

**CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH
TIDELANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**November 13, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

Members Present: Member Keating, Vice Chair Ellis, Member Fischer

Members Absent: Member Lavan

Staff Present: Assistant City Clerk Malone, City Planner/Management Associate Ayala

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Assistant City Clerk Malone took the roll.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.

Motion by Member Keating

Seconded by Member Fischer

Approved the August 14, 2023, TAC Regular Meeting Minutes.

AYES (3): Member Keating, Vice Chair Ellis, and Member Fischer

ABSENT (1): Member Lavan

Motion Carried (3 to 0)

4.2 SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT IMPERIAL BEACH PIER IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 3.

Rudy Zelaya, Assistant Director with the Engineering/Construction Department at the Port of San Diego gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Zelaya stated that Reyes Construction is the contractor for the project.

Mr. Zelaya stated that the lead agency for Project 3 is the City of Imperial Beach, and they are working with the City of Imperial Beach directly in terms of CEQA and permitting.

Mr. Zelaya explained that the project was accepted into the Port of San Diego's program called the Balance Capital Program formally known as CIP, which approves the funding for the project. In terms of CEQA approval, the Port of San Diego goes through the City.

City Planner/Management Associate Ayala explained that the Port of San Diego is required to apply for a Coastal Development Permit with the City. The City Council who acts as the Planning Commission will approve or deny that request. Any input provided by the TAC the Port of San Diego will work with staff to incorporate. Michelle Chan, Program Manager, Development Services for the Port of San Diego stated that there are no additional CEQA and/or discretionary actions that the Port will need to work on for Project 3 unless there are additional comments from the Coastal Commission. She also explained that as part of the project, piles will be installed to support the new decks, depending on if the Coastal Commission considers that at fill, a portion of the piles may become inundated with water and the Coastal Commission may say mitigation is needed, depending on if it is a CEQA mitigation the project would not be CEQA exempt.

Mr. Zelaya confirmed that the project consists of four piles, two on each of the deck extensions.

In response to Member Fischer's question, City Planner/Management Associate Ayala confirmed that staff has reviewed the project's design and provided comments to the Port, however, as part of the process should the Committee have comments related to the design of the project for the Port to consider this would be the time to present those comments. It was also confirmed by Port staff that the seating is directly under the canopy and will be shaded for portions of the day.

Member Keating expressed concern about people attempting to jump and touch the fins on the canopy and wanted to make sure it is constructed out of something safe. He also expressed that illumination in the project area is important but to consider not having a light on 24/7 because it takes away from the night views of the water and stars. He also stated that there should be consideration of allowing fishing in the shaded area of the project, because it could cause a hinderance in access to the general public.

Member Fisher agreed with Member Keating that the fin material should be something soft.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Ellis adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Audrey Malone
Assistant City Clerk

Joseph Ellis
Vice Chair

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