



Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
Croatian Cultural Center
510 W. 7th Street
San Pedro, California

Presentation by H. Delano Roosevelt on the USS Iowa

The USS Iowa was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's flagship. They are hoping to bring the ship to San Pedro. Their project objective is to establish the world's best and last available battleship, the US Navy's Iowa (BB-61), for educational, historical and financial benefits for San Pedro and the greater Los Angeles area.

Proponents state that berthing of this battleship along the San Pedro waterfront should bring about half a million visitors to the area, add about \$3,500,000 in payroll each year to the local economy, generate sales tax revenues for the city, and generate additional revenues for the surrounding museums and restaurants by bringing new visitors. It is expected to draw Naval and Marine reunions and the other local economic benefits that this would entail. Additionally, the SS Iowa could serve as a disaster control center in the event of an emergency, housing up to 1,500 people. Program components include a "living ship" museum, a research library, public ship tours, K-12 educational opportunities, "at sea" experiences, short-term "live-aboard ship encampments", structured work experiences for specialized youth organizations, and programs designed to enrich at-risk youth. Similar to the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor, free dental and medical clinics will be made available to local residents once each month. The US Government provides de-commissioned naval vessels at no cost to organizations which provide an acceptable permanent (minimum 10-year) berthing, plans for maintenance, refurbishment, towing, environmental permits, curatorial activities and financing for all of the above.

Proponents state that no government financial support will be required and the program is expected to be self-sustaining. Revenues are expected to exceed expenses. Website will be ready to launch soon.

• Sue Castillo made the following motion seconded by Pat Carroll:
The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests and supports the Pacific Battleship Center working with the Port of Los Angeles to bring the USS Iowa to the San Pedro/Wilmington waterfront, as part of our waterfront development.

The motion passed with 13 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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