

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – May 27, 2009

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:05 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

Cecilia indicated there was a translator present. If anyone present needs translation services, he will help.

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.”

Pledge of Allegiance led by Cecilia Moreno

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (14) confirming a quorum. (Present: Jack Babbitt, Marisela Caraballo, Tom Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Bobby McNeill, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan Ogle, Patricia Sullivan, Susan Prichard and Patrick Wilson)
Late Arrival: Socorro Fimbres
Excused: Gary Kern, Marcus Perez
Absent: Ana Medina
Resigning: Helen Mora

2. Approval of April minutes. (M/S – Dahlgren/Hernandez)— **Passed: 14-0-0**

3. Los Angeles Police Department – Senior Lead Officers Lopez and Garcenila
Good news – no major incidents in the last month
Two/three burglaries a week
Four (4) juveniles caught for Fries Avenue burglaries
Handed out a sheet with the new Station’s telephone numbers

Los Angeles Port Police – Officer Morris

Commercial Truck Task force is still operational
Homeless Task Force – 213-216-0386
LAPP/LAPD working with this group
Illegal Dumping – If witness, please contact Lt. Hawke – 310-732-3500
Graffiti
GAP – Zero tolerance for Avalon and Figueroa – PCH/Anaheim
Both streets are cleaned each morning before any other sites
Introduced Mark Renteria, Senior Lead Officer, LAPP/Motor Unit

4. Public Comment

Jeff Childers, DWP

Phase III begins on June 1
No watering between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Only water Monday and Thursday
Conserve 15% more water
Low Income/Senior Citizen Rates – 10% discount
10 Year old refrigerator replaced if qualify

Ken Melendez, Chair, Wilmington Waterfront Committee

Triangle Park construction will begin soon.

Contamination on site removed

Nicole Gant, Banning High

She and students reported on their participation in the LA Marathon

They thanked WNC for funds to purchase bus allowing their participation

Mr. Lara, WNC Board Member, helped serve spaghetti the night before

WNC invited to their banquet on Thursday, June 11 from 5-9 p.m.

Dina Dini, Director of Development at Banning Residence

Thank you for \$3000 support from the WNC for their Wisteria Festival Regale/Certificate

Event provided \$2,000 scholarship for Queen and 4/\$500 scholarships for other seniors

Event generated \$26,000 in profit which will be used School education efforts

WNC invited to participate in Banning Day on Saturday, June 6.

Olga Morales, Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Flood Plain Management Plan

Provided summary of where they are currently

Without participation, insurance in area would be higher

For more information visit www.floodsmart.gov

For your address' information visit www.floodsmart.gov

Pat Rome, League of Women Voters, PVP/San Pedro

Fundraiser – Friday, July 24 at the Botanical Gardens - \$35

Shakespeare by the Sea to present – Romeo and Juliet

5. Government Representative Reports:

Celina Luna, Councilwoman Hahn

a) PCH/Broad Traffic Light

Expect to be completed by March, 2010

Have sent letter to Furutani/Oropeza asking to expedite

City/State doing a 50/50 on paying cost of this installation

b) City Budget

Every Department looking at least a 10% cut

Laying off 1200 employees, freezing vacancies, mandating furlough (equal to 10% pay cut).

California Budget impact on City

As propositions did not pass, expect State to take from \$30-100 million

This could mean additional reductions and up to 3500 additional layoffs

c) Neighborhood Council Budget

Result of negotiations – each NC to receive \$45,000, no sweeping of funds and the City Clerk will do hybrid elections

Thanks to all reps who participated in process

d) Councilwoman Hahn's 3rd Term

Local event will take place on

Saturday, June 27 at 11:00 a.m. at Banning Residence Museum

e) Special Event Funding

Beginning July 1st, LA is adopting a 50/50 policy

i.e. – street closures, traffic control, etc.

Each CD only receiving \$100,000 for district events – therefore get your requests in on July 1st.

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- f) Watson Yard – June 27
Tour facility with Harman’s staff
Due to Port traffic – train volume down 50% from last year
 - g) Parking Signs – will be placed at six sites within next month
 - h) Provided list of upcoming community events
6. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Report – Manuel Hernandez
CalTrans has completed SR47 EIS
Everyone should receive tomorrow
All local libraries received hard copies today
Online at www.acta.org
7. DONE Report – Rosa Arcadia
- a) BongHwan Kim, General Manager thanks NC Board members for their support of NC’s funding during the City’s budget process
 - b) Reminder to update your personal information on the NC website.
 - c) 2010 Election process – meetings are being held – Ms. Caraballo your representative
 - d) NC budget due by June 19th
 - e) Demand Warrant deadline is June 12th
 - f) Thanks to Ms. Moreno for completing “Emergency Preparedness NC Assessment Department does not want NC’s purchasing Community supplies until guidelines are created.
 - g) Valley Regional Congress – May 30, Panorama High School
Know it is far away, but hope a rep. can attend.
Event designed and being run by Valley NC’s
8. COPSS Report – Pat Rome
Brought in large plastic “zip” lock bags to be used for copies of your important documents i.e., - drivers license, etc.
9. Presentations
- a. Mary Gant, ShareFest
Provided us with a PowerPoint presentation of the May 2 activities around town
Thanked WNC for their support
There were 1200 volunteers at 10 Wilmington work sites
Provided a gift to be raffled at the end of the meeting
 - b. Helen Yin, Alternative Technologies
 - 1) This is alternatives to land fills
 - 2) Refuge from “black bin”
 - a. City collects 3600tons/day
 - b. Mostly delivered to Sunshine Canyon
 - c. Harbor area goes to Falcon Refuse on East “I” Street
 - 3) Reduce, Recycle, Reuse
 - a. LA is the leader
 - 1. 25% higher than national average
 - 2. 12% higher than California average
 - b. LA has adopted the goal of “O” waste
This means 90% diversion by 2020

- 4) SWIRP – Solid Waste Integrated Resources Plan
Saturday, May 30, Cathedral Plaza –
- 5) RFP was issued in 2007 – now done
 - a. 13 proposals submitted using two methods
Biological/Anerobic Digestion – creates methane
Example – like the plant we know in Long Beach
Gasification – Converts gas to electricity
 - b. Which planning zones will allow- PF, M2, M3
 - c. Report to be released this summer
 - d. Councilman LeBonge offered Levitz site in his district as demonstration project

10. Action Items

a) WNC Promotional Items

WNC Executive Board recommends to the WNC Governing Board that up to \$1000 be allocated to purchase WNC promotional items. Section and purchase will be coordinated by Publicity and Communication Committee.

Susan Ogle, Chair, indicated P&C Cmte. Felt a small backpack that could be used for personal supplies would be useful to community members. However cost would be more than \$1000. Therefore, **Governing Board/Caraballo** moved the above recommendation with an increased in allocation of up to \$5,000. **Passed 15-0-0**

b) PCAC Items for June

WNC Executive Board recommends to the WNC Governing Board that the WNC support the June PCAC Agenda Item H.1 which reads:

The EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee recommends to the PCAC that they recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the following projects be approved for funding from the China Shipping Settlement Agreement, Aesthetic Mitigation Fund, for both Wilmington and San Pedro.

Wilmington – The projects recommended to be allocated from the Wilmington funds have been recommended in amounts equal to the remaining fund total of \$5,151,971. Therefore, no priority order has been ranked and all projects are recommended equally.

1. *Banning's Landing Education Program, Health Program only - \$1,000,000*
2. *LA Harbor Lighthouse Restoration Project - \$1,800,000*
3. *Wilmington Marinas Parkway - \$1,455,971*
4. *Tall Ship Restoration for Youth Program Expansion - \$771,000*
5. *Under the Drain – Elementary Storm Water Education Program – \$75,000*
6. *Welcome to Wilmington Sign –\$50,000*

Motion Governing Board/Babbitt – passed 10-0-4

c) PCH signage

WNC Executive Board recommends to the WNC Governing Board that the WNC submit a letter to City Hall, State Elected Officials, LAUSD and CalTrans requesting an expedited process of the placement of a signal light at PCH/Broad Avenue, in light of the recent student who was run over. Also, request that the City and State install warning signs at the intersection of PCH/Island and PCH/Eubank to warn motorists to slow down.

Motion Governing Board/Caraballo – passed 15-0-0

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d) ByLaws Committee

The WNC Executive Board recommends the WNC Governing Board adopt the 2010 WNC elections Procedures Stipulated Language Worksheet (attached), with the inclusion of “or College Student” in the WNC youth/Student Board Position.

Motion Governing Board/Caraballo – passed 15-0-0

e) Funding Exception Request – Wilmington Day at the Galaxy

The WNC Executive Board recommends to the WNC Governing Board that \$500 be allocated to the Galaxy Foundation in support of the Wilmington Day at the Galaxy.

Motion Governing Board/Babbitt – passed 15-0-0

11. Information Items

- a) Ad-Hoc Committee report regarding benches - No report
- b) Refreshments – Thanks to Hernandez for tonight’s meal
Reminder to Fimbres – responsible for June meeting
- c) DONE Announcements – Ms. Arcadia already presented

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12. Report of Officers

- Chair – Moreno
Helen Mora resigned from WNC effective today
Mail – LAPD Hiring
Zero Waste event this Saturday
Chamber of Commerce Installation – Saturday, June 20
- Co-Chair – None
- Secretary - None
- Treasurer – Next Year’s Budget
Following discussion and alterations
Motion Babbitt/Dahlgren – passed 15-0-0

13. Reports from Standing Committees – None

14. Unfinished Business – None

15. New Business – None

16. Caucus Group – None

17. Members at Large Report – None

18. Announcements from Governing Board Members – None

19. Adjournment

9:15 p.m. – Next meeting will be June 24, 2009

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Cecilia Moreno, Chair