



TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 10, 2008  
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts  
701 Mission Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
San Francisco, CA

Meeting #012

5:30 p.m.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Jim Lazarus, Chair  
Karen Knowles-Pearce, Vice Chair  
Andrew Baglino  
Adrian Brandt  
Andrew Brooks  
Richard Brooks  
Michael Freeman  
Peter Hartman  
Adrienne Heim  
Michael Kiesling  
Shawn Leonard  
David Milton  
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### 1. **Welcome & Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Lazarus, Chair, at 5:30 pm. A quorum was formed by 10 of the 15 voting members as follows: Jim Lazarus, Andrew Baglino, Richard Brooks, Michael Freeman, Peter Hartman, Adrienne Heim, Michael Kiesling, David Milton, Jane Morrison, and Norm Rolfe. Non-voting member Bob Beck was also present.

### 2. **Approval of May 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Richard Brooks made a motion to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes for the May 13, 2008 meeting and the motion was seconded by Peter Hartman. A vote was called by voice and the motion was unanimously moved and carried.

### 3. **Staff Report – Bob Beck**

Items of interest from the May 2008 TJPA Board of Directors Meeting include:

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- The TJPA Board of Director Meetings date and time are changing from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM. Because of this change, it is possible that the CAC meetings may occur after rather than before the TJPA Board of Directors meeting in a given month. From the poll we took recently, it still appears that our regular CAC meeting date (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month) is best for our CAC members.
- The Pelli-Clarke-Pelli contract was approved. There will be a 3 day kick-off design kick-off meeting with the design team next week to go through the proposed design and approach to design management.

Later this month, the first construction contract will be advertised for the Temporary Terminal. It is expected to be awarded in September and ground breaking in October. The final piece of property needed to build the Temporary Terminal has been acquired.

The July CAC meeting falls soon after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and will be cancelled. Jim Lazarus asked if there was any objection to the cancellation of the July CAC meeting and there was none.

Chair Lazarus asked if there is any public comment on the staff report, and there was none.

### 4. **Historical Resources Study – Joyce Oishi**

Joyce Oishi, Program Coordinator for the Program Management/Program Controls team provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled “TJPA CAC Cultural Resources”. The Transbay Terminal is considered an historic building. Sections in the Final Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/EIR) adopted in April, 2004 and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) executed in June, 2004 specifies how to treat cultural resources within the current Transbay Terminal. The MOA requires consideration of architecturally, historically or socially significant elements within the Terminal that are worthy of salvage or use by museums. The current Transbay Terminal was designed as a “functional” building and with the exception of the addition of some stiffening beams; the Transbay Terminal has not change much since it has been built. Both significant items that are a part of the building, such as handrails, and items that are not attached, such as benches, are being considered. Ms. Oishi reviewed the steps that are being taken to research, categorize, and document salvageable items. In compliance with the MOA, an interpretive exhibit is being considered to be included in the new Transbay Transit Center and there are also discussions with the Oakland

Museum for a similar exhibit. Several ideas on the focus of the exhibits such as historical aspects, traveling as a way of life, and/or transportation systems were mentioned.

Chair Lazarus asked if there were any questions or comments.

Peter Hartman liked the idea of transportation systems as an exhibit focus. He suggested that another topic could be the impact that the current Transbay Terminal has made on San Francisco and how it affected the City and its growth.

Jane Morrison asked if the Key System had come into the Transbay Terminal and Joyce replied that absolutely it had.

Norm Rolfe suggested that the California PUC may have some pictures and Joyce noted it.

Chair Lazarus asked if the public had any comment on this item and there was none.

#### 5. **Archeological Resources – Joyce Oishi**

Ms. Oishi provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Archeology at the Temporary Terminal Site”. Archeological Research Design and Treatment Plans (ARDTP) are needed anytime soil is disturbed and will be prepared for each of the following: Temporary Terminal, Bus Storage, utility relocation / new Transit Center foundation, and the DTX alignment.

A history of the site where the Temporary Terminal will be located was given. During the gold rush, the site was in Yerba Buena Cove and almost was totally submerged under water. There was a single building called Building 22 which was built on stilts. By 1859, the area was almost filled to the Temporary Terminal site. There were two ships visible in photographs from this era, but now it is believed there is nothing left of them. Borings had been done in the area and nothing was found. Even if the ships remain buried at the site, they would be too deep to be disturbed by the Temporary Terminal although they might be disturbed in the future housing development at the site. By 1872 the area was completely filled in. There were some several industrial buildings developed on the site; however, they were leveled by the 1906 earthquake and fire. The Temporary Terminal work will be shallow and is not expected to disturb much material or go to a depth to reach older materials. The TJPA will be implementing a testing program designed to identify any archaeological findings. It is suspected that some glassware or stoneware may be found.

Chair Lazarus asked for questions or comments on the presentation.

Andrew Baglino commented that the research for the Temporary Terminal in this presentation itself would make a good exhibit.

Michael Freeman said it is a great presentation and asked what the plan is for contamination. Joyce replied that they would cap off what is there and grade over. Bob Beck explained that it will be a 8” – 14” cut, that all of the material is class 1 and overall we will do the minimum to affect the site. Jim Lazarus commented that the final developer after the Temporary Terminal will probably have remediation and archeological work to do. Emilio Cruz mentioned that there is a high water table in this area which would have a diluting affect on materials that may have been in the soils.

Chair Lazarus asked if there were any further questions or comments on the presentation and there were none.

## **6. Proposed Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 budget – Nancy Whelan**

Nancy Whelan provided a handout of the draft TJPA budget for fiscal year 2008 – 2009 which was been presented to the TJPA Board of Directors at the May meeting as an informational item and will brought before the Board of Directors in the June meeting for adoption. The TJPA budget is a little different from other budgets in that it is a multi-year fully capital budget. Because of this, the TJPA is concerned about staying within budget for the life of the program, but the year to year budget is less critical as money that is not used in one year can rollover to the next. Ms. Whelan gave an overview the major budget categories. The TJPA has kept their staff small. Currently, they have 8 staff members and plan to fill 6 additional positions which will bring their number up to 14. The large increase in Administrative Expenses is due to this planned addition to staff, and they will be moving to a different floor in the same building with more space. Contractor expenses are about 65% of the Professional and Specialized Services section of the budget. Contracts are approved individually by the Board of Directors, which include the Pelli-Clarke-Pelli contract which was approved by the Board in the May 2008 meeting, and some contracts will be issued earlier then previously anticipated. The Right of Way acquisitions will be completed for Phase 1 and early acquisition for Phase 2 in 2008-2009. There are approximately \$80 million in committee grant revenues. We are constantly looking for money.

Jane Morrison asked how long the Temporary Terminal will be used and Nancy replied for 5 years.

Chair Lazarus asked for questions or comments on the presentation and there were none.

## **7. Public Comment**

Chair Lazarus invited public comment.

A member of the public asked if the TJPA feels that the funds in the long term budget forecast is reliable. Nancy Whelan replied yes, but that the land sales are subject to market fluctuation

Andrew Baglino asked that regarding land sales, is there any way that the Transbay could be handcuffed and not be able to go forward as planned for 10 years similar to the Octavia Boulevard Planning process. Michael Kiesling commented that the Redevelopment CAC is working parallel with the TJPA CAC. Bob Beck mentioned that because the environmental approvals have all been received and the Redevelopment Agency is the controlling planning authority, there should not be any surprises like there were with Octavia Street.

Chair Lazarus asked if there were any further questions or comments on the presentation and there were none.

## **8. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests**

Chair Lazarus asked if there were any further questions or comments or future agenda requests.

Jim Lazarus advised that the High Speed Rail (HSR) bond issue bill AB 3034 is going before the Senate Transportation Committee next week and must pass by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It had passed the lower house by a vote of 60 to 3. He encouraged those present to make their feelings known to their representatives.

Andrew Baglino mentioned the recent news regarding Union Pacific's (UP) comments that it does not want to share its Right of Way with HSR. Jim Lazarus said that it is not a new issue and that he believes that Judge Kopp will help to get it worked out. Some discussion followed regarding the HSR grade separation and that HSR will not physically impact UP freight train movement.

Chair Lazarus asked if there were any further questions or comments or future agenda requests and there were none.

#### **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

#### **10. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Brooks and seconded by Michael Freeman. A vote was called by voice and the motion was unanimously moved and carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Lazarus at 6:55 p.m.

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