

Dan Wilkens, Executive Vice President, stated that in the opinion of staff, and while not speaking for the Coastal Commission, the District did not agree with the public comment regarding the need to amend the Port Master Plan. Mr. Wilkens further explained that in staff's view the Port Master Plan was appropriately amended with the original north Embarcadero visionary plan and in effect, the entitlements were recently refreshed. Mr. Wilkens stated staff included a 2.0 floor area ratio (FAR) guideline in the Master Plan and the proposed structure was well within the FAR. Mr. Wilkens stated staff will consult the stakeholders and would do its best to try and incorporate the stakeholders' suggestions into this design as it moves forward. He requested the Board direct staff to move forward.

Commissioner Black stated she hoped to be a Commissioner that understands the economics of strategic investments, but in these matters the District and CCDC could not do it alone. Commissioner Black stated she was also concerned about the construction of the pedestrian bridge however that was not the matter under discussion. Commissioner Black re-stated the need for communication between the North Embarcadero partners and encouraged the continuation of discussions to avoid becoming a city that is labeled mediocre. Commissioner Black withdrew her motion, and stated she would not support the staff recommendation.

Chair Rios stated that there was validity in both sides of the discussion; however she supported moving forward with the staff recommendation. Chair Rios stated that the District had completed a lot to reach this point, and while the City of San Diego would like a different structure or design, it was the City of San Diego and the San Diego region that would greatly benefit from the Board's decision to move forward.

Commissioner Bixler stated the project is important for the San Diego region and made a motion to support the resolution and also instructed staff to send a direct invitation to those members of the public who addressed the Board to work with the District in a public way so their input would be captured. Commissioner Bixler concluded his remarks by stating that as we move ahead this is actually a fine day for San Diego. Commissioner Spane seconded the motion.

On motion of Commissioner Bixler, seconded by Commissioner Spane, the Board, adopted **Resolution 2007-145**, Resolution Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Bermello Ajamil and Partners, Inc. for additional professional design services for Broadway Pier Cruise Ship Terminal Improvements in the amount of \$562,507 for a new total of \$1,262,507 and extend the term by one year to June 6, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas-Bixler, Cushman, Najera, Rios, Spane, Valderrama; Nays-Black; Excused-None; Absent-None; Abstained-None.