

MINUTES

PROPOSITION "O" GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 27, 2008
Room 1500, City Hall East

Members Present: Cynthia M. Ruiz
David Hirano (CAO representative)
Lynne Ozawa (CLA representative)
Michael Mullin (Mayor's Office representative)

Members Not Present: Karen Sisson
David Nahai
Gerry Miller
Nancy Sutley

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

- I. The Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) approved the minutes from the meeting held on January 31, 2008.
- II. Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)/City Administrative Officer (CAO) staff provided a briefing relative to the actions taken by the Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC) and other issues.
 - The COAC met in February and March and at both meetings they heard presentations from the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) about several Proposition O (Prop O) projects.
 - The COAC also discussed having future off-site meetings at project locations and received feedback on this issue from staff.
 - The COAC received a letter from Councilmember Huizar withdrawing the Parking Grove at El Sereno project as a candidate for Prop O funding.
 - The COAC took action at the March meeting to authorize staff to use the Prop O Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation project as a source of matching funds for a \$1.5 million State grant for the Echo Park Lake Boathouse project.

In response to the COAC discussion to have off-site meetings Commissioner Cynthia Ruiz advised that the Board of Public Works had suspended all Community meetings because of the required overtime. Due to budget constraints overtime can only be used in emergency situations.

Lynne Ozawa asked if the Board of Public Works had considered adjusting employee schedules. Commissioner Ruiz advised that the Board is considering this option and using compensated time off to facilitate Community meetings; however, the amount of compensated time is limited. The AOC asked that this information be relayed to the COAC.

- III. BOE Prop O Implementation Manager Kendrick Okuda requested the AOC approve \$1.5 million in in-lake and lake edge improvements within the existing scope of the Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation project as a match for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Echo Park Lake Boathouse project. This will enable RAP to secure a matching grant of \$1.5 million for the \$3 million boathouse. For the record, AOC member Michael Mullin joined the meeting during this item.

A representative from Council District 13, Heather Repenning, stated that her office was pleased with the efforts to declare the Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation project a match for the \$1.5 million State grant. This

Proposition 40 California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) grant will fund improvements to the historic Echo Park Lake Boathouse. The efforts of BOE and RAP were appreciated by her office.

Michael Mullin asked if the whole project or a specific amount would be used as a match. BOE advised that up to \$1.5 million in in-lake and lake edge improvements for the Prop O Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation project will be used as an in-kind match to the State's \$1.5 million Prop 40 CCHE grant.

Darryl Ford of RAP provided the AOC with details on the project. He advised that last year RAP received authority to apply for a \$5 million grant from CCHE and received approximately \$1.4 million. The boathouse is a City and national cultural and historical monument. The project scope includes two phases. Phase 1 covers improvements to the dock and its pilings, and Phase 2 covers structural and aesthetic rehabilitation of the entire boathouse, as well as upgrades to the surrounding lake edge. The CCHE grant will pay for interior and lighthouse improvements, as well as facade and electrical work. The boathouse will be restored to its status as a historical monument, as requested by the neighboring Community.

An AOC member asked if the boats are out on the lake. Several staff members confirmed that there are boats on the lake and that they are a popular attraction.

The AOC approve the motion to identify the Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation project, as a project match for the RAP Echo Park Lake Boathouse project.

IV. BOS Prop O Planning Manager Shahram Kharaghani advised the AOC that Councilmember Huizar requested the Parking Grove in El Sereno project be withdrawn as a candidate for Prop O funding. Funding was secured from other sources and the project has been completed.

V. BOE requested the AOC authorize \$1,233,110.82 in appropriation and fund transfers between projects in order to expend all funds in Prop O Fund 16F prior to July 2008. This action will have no impact on the project budgets or scope.

The AOC approved the motion to authorize the transfer request.

VI. The BOE presented January and February Monthly Reports. BOE highlighted the following:

- South Los Angeles Wetlands Park – On March 25, 2008 the Planning Land Use Management Subcommittee of the City Council was not able to make a recommendation regarding the approval of the special use district for illuminated signs. The matter will go to full Council with 2 recommendations: 1 for and 1 against.
- Peck Park Canyon Enhancement – Two proposals were received; Tetra Tech was selected as the team for this project. A Notice to Proceed will be issued the week of March 31, 2008.
- Machado Lake Phase 1 (Wilmington Drain) and Machado Lake Ecosystem-Water Quality – Consultant selections were completed for both projects and task orders will be issued; one for the first phase and one for the second phase. CDM/Parsons will be the consultant team for both projects and a Notice to Proceed will be issued the week of March 31, 2008. As a result Prop O will have implemented all 26 active projects approved by AOC and COAC.
- Grand Boulevard Tree Wells – Six construction bids were received ranging from \$402,000 to \$555,000, for the construction of seven tree wells. This is within range of the City Engineers' estimate of \$429,000, and within the bid range, allowing BOE to proceed with project award.

Michael Mullin asked if the Taylor Yard estimate shown on page 10 of the February Monthly Report was for project cost or land acquisition. BOE advised that the project cost information was old data and will be removed from the project funding summary. The \$25 million in funding from Prop O is for land acquisition only.

Cynthia Ruiz asked about the selection process for the Machado Lake consultant team. BOE advised that the issuance of a task order solicitation was sent to all twenty-five firms identified on the wastewater and environmental on-call list. Two proposals were submitted, and the selection interviews were conducted by a panel consisting of BOE, BOS, and RAP. Based on a review of the written proposals and the interview process, the CDM/Parsons team was selected.

- VII.** BOS is working with BOE on three accelerated projects required to comply with the Santa Monica Bay Wet Weather Bacterial TMDL: Temescal Canyon Park Stormwater BMP, Penmar Water Quality Improvement and Westchester/LAX Stormwater BMP. Continued coordination with other affected sister agencies such as Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and RAP have resulted in significant progress. BOE stated that during meetings held with LAWA and the FAA an agreement was reached on the conceptual layout alternatives for the Westchester/LAX project, as well as the location of the components of the project. This is a big milestone and will enable BOE to move forward with pre-design activities. The current outstanding issue is funding and how to compensate LAWA. One proposal is to have LAWA share in the cost of treatment. There are no costs for land acquisition in the project budget.

The Temescal Canyon Park Stormwater BMP and Penmar Water Quality Improvement projects have been divided into two parts. Phase 1 is the water quality component. BOE will proceed with pre-design and design and have asked the consultants to accelerate and compress the project schedules down to 7-1/2 months for Temescal and 9 months for Penmar. Phase 2 is the water quality and the reuse component.

An alternative funding proposal was presented for the Fremont High School Garden project. It was reported last month that there was support for the project but no funding was available. There is a \$1 million funding match from the Los Angeles Unified School District, which will expire in December 2008. The cost is approximately \$3.3 million for water quality and \$5.5 million for the entire project. BOS is proposing funding from another source, and submitted a proposal to the Regional Control Board. A meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2008 to request the diversion of funds from one project to another.

- VIII.** There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.