

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – December 14, 2011 (as amended)

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Thomas Dahlgren, at 6:04 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Avenue, Wilmington.

Pledge of Allegiance by Chair Thomas Dahlgren

“As provided by the Brown Act, persons in the audience may address the neighborhood council on any issue they may have during the public comment period or when public comments are solicited during the discussions of an agenda item. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes, unless otherwise allowed by the chair person. Speakers may address the council as a group. Any personal derogatory remarks to a specific council member or persons in the audience will not be tolerated. Anyone desiring to speak please fill out a speakers card found on the back table and hand it a council member or the Council’s Secretary.”

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (15) confirming a quorum:

Present: Jack Babbitt, Thomas Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Jacqueline Garcia, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan Prichard, Glenda Sands, Ivan Sulic, Patricia Sullivan, Nelson C. Williams, Jr.,
Late: Juanita Naranjo, Annabel Romero, Patrick Wilson
Absent: Socorro Fimbres
Excused: Marisela Caraballo, Susan Ogle,

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings:

October minutes (Ethington/Jasso) passed 11-0-4
November minutes (Ethington/Hernandez) passed 8-0-8

Board Member Salvador Lara announced publicly that he would be resigning his position with the WNC.

3. Los Angeles Police Department/ Port of Los Angeles Department:

LAHD – Ofcr. Ramirez:
Street Vendor Task Force
6 mobile vendors contacted – 2 shut down
Anahiem/Foote – has not returned
Anaheim/Sandison – did have permit
Mobile Catering Trucks – LAMC allows to stay in one spot
One hour in commercial area
Half an hour in residential area
Another planned with the new year
Junk Yards –
Seeing a lot of trash, illegal dumping on the west side of FarEast Wilmington
Assisting with ILWU Thanksgiving basket give-away
Maya Restaurant/Gamboia family – fed homeless on 11/26
Harbor Commission working to present a certificate

4. **Government Representatives:**

CD15 – Celina Luna / (310) 732-4515 - celina.luna@lacity.org

Holiday Parking – CD15 providing free holiday parking from 12/10-31. Note – parking 2-hour time limit will still be enforced.

Wilmington Community Benefit Trust Fund – Thank you Tom Dahlgren

Tree trimming project approved – begun this week and to finish by end of January.

Boundaries – N/“L” St., S/Anaheim St., E/Eubank Ave., W/Broad Ave.

Bus Bench Installation – Thank you Jack Babbitt

Office of Community Beautification accepted application – expect installation to begin in early 2012

Excessive Outdoor Advertising

Street Use notified – five (5) stores and an offsite banner salesman cited

Please call with an address if you know of a problem

High Level Graffiti Removal – 12’ or higher

Office of Community Beautification cleaned Avalon Blvd. for Holiday Parade

Will return in early 2012

Please submit locations

Parking Meter Removal – Permanent

Former Councilwoman Hahn introduced this motion. Will be scheduled for appropriate committee as soon as we know the outcome of the 1/17 election.

SCIG EIR Comment Period Extension

Comments on proposed train terminal’s draft EIR have been delayed until 2/1/12

Board Comments:

Medina – Please have striping update and pipeline fund update for 1/12 meeting

Garcia – 1424 BayView – owners appears to be collecting trash

Hernandez – PCH – trees need trimming at their bases

Prichard – why/digging in recently slurried street – water main broke

Assemblyman Warren Furutani

Congratulations on your 10th Anniversary and being oldest NC in Los Angeles

As you know democracy does not always go smoothly. WNC’s staying power gives tribute to your pioneering ways.

Provided certificate to Toni O’Donnell, WNC 1st President (Pictures)

Signalization of PCH/Sanford operational

PCH needs a sign warning drivers of upcoming signal

5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

Katie Bachler, 2218 Princeton Ave., LA 90026 – 323-514-5167 katiebachler@gmail.com

Involved with Slanguage on Avalon Blvd.

Would like to work on and with a community garden project

Cancer memorial project at the pocket park at Figueroa/”E” Street

Thanked group for participating in clipping effort.

Board Comments:

Garcia – Wilmington Middle School garden

Prichard – create hanging gardens for “poles” along Avalon Blvd.

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- Reymundo Saucedo, 310-831-1799 or 310-365-7135 rsaucedo@mail.house.gov
Wilmington representative for Congressman Janice Hahn
Has lived in Wilmington entire life (Cruces neighborhood)
Congresswoman appointed to Homeland Security Commission
Open House on January 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Small Business Listening Tour to be scheduled
- Faviola Niño, 1303 Broad Avenue, 310-8350-4673, fpnotary@aol.com
Continual tagging of her walls/windows
Community needs to set up cameras to catch these hoodlums
Sidewalk in front of home has buckled – mother/friends have fallen
City needs to invest in Avalon Blvds. beautification
- Claudia Isbell/Flor Rodriguez, Day Labor program, 1301 Figueroa Pl., 310-663-1103
Operate using a portable power generator 6a-3p
30-40 works/day
Currently in need of tarps for rain days
Trying to obtain permission to remain on site
3yr temporary permit expired – unable to renew
Options to be considered
Becoming a community center with classes, workshops
Board Comments:
Sands – is CD15 trying to help?
Williams – What are your monthly expenses?
- Don Compton – 233 East “M” Street, Wilmington, (310) 830-5905 after 4pm
Acting Public Lobbyist of proposed East Neighborhood Council (ENC)
Watson Yard – carcinogenic area
- Laura Espinoza, 1018 Marine Ave., #C, 310-834-3242, madresdewilmington@gmail.com
Hope referrals are addressed
Residents concerned about Harry Bridges School/want to rally
Met at Avalon High earlier today
Dissuaded from marching
Informed needed an objective.
Feel management has lied to community
New recycling business – need a list of such Wilmington businesses

6. Presentations:

Nodal Seismic – Cancelled

7. Action Items:

- a. Adame appointment delayed until January meeting
Ms. Adame unable to attend due to medical situation
- b. Motion - Ethington/Hernandez “*that the WNC support the creation of a “Rail Quiet Zone” through Wilmington to stop railroad operators from sounding horns.*”
Passed – 17-0-0
- c. NC Election Alternatives – Moreno led group in answering the following questions.
- d. Referred CVS-CUP to WNC’s Land-Use & Planning Committee

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8. Informational Items:

- a. Angels Gate Park/Korean Bell – “Ring in the New Year” on December 31

9. Report of Officers - None

10. Reports by Standing Committees - None

11. Unfinished Business

- a. WNC’s response to SGIC delayed until January, 2012 meeting as deadline for comments extended to February
- b. WNC’s response to PCAC – Rancho LPG item to be addressed at January meeting

12. Announcements

Williams – Harbor Regional Budget Advocate
Planning for Mayor’s Budget Day
Need input by January 20
Please email ideas ASAP

13. WNC’s – 10th Anniversary party sponsored by:

California Sulfur
Fastlane Transportation
Cupcakes provided by LAHC’s Culinary Dept.

14. Adjourn at 7:37 p.m. to celebrate WNC’s 10th Anniversary

Next meeting will be January 26, 2012 @ 6:00 PM

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary
with support of Venilda Castro, Admin Support Officer

Approved by Tom Dahlgren, Chair