

MINUTE ITEM

33. PROPOSED LEASE TO PRIVATE INTERESTS BY CITY OF LONG BEACH OF NAVY LANDING - L.B.W.O. 10,192.

Mr. Sieroty noted the presence of Mrs. James P. Crowley, Committee Member of the Citizen's Committee for the Preservation of Public Beaches and Parks, and requested that she be heard by the Commission.

At the request of Chairman Champion, the Executive Officer reported that the question of whether Lands Commission approval was necessary for modification of the Navy Landing as contemplated by the City of Long Beach had been referred to the Office of the Attorney General for report. This action was taken after earlier determinations by staff counsel and the City Attorney of Long Beach (that Lands Commission approval for the proposed modification was not required) had been called into question by citizen presentations at the July 1964 meeting of the Commission. Mr. Jay L. Shawlson of the Attorney General's Office stated that the requested report had not yet been completed.

Mr. Sieroty clarified for the record that the State Lands Commission is vested with jurisdiction and has the power to investigate violation of trust conditions and, in cooperation with the Attorney General, to institute proceedings to enforce compliance if there is misappropriation of revenue in the area.

Mrs. Crowley then read a statement, signed by Mrs. Charlene D. Roberts, Chairman of the Citizen's Committee for the Preservation of Public Beaches and Parks, condemning proposed leasing of the Long Beach Navy Landing to private interests.

The Chairman stated that this item would be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Commission, at which time a report from the Commission's counsel should be available so that a course of action could be determined.