



Seawall Lot 337 Advisory Panel

In October 2007, the San Francisco Port Commission approved the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from development teams, with accompanying development concepts for Seawall Lot 337, a 16-acre site in Mission Bay, at the mouth of China Basin Channel. The Commission also directed that a SWL 337 Advisory Panel be created to review submittals, and make recommendations to the Port Commission for its review and action. The Port is honored to receive the service of the seven members of the SWL 337 Advisory Panel. For more information regarding the SWL 337 Development Opportunity, check out the Port's website: www.sfport.com/swl337.

Ruth Gravanis **Chair, SWL 337 Advisory Panel**



Ms. Gravanis currently serves on the San Francisco Commission on the Environment, and is an environmental consultant. Ms. Gravanis' clients have included the Campaign to Save California Wetlands, the Citizens Committee for the Removal of the Embarcadero Elevated Freeway, the Treasure Island Wetlands Project, and the Alliance for a Clean Waterfront, and the Public Trust Group. Prior to consulting, Ms. Gravanis' was previously with Save San Francisco Bay Association and Friends of the Urban Forest. In addition, Ms. Gravanis has 10 years of experience teaching in the public school system.

Ms. Gravanis is also an active member of the following organizations California Native Plant Society, San Francisco Tomorrow, Golden Gate Audubon Society, Sierra Club, Mission Creek Conservancy, Presidio Environmental Council, San Francisco Natural History Series, Sustainable Watersheds Alliance, Living Classroom Steering Committee at Literacy for Environmental Justice, and San Francisco Planning and Urban Research's Sustainable Development Committee, among others. Ms. Gravanis has received numerous awards for activism and environmental consulting work including from San Francisco Tomorrow, the Sierra Club and the Golden Gate Audubon Society. Ms. Gravanis holds a Master Degree in Education.

Paula Collins **Vice Chair, SWL 337 Advisory Panel**

Ms. Collins is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of WDG Ventures Inc, a real estate development and consulting firm. Some of the company's major projects include Sony Metreon and the Four Seasons Residences and Hotel. Ms. Collins is also founder and Director of Presidio Bank, and founder of Portfolio Real Estate Consulting (PRC), which provides development management services to non-profit and for-profit corporations in support of their commercial and residential real estate projects.

Ms. Collins currently or previously served on the following organizational boards: Special Olympics for Northern California, Yerba Buena Center of



the Arts, Grants for the Arts Committee for the City and County of San Francisco, and Bridge Housing Corporation. Ms. Collins also has received many awards, including Entrepreneur of the Year from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., 1999 Rudy Bruner Award for Excellence in the Urban Environment, the 2007 Silver Spur award from San Francisco Planning and Urban Research, and has been included in the annual list of the most influential business women in the Bay Area for six consecutive years. Ms. Collins holds a Master Degree in City Planning from Massachusetts Institute for Technology and a BA cum laude from the Mount Holyoke College in Urban Studies.

Sarah Karlinsky



Ms. Karlinsky is the Policy Director for the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR); she is responsible for managing SPUR's housing, community planning, regional planning and disaster planning work and for coordinating SPUR's policy efforts. Prior to joining SPUR, Ms. Karlinsky developed affordable housing throughout the Bay Area with Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition. Ms. Karlinsky is a board member of the Transportation and Land Use Coalition and has taught urban planning at San

Francisco State University and to middle school students as a Teach for America Corps member. Ms. Karlinsky holds Master's Degree in Public Policy and Urban Planning from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Tony Kelly

Tony Kelly is the president of the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association, one of the oldest and largest neighborhood associations in the City; he was first elected to the position in 2003. He also serves on the board of the Potrero Hill Association of Merchants and Businesses. He was vice chair of the City of San Francisco Arts Task Force, and now serves on the Port's Southern Waterfront Advisory Committee and the Mayor's Open Space Task Force. Mr. Kelly is a theater director by trade, working with the Thick Description company on Potrero Hill and at other professional theaters in New York, Pittsburgh, San Jose, Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, and San Francisco.



Amy Neches



Ms. Neches is a Senior Project Manager for the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency; overseeing the Mission Bay, Yerba Buena and Rincon Point-South Beach Redevelopment Plan areas. In 1998, Ms. Neches was one of the City's lead negotiators in the entitlement of the 303-acre Master Plan for Mission Bay.

Previous to this position, Ms. Neches spent three years in the affordable housing development and finance field, and six years in the investment banking field, with her last title being Vice President at Solomon Smith Barney, concentrating in mortgaged and asset backed securities. Ms. Neches is a member of the Urban Land Institute and the Lambda Alpha International and holds Master Degree in Business Administration from Yale University.

John S. Rahaim

Mr. Rahaim is the newly appointed Director of the San Francisco Planning Department. Mr. Rahaim is responsible for overseeing long range planning, development entitlements and environmental review for physical development projects in the City, as well as directing major initiatives which include several comprehensive neighborhood plan updates, a city-wide historic resource survey and updates to the San Francisco Master Plan.



Prior to this appointment, Mr. Rahaim was Planning Director for the City of Seattle, a position he held for five years. Mr. Rahaim was also the founding Executive Director of CityDesign, Seattle's office of Urban Design; and the Executive Director of the Seattle Design Commission. Prior to his tenure in Seattle, Mr. Rahaim was with the City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning. Mr. Rahaim holds a Master Degree in Architecture from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and BS in Architecture from the University of Michigan.

Michael E. Willis, FAIA, NOMA



Mr. Willis founded Michael Willis Architects in 1988. His architecture, urban design and interiors firm located in San Francisco, Oakland, Portland and Detroit has built a national reputation with its experience on large public projects that include the architectural design of the \$100 million MUNI Metro Maintenance Facility, the multiple award-winning Hallidie Plaza BART Elevator, and the latest expansion of San Francisco's Moscone West Convention Center. Most recently, the firm is completing work on the Treme/Lafitte and Tulane/Gravier Homebuilding project in New Orleans which will replace existing multifamily buildings that were vacated after Hurricane Katrina. More than 525 living units will finish construction by December 2010.

Mr. Willis served as past chapter secretary, a former director, and President of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA SF) in 1995. He was elevated to Fellowship in 1996. Mr. Willis chaired the AIA Professional Interest Area national council, served on the AIA Regional and Urban Design Committee, been a juror for the 2005 AIA Austin and New England design awards, and served as the Chair for the 2005 AIA Urban Design Awards. Mr. Willis has served on the Technical Advisory Committee for Mission Bay and the Design Review Committee for CCSF Chinatown campus.