

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – January 27, 2010 (approved as corrected)

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:09 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

Ms. Moreno indicated there was a translator present. If anyone present needs translation services, she will help. We would not have any electronic display of information because no one brought a computer.

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.”

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

Present: Jack Babbitt, Marisela Caraballo, Tom Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Jacqueline Garcia, Arthur Hernandez, Ramon Iniguez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Bobby McNeel, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Marcus Perez, Susan M. Prichard, Patricia Sullivan, Nelson Williams and Patrick Wilson

Absent: Socorro Fimbres, Hank Osterhoudt

2. Approval of April minutes. (M/S –Medina/Lara) **Passed: 19-0-0 with corrections**

Page 3 – Question of Griego by Ethington

If split, can board member remain on existing WNC if member's residential stakeholder group incorporated in new NC boundaries? Griego response – no change in eligibility requirements, i.e. live, work, etc

3. Los Angeles Police Department/Port of Los Angeles Police Department
Officer Garcenila, LAPD – Harbor Division

Violent Crime down

Robbery up – However, one less on the street as of today

Crime wise – nothing significant happening in the Wilmington community

Flooding – last week were some areas in Wilmington, but nothing like San Pedro

Illegal Vendors – 2 Task Force operations with County Health this month

476 pounds of food confiscated

36 carts impounded

Officer Morris, Port Police

Thanks to GAP and Port Police Association for helping with successful Toy Giveaway at Banning's Landing on December 20, 2009

Worked with LAPD on Harry Bridges and “C” Street (Neptune to Hawaiian) Flooding

Report all potholes to 311 and/or CD15/Luna

Several Board members reported problems

Homeless Winter Shelter – Operational from 12/1 through 3/31 – 1-800-548-6047

Skipped to 5 because Celina Luna, CD15 had another function to attend

Budget - \$200 million deficit must be found to balance this year's budget

\$400 million deficit projected for 2010-2011 budget

Everything is on the table

Reopening union contracts

Laying off 1000 personnel

Sweeping non-encumbered funds

Privatization of some City services

Charging Non-Profits for City support

Personnel Furloughs

Pension Reforms

Paying more for Health benefits

Council District 15 – continued

Neighborhood Council elections

Currently scheduled on the same day as governmental elections

Some Harbor Area NC's are concerned about turnout due to confusion

BNSF – Responded to CD15 letter indicating they “will continue operation of yard”

Feels City of LA and Wilmington residents should seek funding for a Quiet Zone

Oversize Vehicle ordinance

Will be heard in Council this Friday, January 29

Thanked WNC for its community impact statement

Change verbiage – which will give City Council and DOT discretion on sign location

Letter sent to Chief Beck, LAPD, asking for return of Wilmington's Graffiti car

What is the Graffiti HotLine Number (Ogle) – 311 or 888-292-9323

Leadership Wilmington Program – CD15/Chamber/Port

Operational April – June, 2010, will meet every two weeks on Tuesday evening

Open to Wilmington stakeholders, at least 16 years of old and older

Applications due March 15. Letter of Recommendation *required for those under age 16.*

Neighborhood Prosecutor – Ethington? When can we expect replacement?

CD15 needs Trutanich's response – may have to share with another area due to budget

CRA Appointment – Hernandez?

Currently reviewing submissions – large response

4. Public Comment

Drew Wood, Temple City

Would like some direction on how to find organizations that are involved in

Community-based research regarding air quality in schools

Gary Sands, Resident

Thanked Warren E&P for the way company is keeping Anaheim clean

Feels WNC should write a letter to company

Thanked Preferred Freezer Service for the way company is keeping “L” St. clean

Feels WNC should write a letter to company

Beautifying “L” Street

When building, BNSF promised they would keep area clean and beautify

Neither has happened, feels WNC should write letter

Don Compton, Resident

Discussion later this evening regarding his chairing NC's Transportation Committee

If given chair, he will:

Try to create Light Rail Station at PCH/Eubank

Eventually create line to downtown LA

Route BNSF around residential areas

Richard Diaz, Resident (Banning High Neighborhood)

Life-long resident

Parking becoming a real issue in neighborhood now that LAUSD is allowing groups to use Banning's fields for soccer matches on weekends.

Can we create parking permit section for weekends only

Why not reopen underpasses on PCH at Broad and Fries

Not happy with signal possibility – too many, too close together

Grates over gutters causing flooding problem, should remove

5. Public Officials - continued

Ricardo Hong, Mayor's Office

US Census – www.lacount2010.org –

Thursday, 1/28, 6:30 p.m. – meeting at San Pedro Regional Library

Bring children to gym

Avalon High School – encouraged WNC to support their leadership academy

6. DONE Report

Rosa Arcadia unable to be present

Asked everyone to read Empower LA

Southern area meeting at 135th Street School from 6:30 -8:30 p.m.

Budget challenge – please visit website and provide your input

7. COPE Preparedness Report and LA Floodplain Management Plan

Pat Rome – not present

8. Presentations – 1st Annual Wilmington Neighborhood Holiday Home Decoration Contest

Committee comprised of

Salvador Lara, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle and Susan Prichard

Assistance from community members:

Carlisle/Kortekaas family, Sandra Gonzalez family and Garcia family

Awards for: Animated, Comical, Religious, Scenic, Traditional, Unique

Present for their awards (framed certificate):

Scenic – Sara & Antonio Esqueda, 307 W. “M” Street

Traditional – Rufino family – 1327 E. Colon Street

9. Action Items

a. CRA Wilmington Plan Amendment Steering Committee Selection

The WNC is allowed two (2) representatives

It was moved/seconded (Babbitt/Carballo) that Donna Ethington and Nelson Williams be the WNC's reps to the CRA Wilmington Plan Amendment Steering Committee.

Approved (19-0-0)

b. It is moved/seconded (Executive Board/Kern) to send a letter of support for the Harbor Subdivision to Randy Lamm, Project Manager, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

This letter was presented to the Governing Board for review at the December meeting

The letter was read aloud to those present by the Board Secretary **Approved (19-0-0)**

c. It was moved/seconded (Executive Board/Babbitt) that we support the proposed expansion project of Potential Industries.

Potential Industries made a presentation to the Board at our October, 2009 meeting

Some Board members took a tour of the facility after the October meeting

City has asked for WNC's input

Why does the old warehouse (Bekins on McFarland) have to be removed (Hernandez)

It does not meet the needs of Potential Industries in current location/condition

Approved (18-1-0)

d. Funding Request – Sharefest – Chad Mayer

2009 – conducted successful community-wide clean-up

75 middle and high school students attended Summer Youth Development Academy at CSUDH

Mayor Villaraigosa asked Sharefest to continue this effort with Avalon High Principal Awtry – Principal for 5 years

Avalon is a polished jewel of the 5 continuation schools within LAUSD

This is students' 2nd chance – provides opportunities to develop vision

Student – Valerie Pacheco

Feels the effort provides students with focus

Each creates their own mission statement

Last year only 13 participated, feels entire student body should participate

Because of program, she feels she passed her CASI

Anwar Sharif, Program Director

Comes from a theater background

Believes in personal enhancement and life plan

Will be bringing in multiple partners to help with effort

CSUDH, Tutoring, Health program, Creative writing, etc.

Program

120 students will cost \$78,000 to operate

40% already raised through corporate sponsors – Tesoro, Warren E&P

If not fully funded, will drop some components

Begins on February 9

Questions/Answers

Sullivan - Health Component – Need information on STD's, etc.

Kern – perhaps Community Health Foundation can help

Dahlgren – Does WNC have enough funds – Yes

Perez – Is there sustainability? Yes with recognition – hope to expand to other continuation schools.

Public Comment – Mary Gant

Ask that WNC support Academy

Now will be a year-round program, last year only 11-weeks

Very rewarding, she keeps in touch with many of last year's graduates

It was moved/seconded (Dahlgren/Hernandez) that the WNC allocate \$10,000 to support the Youth Development Academy. **Approved (19-0-0)**

10. Information Items

Refreshments – tonight provided by Charlie's Sub Sandwich Station, 1058 N. Avalon Blvd.

Reminder to Hank Osterhoudt for February meeting

DONE announcements – None

11. Report of Officers

a. Chair – Cecilia Moreno

1. WNC Election Date

CD15 Rep. – Celina Luna indicated some Harbor area NC's wanted date change

Chair and Caraballo (ByLaws Chair) summarized the process for arriving on this

voting date and indicated other NC's lost vote by not attending previous City

Clerk meetings. Announcements indicated they would forfeit rights.

WNC specifically chose dates because it coincided with public elections

Moved (Dahlgren/Caraballo) that the WNC inform CD15 that they wish to keep the June 6 date for their election. **Approved – (19-0-0)**

2. WNC Committee Chairs

Can a non-Governing Board member be chair of a WNC Committee?

Caraballo, ByLaws Chair

Only elected rep. of WNC can serve as chair of a committee

Per the By-Laws, only the Chair can speak on WNC's behalf

Pointed out that in Article 5, Section J, stakeholders are encouraged to participate and can vote after attending three consecutive meetings.

Governing Board Chair has historically appointed Committee Chairs

Caraballo explained that by-laws should be amended to specifically define who can chair Governing Board committees

Secretary – Prichard

Correspondence from:

Wilmington Chamber thanking for \$2500

support of 22nd Annual “Heart of Harbor” Holiday parade

Police Protective League (union), Paul Weber, President – 213-251-4554

Website: www.lappl.org

Concerns: Early release of prisoners

Financial disclosure

California Style Wellness

Prepare for Earthquake information

Treasurer – Wilson

Almost current

12. Reports by Standing Committees

By Laws Committee – Caraballo

Elections

Stakeholders need to schedule their caucus'

Three (3) member at large seat elections will be conducted by City Clerk

Publicity & Communications Committee – Ogle

Short bios - If you have not submitted, please do so by February meeting

Transportation Committee – Ethington

Meetings held the last Friday of the month

PCAC Representatives Report – Ethington/Dahlgren

No meeting in December

No action items on January agenda

13. Unfinished Business – None

14. New Business

Gary Kern suggests we purchase six (6) more table microphones for WNC meetings

Gary Kern suggests WNC consider the purchase of one strand of Holiday lights

15. Reports from Caucus Groups

Education – Prichard – would like to provide information about on-line education possibility

16. Reports from Members at Large

Hernandez indicated that he and Mr. Compton attended a forum regarding
“Bringing Jobs to Wilmington” – 75 people attended

17. Announcements from Governing Board Members

Chair Moreno – LAUSD officially renamed Island Avenue Elementary School

George de la Torre Elementary School on

Dahlgren reminded WNC Board of the request to supply the school with a box of
letterhead on behalf of the WNC

Adjourned at 8:47 p.m. – Next meeting will be February 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Cecilia Moreno, Chair