

Project Timeline – Port City Oranjestad

1995 – First (urban) plans for the transformation of the cargo port area; for two decades multiple plans were drawn up and reviewed by various governments; the common line has been an approach of a balanced ratio of Public Park versus the development of the commercial real estate.

January 2008 – Declaration of shared intention between Land Aruba / APA on conditions for the redevelopment of the Oranjestad port area.

March 2014 – Official decision to invest and develop Barcadera as a (container) cargo port.

February 2016 – Relocation of the cargo port.

November 2016 – Former cargo port area demolished.

December 2016 – Area vision and design principles prepared by APA / Port of Amsterdam International presented and approved by the Parliamentary Commission and the Government of Aruba.

May 2017 – Assignment for design Urban Development Plan awarded to Oever & Zaaier (OZ) Architect.

May 2017 – Start of the jointly project team APA, PoAI, DIP, DOW.

June 2017 – First sketches and impressions of the area by OZ shared at international cruise conference on Aruba (PAMAC)

July 2017 – Update Minister of Infrastructure & the Infrastructure Team (based on the first OZ sketches and impressions)

July 2017 – Meeting Min of Infrastructure & the Infrastructure Team on Concept Urban Development plan by OZ; information session and consultation of various involved stakeholders, private/public and NGOs.

October 2017 – Phase 1, Concept Provisional Design Urbanism plan, work-in-progress

January 2018 – Phase 2 Detailing of the Provisional Design of the Urban Development Plan, elaboration of Appearance Direction Plan, Parcel Passports, , still work-in-progress

January 2018 – Presentation of the Provisional of the Urban Development Plan, work-in-progress to the Ministers of Tourism / Ports and Infrastructure.

February 2018 – Market analysis and socio-economic impact analysis by MGM Source; in collaboration with the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA)

May 2018 – Bridge document, adjustments, specifications in the plan, intended phasing starting from the West Side (Bushiri Beach).

July 2018 – APA delivered complete set of Provisional Urban Development Plan, Concept Business Plan and all attachments.

August 2018 – Approval of the Ministers for Tourism / Ports and Infrastructure by continuing to work out the masterplan.

October 2018 – Presentation to Parliamentary Commission.

December 2018 – Presentation of the Council of Ministers.

February 2019 – Decision of the Council of Ministers for approval of the Master Plan; press release Minister of Tourism and Ports.

July 2019 – The decision of the Council of Ministers for approval of the conditions for issuing commercial plots in sublease by APA.