

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

**Wednesday, July 9, 2008
6:30 – 9:00pm
West Oakland Senior Center
1724 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA**

AGENDA

I. Welcome, Call to Order, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum (5 minutes)

Roll Call: Amao, Beasley, Bouze, Gerstenberger, Gordon, Herbert, Horiuchi, Hurwich, Kidd, Lowe, Mac Donald, Rice, Parrott, Wells, Wyrick-Parkinson

II. Approval of Draft Minutes for Meeting Held June 11, 2008 (5 minutes)

III. Open Forum (2 minutes each speaker)

IV. Chairpersons Report (5 minutes)

V. ORA Staff Report

1. Security Cameras Update (with OPD) (10 minutes)
2. Administrative Items and Correspondence (2 minutes)
3. WOPAC Budget Update (1 minute)
4. Bonding (10 minutes)
5. Implementation Plan Update (10 minutes)
6. Housing Monies/Housing Policy (15 minutes)
7. 1396 5th Street (Red Star Site) Update (10 minutes)
8. Misdemeanor Prosecution Program (5 minutes)
9. Neighborhood Project Initiative Program Update (5 minutes)

VI. Committee Reports

1. Community Outreach/Equitable Development Committee (5 minutes)
2. Neighborhood Planning Committee (15 minutes)

The following items are scheduled for presentation and discussion at the July 3 Planning Committee.

- Request for a Tenant Improvement Grant of \$75,000 for PS Print
- 3860 Martin Luther King Jr. Way Project Update
- Purchase of 880 West MacArthur

3. Trees and Transportation Committee (5 minutes)

VII. Old Business

1. WOPAC Vacancies/Change of Community Organization for Clawson/McClymonds/Bunche Subarea (5 minutes)
2. Request For A Letter of Support For Oakland Institute of Automotive Technology
3. Automatic Shut-Off Valve Program

VIII. New Business

1. Update on Port of Oakland Projects—Ms. Laura Arreola (10 minutes)

IX. Announcements (2 minutes)

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

XII. Adjournment

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ADDRESSING THE WEST OAKLAND PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE

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MINUTES – Approved 8/13/08

I. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Co-Chair Rice.

Present: Beasley, Bouze, Kidd, Lowe, MacDonald, Rice, Parrott, Wells

Present After Roll Call: Beveridge [for Gordon], Herbert, Horiuchi, Wyrick-Parkinson

Absent: Amao, Gerstenberger

Excused: Gordon, Hurwich

Vacancies: Community Organization position in Clawson/McClymonds/Bunche and Tenant position in West MacArthur/Hoover

Staff Present: Wendy Simon and Hui-Chang Li, CEDA Redevelopment

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD JUNE 11, 2008

MOTION by Madeline Wells, seconded by Bruce Beasley: to approve the minutes for the June meeting.

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 1

Absences: 8

The motion passed. Please see the attached Voting Record for the vote roll call

III. OPEN FORUM

The following speakers addressed the WOPAC:

1. Mr. Marcus Johnson
2. Mr. Vince Gibbs
3. Mr. Ben Metcalf

IV. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Chair Rice reported that he had received an email from Councilmember Nadel expressing her concern about with ORA's intention to purchase of 1396—5th Street site, given the possibility that this action may interfere with an existing 3rd party contract and may possibly result in litigation for tampering with this contract.

Ms. Simon responded that she had been planning to update the WOPAC on this item during her staff report but that she would present that information now. Staff is aware of the issue and is looking into it and had decided to take an item to Council for July 22 Community and Economic Development Committee to purchase the property without the option as the WOPAC had voted for

after meeting with 1396 Ventures. The council item is scheduled for July 22 CED and she will send members the web link.

V. **ORA STAFF REPORT**

1. Security Cameras Update

This update was given by Ms. Simon, Lt. Freddie Hamilton, Sgt. Ron Yelder, Mr. Ahsan Baig and Mr. Andrew Hopkins. Ms. Simon summarized the history of this project's implementation and introduced the technical members of the team to explain the new concept for the \$200,000 that the WOPAC had voted for to be used for security cameras in the Project Area in August, 2007. The DSL security cameras that Lt. Berlin proposed are not technologically up-to date and can't be monitored effectively. Sgt. Yelder, OPD's technology Manager, is proposing a new system of integrated cameras that can be monitored by officers in their patrol cars as well as officers at OPD headquarters. This new system will be more effective and will be integrated with OPD's current technology. WOPAC members' concerns included the timing of getting the cameras up and working, the need for a clear process for changing their locations within the Project Area, evaluation of their performance and the locations for the cameras. The team presented a map of possible locations and explained that not every location shown on the map will be supplied with a camera. The WOPAC members will review the maps and provide feedback to the team at the August meeting regarding the cameras' locations.

MOTION by Bruce Beasley, seconded by Karin MacDonald: To endorse the plan as presented by the OPD/OIT team and to ask for quarterly feedback regarding how the cameras are functioning. Members also request that the team remain open for dialogue with them regarding positioning the cameras.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 3

The motion passed. Please see the attached Voting Record for the vote roll call

2. Administrative Items and Correspondence

Ms. Simon distributed the letter written this month in support of a dog park at Grove Shafter Park.

3. WOPAC Budget Update

Ms. Simon presented the WOPAC Budget Update.

4. Issuing Bonds

Patrick Lane was unexpectedly out of the office this week and will return to talk to the WOPAC about issuing bonds. He will also work with the Special Ad Hoc Implementation Plan Update Committee on this topic.

5. Implementation Plan Update

Ms. Simon announced that the Special Ad Hoc Implementation Plan Update Committee met for the first time on June 30 and will meet again on July 14. The Committee worked on updating the current Implementation Plan's goals and narrative text.

6. Housing Monies/Housing Policy

Ms. Marge Gladman sent her apologies, but could not attend the meeting at the last minute.

7. 1396 5th Street (Red Star Site) Update

Ms. Simon gave the update for this item under the Chairs Report this month in response to a question from Chair Rice. Please see above for the Chairs Report.

8. Misdemeanor Prosecution Program— Ms. Simon announced that West Oakland funds had been taken from personnel costs to fund a Public Safety Director (\$11,500) and the Infraction and Misdemeanor Program (\$19,700). Although these amounts total \$31,200, there were also some cuts and savings to this line item, so that the net total was only \$11,000. She explained that the Infraction and Misdemeanor Program funds staff in the City Attorney's Office to work with several local stakeholders to relieve Oakland neighborhoods from chronic criminal activity. The Program will also offer intervention and a restorative justice component.

9. Neighborhood Project Initiative Program Update

Ms. Hui-Chang Li announced that the application for the program guidelines for the Neighborhood Project Initiative (NPI) program has been finalized, a call for projects has been released, marketing for the program has begun and that she is currently accepting applications, due by September 30, 2008. Ms. Li encouraged PAC members to spread the word about this grant opportunity.

The grant program funds onetime, small-scale, community-initiated physical improvement projects that currently have no other source of funding. Grant amounts will range from \$1,000 to \$50,000. The program is designed to encourage community participation in the revitalization of the West Oakland Redevelopment Project Area. Projects must be physically located in the Project Area.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Community Outreach/Equitable Development Committee

Chair Stefanie Parrott reported that the COED Committee discussed how to work with the schools and that several City staff attended to discuss how a school library could be funded. The articles for the newsletter are due July 25 to Ms. Hui-Chang Li. Chair Parrott requested members to submit articles in time for the deadline. She also reminded that group of the WOPAC picnic which will be held at Memorial Park in the Prescott/South Prescott subarea this year on September 13, 2008. There were several requests for the picnic which will be discussed at the next COED meeting.

2. Neighborhood Planning Committee

Ms. Madeline Wells reported out for this committee. Ms. Naomi Schiff spoke at the Committee's Open Forum with an update on the Train Station project and will return for future updates. Ms. Margot Lederer-Prado returned to the Planning Committee to present her request for a tenant improvement grant for PS Print, an Oakland business located in West Oakland that would like to expand in its present location. Ms. Marge Gladman and Ms. Kathy Kleinbaum attended the Committee to update them on the Martin Luther King Way project. Members expressed concern over another affordable housing project in this area. Chair Larry Rice presented the idea of purchasing 880 West MacArthur as an opportunity site.

3. Trees and Transportation Committee

Mr. Ray Kidd reported out for this committee. Ms. Kerry-Jo Ricketts-Ferris gave an update on the City's Master Tree Planting Plan. Mr. Randy Colosky presented on CASS and the neighborhood's concerns over its emissions.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. WOPAC Vacancies/Change of Community Organization for Clawson/McClymonds/Bunche Subarea

The WOPAC made the following motions:

a) MOTION by Karin MacDonald, seconded by Bruce Beasley: to remove the McClymonds Business and Residents Association from the WOPAC and replace it with the McClymond Neighborhood Area Watch as the community organization for the Clawson/McClymonds/Bunche subarea and accept Mr. Randy Colosky as its representative.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 3

The motion passed. Please see the attached Voting Record for the vote roll call

b) MOTION by Stefanie Parrott, seconded by Lynne Horiuchi: to accept Mr. Ashel Eldrige as the tenant representative for the West MacArthur/Hoover subarea.

Ayes: 11

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4

The motion passed. Please see the attached Voting Record for the vote roll call

The WOPAC also discussed Ms. Joy Amao's absence tonight as she had told staff that she would attend WOPAC meetings beginning in July.

c) MOTION by Bruce Beasley and Brian Beveridge: to send a letter to Ms. Amao, notifying her that the tenant position for the Prescott/South Prescott subarea is now vacant and to seek a new representative.

Ayes: 10

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 1

Absences: 4

The motion passed. Please see the attached Voting Record for the vote roll call

After further discussion, it was decided that staff would look up the process in the bye-laws and follow them for this matter. Staff will follow up.

2. Request For A Letter of Support For Oakland Institute of Automotive Technology
MOTION by Bruce Beasley and Stefanie Parrott: to write a letter of support of the Oakland Institute of Automotive Technology and Mr. Bouze's fire-fighting invention.

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 2

Absences: 4

Recuse: 1

The motion passed. Please see the attached Voting Record for the vote roll call

3. Automatic Shut-Off Valve Program

MOTION by Bruce Beasley and Stefanie Parrott: To allocate \$250,000 for an automatic shut-off valve program for the Project Area.

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 2

Absences: 4

The motion passed. Please see the attached Voting Record for the vote roll call

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on Port of Oakland Projects

There was no representative from the Port for this item. It will be rescheduled.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Crucible Fire Arts Festival is this weekend and free to residents of West Oakland

X. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND NEW BUSINESS

There were no future agenda topics.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.