Subarea Homeowner Vacancy
Several candidates had expressed interest in this position. Three attended the meeting. They included Mr. Ray Kidd, Mr. Martin Rios and Ms. Kathryn Porter. Each presented their qualifications and background for the position.

MOTION: by Bruce Beasley, seconded by Jerry Huff, to vote by written ballot on both vacant positions. The motion passed unanimously.

2. West MacArthur/Hoover Subarea Residential Tenant Vacancy
Two candidates attended the meeting and presented their qualifications and background for the position. They included: Mr. Al Jones and Ms. Darbi Howard.

Public Speakers included:

1. Ms. Barbara Montgomery
2. Ms. Sandy Carpenter-Stevenson
3. Ms. Ora Knowell ceded her time to Mr. Martin Rios
4. Mr. Martin Rios
5. Ms. Queen Thurston

A vote on paper ballots was taken and counted by Christine Lebron and Wendy Simon. The results were:

Owner Position:

Ms. Porter---5
Mr. Kidd----6
Mr. Rios----3

Tenant Position:

Ms. Howard--- 12
Mr. Jones--- 2

Mr. Kidd and Ms. Howard were elected and immediately joined the WOPAC.

Program Presentations

- Seventh Street Streetscape --- Margot Lederer-Prado, City of Oakland

MOTION: by Stefanie Parrott, seconded by Jerry Huff, for Ms. Lederer-Prado to discuss using West Oakland Redevelopment Project Area funds to fund the needed match and environmental costs for the 7th Street Streetscape Project with CEDA Director Dan Vanderpriem and to return to the WOPAC with the exact amount.

Vote: Ayes: 13 Noes: 0 Abstentions: 1

- West Oakland Website -- Cecily Burt and Mark Reynolds

The Oakland Tribune is starting a news portal for West Oakland and they are seeking community feedback. The board heard the presentation and offered feedback.

Staff Reports

Main Street Program Update --- Mr. Jai Jennifer

Mr. Jennifer updated the board about the Main Street program and will return to answer questions because of the lateness of the hour.

ORA Staff Report—Ms. Wendy Simon

Due to time constraints, staff spoke only about the need for the City Council to extend the WOPAC for an additional year as the WOPAC's term will expire on November 18, 2006.

Motion: to extend the WOPAC for one year, by Bruce Beasley, seconded by Jerry Huff. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Chairpersons Report:

Chair Parrott announced the annual WOPAC picnic to be held on September 9 at Hoover School from noon to 2:00 and urged members to distribute their flyers. This was the only topic due to time constraints.

VI. Committee Reports

There were no subcommittee reports because of time constraints.

VII. Announcements

There were no announcements because of time constraints.

VIII. Future Agenda Topics and New Business (3 minutes)

This item wasn't discussed because of time constraints.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Rice at 9:15.

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