

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – October 27, 2010

(as corrected)

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Tom Dahlgren 6:10 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

“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.”

The Council regularly attempts to provide a Spanish speaking translator. Chair Dahlgren indicated there were no translation services available at present. Someone did arrive shortly after the announcement.

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Dahlgren

Roll Call of Governing Board Members (11) confirming a quorum.

Present: Marisela Caraballo, Tom Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Jacqueline Garcia, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Ana Medina, Susan Ogle, Susan M. Prichard, Patricia Sullivan, Patrick Wilson

Late: Bobby McNeel, Annabell Romero

Excused: Jack Babbitt, Robert Jasso, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Nelson Williams

Absent: Socorro Fimbres, Arthur Hernandez

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting

Motion (Ogle/Medina) the Minutes of September 22, 2010 be approved as corrected

Change - Patricia Sullivan was excused not absent.

Passed (9-0-2)

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

Officer Garcinela/LAPD

Residential Burglary – crimes of opportunity

Three (3) off of Lomita Blvd. – someone is watching the area, lock windows/doors

Business Theft

One (1) business on Avalon Blvd. – Suspect caught/under the influence

Three (3) Community Issues

1 – Youth killed at the Avalon/”Q” Street Intersection

Was not random – either he or another person were targeted

2 – Recent Criminal Round-Up

800 Law Enforcement Officers involved

Culmination of three (3) year investigation

58 or the 61 arrested will be facing federal criminal charges

Should be in jail for at least 10 years each

3 – Illegal Vendor Task Force yesterday

County Health Department impounded 200 lbs of food

Board Comments

Prichard – Status of 1300 Block “I” Street incident?

Hawaiian Avenue administration feels “illegal” products being sold to children

Medina – Times article indicating Wilmington houses a disproportionate number of sex offenders in the community.

Parole Board sends these people to the least populated area of the County

Must stay 1000’ from either a school or green space.

Each case situation is specific to that individual

Officer Morris/LAHD

Not present because of a large incident in the San Pedro area.

4. Public Comment

Shirley Joan Thompson (310-948-2436) – Sherriljean@aol.com

Representing her son who is the music teacher at Wilmington Middle School

Has built a wonderful program during his six (6) year tenure

270 students strong

Drill Team, Marching Band, Advanced Orchestra

All have uniforms

Needs \$3500 for buses

Needs suggestions as to where to look.

Richard Diaz, 310-835-8864

Concerned about the lack of cleanliness

business areas and parking lots around town.

Maricela Zavala, zavalam0623@yahoo.com

History teacher at Wilmington Middle School

Also sponsors the school’s Debate Club

Will conduct their annual

Wilmington Pride Project on February 25, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Looking for community leaders to participate in this effort

How students and their families can become involved in community

Show positive side of Wilmington

Need financial support – portable cameras, film development

Victor Medina, Gang Alternatives Program – victor.medina@gangfree.org

Request funds to support the annual

Sunday, December 19 at Banning’s Landing

5. Government Representatives

Celina Luna, Councilwoman Hahn’s office

Recent Activities:

1. Dana Strand – Senior Apartments – 100 Units

Will be complete by March 2012

People interested in residency

Cristina Barrett – 408-984-5600

2. CRA Groundbreaking of Alameda/”E” Street Project

Cost - \$800,000

Landscaping/Decorative Art Work

Potential Industries – Upkeep

3. BNSP/Hahn meeting tomorrow
Discuss - Quiet Zone cost
4. 10/30 Initiative
Ricardo Hong/Mayor Villaraigosa's Office
Presentation – will need 10/15 minutes
5. Neighborhood Council Presidents/Hahn
Meeting tomorrow
Need to set community priorities for coming fiscal year

Board Comments

- Kern – Dana Strand vacant parcels – status
Next program – private/for sale homes
Expect to begin within the next two (2) years
Market driven
- Caraballo – DONE representation
Concerned no one assigned to WNC
Currently person of the day answers questions
- Lara – UP area at Anaheim/Sanford – needs cleaning
- Wilson – Business signage
Needs City Enforcement

Community Comments

- Gladys Hands
Wilmington Pipeline Funds - \$300,000 yearly
San Pedro was allocated \$12,500 – why not Wilmington
Response – Mayor took these funds during last fiscal year
Not this year
These funds designated for Public Works Improvements
Dahlgren – WNC's Public Works Committee needs to address
Ms. Romero agreed to help on this committee

6. Action Items

- a. Planning & Land Use Committee – No action taken
 - i. A vote on whether to approve the proposed sign and marquee for the new school at Broad Avenue and L Street will be addressed at the next WNC meeting in November
 - ii A vote on whether to approve two new 7-11 stores to be located in existing mini-malls will be addressed at the next WNC meeting in November.
- b. Gateway & Beautification Committee
Motion (Ogle/Lara) that the WNC invoked Section 54954.2 (b) 1 & 2 of the Brown Act to publicly identify a time sensitive matter that needs immediate action, and requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Board to hear and take action on the matter.
Passed (11-0-0)
Wilson stepped down from WNC to make presentation regarding Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative's "Maintenance Matching Fund"
Motion (Ogle/Lara) that the WNC write a letter to LANI supporting Fast Lane Transportation Company's "Maintenance Matching Fund" application.
Public Comment – Sofia Carrillo 310-493-899) sofiamilo@sbcglobal.net
Wants to make sure no WNC funds are being used to support this effort
Passed (11-0-0)

- c. Executive Committee Motions – no action taken
These items to be reassessed due to time constraints

7. Presentations

- a. Donna Ethington – “Resident’s Quick Reference Guide”
History – Transportation Committee was working on Parking Enforcement issues
Loop Hole between Building & Safety and Department of Building & Safety
enforcement abilities
This caused concern and Committee membership decided to create this reference guide
for all common community concerns.

At WNC’s September meeting, new Board member Romero agreed to help with Spanish translation. Subsequently her sister and two friends studying to be court interpreters have volunteered to translate the document. It should be finished by our November meeting.

RECESSS – Burritos from Rick’s, Anaheim/King Intersection

8. Report of Officers

- President – Dahlgren
 - November Meetings
 - Executive Committee – November 10
 - Board Meeting – November 17
 - December Meetings
 - Executive Committee – December 1
 - Board Meeting – December 8
 - Caraballo - Historically our December meeting has been held to commemorate the WNC certification in 2000.
 - January meeting
 - Open Forum – Requests topic suggestions
 - Kern – Must inform community of this meeting
- Secretary – Prichard
 - DASH bus route petition
 - Need to know who is collecting

9. Reports of Standing Committees

- Gateway & Beautification – Prichard
 - Dana Strand representation will pass along information regarding bus benches to their management
 - Dahlgren discussed need for membership to sign up for committee assignments
 - Kern suggested we ask community representation to join committees
- PCAC – Dahlgren
 - USS Iowa – support effort to locate in LA Harbor

10. Wilmington Marina Planning Study Steering Committee

- Community Meeting on Thursday, November 4, WilHall Park

11. CRA Wilmington Redevelopment Plan Amendment Steering Committee

Affordable Housing was discussed at last meeting

November 18 – Blight report to be presented

Kern – community needs to be aware that the CRA is not a panacea for its ills

CRA no longer uses its “right of condemnation” to acquire property

12. Unfinished Business - None

13. New Business - None

14. Reports from Caucus Groups

Recreation – Garcia

SW Youth Soccer – Respond to Survey – top 7 entrants will win \$5,000

Deadline – November 30

Please encourage all Wilmington residents to participate

Education – Prichard

Handed out School roster

Residents – Ethington

Coastal Clean Up – 2T of garbage collected from Dominguez Channel

15. Members-At-Large Caucus

Romero – LA Times Article

Provided a copy for everyone

16. Announcements

Caraballo – October 30 – Happy Harbor Halloween – Promenade/San Pedro Noon-3p.m.

Harry Bridges Improvements – See provided Handout

Wilson – Chamber Mixer – Tomorrow night at Wilmington Cemetery

Wear a costume – free; Otherwise - \$5 entry fee

Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Next meeting will be November 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Tom Dahlgren, Chair