

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

**Wednesday, August 13, 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, Colosky, Eldridge, Gerstenberger, Gordon, Herbert, Horiuchi, Hurwich, Kidd, Lowe, Mac Donald, Rice, Parrott, Wells, Wyrick-Parkinson

II. Approval of Draft Minutes for Meeting Held July 9, 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. Request From Staff For A Motion To Extend the WOPAC until November 18, 2009 (2 minutes)
5. Issuing Bonds (10 minutes)
6. Implementation Plan Update (10 minutes)
7. 1396 5th Street (Red Star Site) Update (5 minutes)
8. Neighborhood Project Initiative Program Update (5 minutes)

VI. Committee Reports

1. Community Outreach/Equitable Development Committee (5 minutes)
2. Neighborhood Planning Committee (10 minutes)

The following items are scheduled for presentation and discussion at the August 7 Planning Committee

- a) Bicycle Lanes On 40th Street
- b) Grid Alternatives Funding Proposal
- c) Request for Additional Funding for Façade Improvement and Tenant Improvement Programs and New Industrial Program
- d) 3900 Adeline Street Update
- e) 1614 Campbell Street Update

3. Trees and Transportation Committee (5 minutes)
 - a) Moving Recycling Businesses To The Army Base

VII. Old Business

1. WOPAC Vacancies—Prescott/South Prescott Tenant Position (5 minutes)
2. Action Item: Request for a Façade Improvement Grant of \$75,000 for PS Print

VIII. New Business

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 9/10/08

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

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

Present: Beasley, Colosky, Eldridge, Gerstenberger, Gordon, Kidd, Lowe, Mac Donald, Rice, Parrott

Present After Roll Call: Herbert, Horiuchi, Wells

Excused: Bouze, Hurwich, Wyrick-Parkinson

Vacancies: Tenant position in Prescott/South Prescott

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

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD JULY 9, 2008

MOTION by Bruce Beasley, seconded by Ray Kidd: to approve the minutes for the July meeting.

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 1

Absences: 7

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. George Burt
2. Mr. Marcus Johnson

IV. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Co-Chair Rice reported that he and Co-Chair Stefanie Parrott may not be available to chair the September 10th WOPAC meeting and asked for a volunteer to fill this role for next month. WOPAC member Jabari Herbert volunteered.

Co-Chair Rice announced that Ms. Parrott is expecting a baby next month and presented a card, gift and cake to her from the WOPAC to recognize the occasion.

V. ORA STAFF REPORT

1. Security Cameras Update

Lt. Freddie Hamilton returned to obtain feedback from the WOPAC about the placement of the security cameras and to answer any additional questions. He also introduced the two officers who are funded by redevelopment who are assigned to the West Oakland Redevelopment Area. The officers answered questions and heard comments about areas that could benefit from more patrol.

WOPAC members provided the following feedback about the placement of the cameras:

- The camera at Apgar and MLK Jr. is one parcel outside of the Project Area. Mr. Rice raised this issue and will email suggestions for alternatives in the vicinity after soliciting input from his constituents.
- There should be a camera at the BART station.
- The placement of a camera near 12th Street and Peralta is a good idea.
- There should be consideration for a camera near McClymonds High School.
- Regular report-backs to the WOPAC about how the cameras are working would help the WOPAC decide if additional cameras should be funded or if cameras should be moved.

Lt. Hamilton reported that the initial proposal for the placements of cameras are based on crime statistic “hot spots” and that is why cameras were or were not suggested for a given location. He welcomed the input and was open to relocating cameras based on an updated analysis with more recent crime statistics and the community’s continued feedback. Lt. Hamilton or another staff team member for this project will return to the WOPAC when this item goes to the City Council for approval of the security cameras plan. Staff expects this item to go to the Council in December. The program is expected to start in March or April 2009.

There was one public speaker for this item, Mr. Marcus Johnson.

2. Administrative Items and Correspondence

Ms. Wendy Simon distributed the letter written to Ms. Joy Amao confirming her resignation from the WOPAC.

Ms. Simon requested a motion to move the October meeting date to the third Wednesday of the month (October 15) so that it does not conflict with the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

MOTION by Steve Lowe, seconded by Bruce Beasley: to approve moving the October 8th WOPAC meeting to October 15th.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 5

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

3. WOPAC Budget Update

Ms. Simon presented the WOPAC Budget Update.

A discussion followed regarding setting aside funds for a business watch program to support WOPAC’s goal of business retention. There will be a RFP for business retention services that is going to City Council on September 23 and WOPAC members want to discuss how services for West Oakland may be included in it.

MOTION by Bruce Beasley, seconded by Karin MacDonald: to agendize business retention for the September general meeting as an action item.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4

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

4. **MOTION by Jabari Herbert, seconded by Karin MacDonald:** to extend the WOPAC until November 18, 2009.

Ayes: 13

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4

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

5. Issuing Bonds

Patrick Lane will also work with the Special Ad Hoc Implementation Plan Update Committee on this topic.

6. Implementation Plan Update

Ms. Simon announced that the Special Ad Hoc Implementation Plan Update Committee met for the second time on July 14th and the dates for the next two meetings are August 20th and 27th at West Oakland Senior Center, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Ms. Simon will send an email reminder about the meeting.

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

This item is still scheduled to go to the full City Council on September 16th for approval.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Community Outreach/Equitable Development Committee

Co-Chair Parrott reported the Annual WOPAC picnic is scheduled for September 13, 2008 from 12 to 2 pm at Cypress Memorial Park at 14th and Mandela and asked WOPAC members to spread the word and distribute the flyers.

She announced the release of the summer 2008 WOPAC newsletter which was distributed to members at the meeting.

She announced that the tenant representative position for Prescott/South Prescott is open. Mr. Beasley introduced Dwight Ford, tenant in the sub-area, as a prospective candidate interested in the position. Mr. Kidd announced that Mr. Brian Beveridge, who currently serves as an alternate for Margaret Gordon, is also interested in being considered for the slot. This item will be agendized for the next meeting for the WOPAC to discuss and vote on.

The CO/ED also discussed outreach to other PACS, the possibility of a forming BID (Business Improvement District) as a mechanism to fund maintenance needs, and a library in the Hoover/West MacArthur subarea.

2. Neighborhood Planning Committee

The WOPAC discussed the benefit of having regular written accurate summaries for the meetings. Co-Chair Parrott suggested that the co-chairs raise this issue at the next chair's meeting with Gregory Hunter to see what options there are for providing this service. Mr. Jabari Herbert volunteered to help Ms. Wells with providing summary notes.

Ms. Madeline Wells reported out for this committee. Future Planning meetings will start at 6:30 instead of 6:00 and will end at 8:30 instead of 8:00.

- a. Mr. Larry Rice presented a proposal about funding bicycle lanes on 40th Street. Staff will invite Jason Patton to the next T&T meeting to provide more information about the City's bicycle plan.
- b. Grid Alternatives, a provider of solar panels to low-income homeowners, attended to describe their program and gauge the WOPAC's interest in funding this program for West Oakland. They will return to the next Planning subcommittee with a detailed and formal funding proposal.
- c. Ms. Hui-Chang Li updated the group on the West Oakland façade and tenant improvement programs which were funded with \$225,000 in 2006. All funds will have been spent or committed by the end of the year. She presented before and after pictures of completed projects and requested that the WOPAC vote next month to refund the program at \$250,000.
- d. Madison Park Financial Corporation, the developer of 3900 Adeline Street and 1614 Campbell Street gave updates on these two projects. Ms. Mac Donald will contact MPFC to inquire regarding the status of undergrounding the utilities for these projects.

3. Trees and Transportation Committee

Ms. Karin MacDonald reported out on two main items discussed at the committee.

- a. The committee discussed the opportunity to work with willing recyclers in West Oakland to relocate to the Army Base. Moving the recyclers would free land in Project Area for higher and better uses that are more compatible with surrounding residences and allow recyclers who have outgrown their facilities to continue to grow in better facilities, while remaining in Oakland and generating revenue.

There were three speakers on this item who spoke in support of the WOPAC taking a position to support the relocation of recyclers to the Army Base.

- Mr. George Burt
- Edward Kangeter, Custom Alloy Scraps
- Treva Reid, California Waste Solutions

MOTION by Bruce Beasley, seconded by Jabari Herbert: to send a letter supporting the relocation of recyclers to the Army Base.

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 5

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

- b. A Caltrans consultant presented plans to reconfigure Highway I-880 off- ramps. The Market Street onramp may be cleaned up and the plans do not appear to adversely affect West Oakland.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. WOPAC Vacancies – Prescott/South Prescott Tenant Position

This item was discussed under the CO/ED committee report-out.

2. Action Item: Request for a Façade Improvement grant of \$75,000 for PS Print.

MOTION by Ray Kidd, seconded by Madeline Wells: to recommend funding a façade improvement grant of \$75,000 for PS Print

Ayes: 12

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 5

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project is holding a workshop to solicit opinions from West Oakland residents regarding the City's quality of service on public works functions at 1747 14th Street, on August 14th, 2008, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

X. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND NEW BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

WOPAC Voting Record

WOPAC Meeting Date:

Agenda Item #:

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 Gordon
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 Horiuchi
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 Kidd
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 MacDonald
 Parrott
 Rice
 Wells
 Wyrick-Parkinson

Vacant Prescott/South Prescott Tenant

Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Absent		
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