

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – July 28, 2010

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

Meeting will formally begin with the arrival of Councilwoman Hahn, as the Board has yet to be placed in office.

Chair Moreno informed those present that there was a English/Spanish interpreter available for those needing translation.

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (14) confirming a quorum.

Present: Jack Babbitt, Marisela Caraballo Tom Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Arthur Hernandez, Jacqueline Garcia, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan M. Prichard, Patricia Sullivan
Excused: Bobby McNeel, Nelson Williams and Patrick Wilson
Absent: Socorro Fimbres

2. Los Angeles Police Department/Port of Los Angeles Police Department - Officer Garcenila

Three burglaries in recent past – 2 commercial (1 of which was caught) one residential – crime of opportunity (door was open)

Officer involved shooting – McDonald/West “E” Street, burglar attacked officer – beat into unconsciousness (recovering). Partner shot (died in hospital) suspect when did not stop beating officer.

Motor officer involved in accident – Avalon/ West “E” Street – everyone OK

Harbor Division working with Rec&Parks to bring Health Fair to town

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack Babbitt

The following statement was read: “As provided by the Brown Act, person in the audience may address the committee in connection with any agenda item or during the public comments period. Anyone desiring to speak please complete a speaker card and submit it to the secretary.”

3. Public Comment

Mary Gant (m_gant@hotmail.com), Sharefest

Read letter from Ms. Awtry, Principal, Avalon High School

Letter was included in ShareFest’s July newsletter

“largest graduating class, highest percentage of proficiency on California High School Exit Exam”

Youth Development Academy at CSUDH program begins Monday, August 2

177 – 6/7/8 grade – students

Physical learning, creative writing, swimming lessons, soccer, community involvement program (Just One) –

D. C. Chavez, Publicity Committee Chair, ILWU, Local 13

Asking for letter of support from WNC to Tesoro

Recently hired a new contractor – Savage - Not using ILWU members

Provided “Open Letter to the Community” to Board members

4. Government Representatives

Janice Hahn, Councilwoman, CD15, City of Los Angeles

Thanked those present for volunteering

Aside (fan is noisy – will be asking Ms. Luna to request that it be fixed)

Wilmington first Neighborhood Council to be certified!

This NC is a good model

Her vision was similar to the way WNC functions

All parts of community represented

Celina Luna, her representative, enjoys working with WNC

Her office relies on our input – let us know your community concerns

Recent community improvements

Banning Park – paths and baseball diamond

Drum Barracks – roof and trying to acquire adjacent property

Signals – synchronization – tied into downtown Los Angeles computers

If WNC would like to visit ADSAC central, let Ms. Luna know

Signal at Banning/PCH – worked with Assemblyman Furutani and CalTrans

Community Clean-Ups

Pivotal Time for Neighborhood Councils citywide

She was part of the 1997 Charter Reform Committee

Voters approved City Charter amendment to create Neighborhood Council – 1999

Crossroads now – City budget required cutback everywhere

City department personnel may not be able to attend night meetings

Mayor suggested merge of Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) with

Community Development Department (CDD)

She as well as Chair, Paul Kirkorian, Education? Council Cmte.

Against merge – trying to reinstate

Five (5) positions reallocated

ILWU, Local 13

Met with Tesoro's CAO last week

Former contractor's staff not allowed to apply for new contractpr

Met with Plant Manager, David Reed, and ILWU, Local 13 repts.

Mr. Reed agreed to see if he could intervene

Continue to work on:

BNSF Quiet Zone

Signalization of PCH/Sanford

Illegal Vendors

Illegal Dumping

Installation of new Board

All asked to stand and raise right hand and agree to the following –

Ask Celina for this document.

5. Election of Officers – election conducted by Secretary, Susan M. Prichard

Motion Kern/Hernandez - Chair – Tom Dahlgren – **(Passed 14-0-0)**

Following this vote, Mr. Dahlgren began to act as Chair of the WNC

Motion Kern/Hernandez – Vice-Chair – Moreno – **(Passed 14-0-0)**

Motion Kern/Ogle - Treasurer – Patrick Wilson – **(Passed 14-0-0)**

Motion Kern/Dahlgren - Secretary – Susan M. Prichard – **(Passed 14-0-0)**

6. COPE Preparedness Report and LA Floodplain Management Plan - None

7. Action Items

a. Funding Requests

i. Harbor Christian Center - \$250 – National Night Out

Motion (Babbitt/Moreno) to table this authorization due to DONE's concern over fund availability **(Passed 12-0-0)**

Presentation by Joan Davis

National Night Out – August 3, 6-9 p.m.

Pot-Luck, Harbor Christian Center, 1551 Wilmington Blvd.

Honor Three officers from each – LAPD, LAPP, LAFD-#38

Comedian – Gil Escovel

Art Hernandez, representing Alegra Club (Wilmington Senior Center) donated \$150

ii. VFW Post 2967- Withdrew request for LED Message Center

b. Planning and Land Use Committee

Motion (Committee/Babbitt) *that a letter be sent to the Los Angeles City Department of Planning and Council Office 15 requesting that the Planning Department notify the WNC when there is a request for a change of status of or and application for a Certificate of Occupancy filed within the WNC boundaries.* **(Passed – 14-0-0)**

c. Transportation Committee

Motion (Committee/Moreno) *“that a letter be sent to the Metro Board in support of the Metro 30/10 Initiative, including the proposed policy for evaluating and addressing transit project cost increases as amended by the Metro Board on July 24.”*

(Passed 14-0-0)

Discussion – Ethington – Chair/Transportation Committee

Voters approved Measure R, a 30-year ½-Cent Sales Tax to improve transportation options in Los Angeles County

Metro's 30/10 initiative would accelerate 12 transit projects through federal loans and bond sales to be repaid with the ½-Cent Sales Tax, and by borrowing from the Measure R highway funds.

One project – extension of Green Line to LAX, future to Torrance which would help with Harbor SubDivision connection.

Public Comment – Don Compton

Feels the Gold Line extension into the Harbor area would be better for the community

d. PCAC Items

i. Election of PCAC Co-Chair

Two names in nomination – June Burlingame Smith and Ken Melendez

Motion (Moreno/Ogle) WNC's PCAC representatives vote for Ken Melendez

(Passed 12-1-1)

Discussion – All WNC members representing WNC at various community bodies should not vote without authorization from the voting body. This should extend to votes on the WNC. Members should not vote on Action Items without input from their caucus members.

ii. USS Iowa Battleship Motion by San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee

Presentation by Robert Kent, Board Director (robtkent@gmail.com)

Last battleship built in 1943

Four remaining – Missouri (Pearl Harbor), New Jersey (New Jersey),

Midway (San Diego), Iowa (?)

8. Action Items - continued

These ships were decommissioned and recommissioned as deemed necessary

Korean War, Vietnam War

Iowa's Battleship Board – impressive

Includes grandson of President Roosevelt

Organization has 501©(3) status

Navy would be loaning Iowa to group

Groups application is due in November, 2010

Funding – Total \$33M, from \$8.5M – NAVSEA, \$24.5M development

Need – 10 year lease commitment from Port

Location – prefer San Pedro - more of a destination at this time

Discussion:

Kern - Would consider Wilmington with the waterfront improvements

Jasso – Midway has never moved since docking in San Diego

Hernandez – would prefer air craft carrier

Public Comment:

Glenda Sands (310-834-4321) – does not support

Do we want another Queen Mary?

Richard Diaz (310-835-8854)

Doubt could be self-supporting

No help to Wilmington

Do not feel people would pay to park to see Iowa.

9. Information Items - None

Break for Refreshments

10. Report of Officers

Secretary

Correspondence:

Chamber of Commerce Installation – after the fact

City Clerk – Certified WNC Election

11. Reports by Standing Committee

Gateway & Beautification Committee – August 3, Noon, Municipal Building

Land Use & Planning Committee – August 4 – Noon – Senior Center

Transportation Committee – continue to work on Quiet Zone, will send revised letter to Dahlgren

PCAC – Last meeting was long on information

12. Wilmington Marina Planning Study Steering Committee – Garcia/Prichard

Next public workshop – Saturday, September 11, 10a-12:30p. – WilHall

Garcia feels most input from outsiders and owners of marinas

Prichard agrees but feels this is because most residents do not know marinas exist in Wilmington

New road would change this.

Moreno – encourage residents to attend next public meeting

13. CRA Wilmington Development Plan Amendment Steering Committee – Dahlgren

Last meeting mainly informational

CRA has selected EIR consultant – first will do blight study

Asked membership to look at setback requirements for houses, apartments

Provided questionnaire as to how membership felt about various planning aspects

Discussion:

Feels WNC reps. should be leery of CRA “steering” decisions

Concern about eminent domain

14. Unfinished Business - None

15. New Business

Moreno – WNC vacancies

People interested should complete application and submit for consideration

Need by Executive Board meeting – Wednesday, August 18

Church (1), Members-at-Large (2), Parliamentarian (1), Residence (2), Youth (1)

16. Reports from Caucus Groups

Port – Caraballo

Will provide information

Education – Prichard

Only one (Gulf Avenue) year-round school remains – classes begin August 2

All others begin September 13, Offices staffed as of August 2

17. Members-At-Large Caucus

Hernandez – Thinks Broad/PCH signalization has helped

Now need to work on PCH/Sanford signalization

18. Announcements from Governing Board Members

Lara – August 7 – 6:30 p.m. – Banning Park – Bike Ride

September 25 – Community Clean Up

Targeting Lomita Blvd – Eubank to Alameda

Moreno – August 19 – 6:30 p.m. – Banning Residence Museum

Concert – Celebrating Phineas Banning’s Birthday

Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be August 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Tom Dahlgren, Chair