WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – August 25, 2010

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

Mr. Dahlgren introduced himself and gave brief statement: "All stakeholders including residents, property and business owners, people who work in Wilmington, members of non-profit, educational, church, and service organization, representatives of local labor unions and participants at local parks and museums are encouraged to participate in the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC). The WNC and you can make a difference in the delivery of City services to our community."

"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." Chair Dahlgren asked if translation services were available? There was no one present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Dahlgren
   Roll Call of Governing Board Members (12) confirming a quorum.
   Present: Marisela Caraballo, Tom Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Jacqueline Garcia, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Bobby McNeel, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan M. Prichard, Patricia Sullivan, Patrick Wilson
   Excused: Jack Babbitt, Gary Kern
   Absent: Socorro Fimbres, Salvador Lara, Nelson Williams

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting
   Motion (Ogle/Osterhoudt) the Minutes of July 28, 2010 be approved as presented
   Passed (10-0-2)

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

   Officer Garcenila/LAPD
   Avalon Jewelry Store robbery – Tuesday, August 17
   4 armed, 3 accomplices – all caught
   Owner fearful for his life – shot at robbers – 1 died at the scene, another caught at a hospital in central Los Angeles.
   Burglaries – two in the last week – crimes of opportunity –doors and windows were open

   Officer Morris/LAHD
   Truck Task Force on July 2 – 21 Stops, 2 impounds along with 14 citations and 6 warnings
   Impromptu Enforcement July 24 – 25 citations throughout the day
   Receiving complaints of trucks in residential area because of Harry Bridges Blvd. work
   Worked with Animal Services Department – July 15 – 20 dogs impounded
   This was done for the first time in the City of LA and coordinated through CD15/Luna

4. Public Comment
   Ken Melendez
   1. Quimby Funds – felt WNC should become informed on how these funds are accrued and spent – new construction within a mile of said construction.
   2. Advertising signs on public property – he taking them down even though the Street Use Dept. has indicated he is taking funds away from the City coffers.

3. Frampton Avenue Industrial Park – residents are working together to keep area clean.
4. Wilmington Buffer Project – passed around picture showing progress thus far
5. PCAC – Actively campaigning for chairmanship.
6. Alameda-Harry Bridges Landscaping dedication – September 13, passed out flyer

Don Compton

Watson Railyard – BNSF
Feels Route around should be instituted
Susan Nakamura, AQMD has indicated yard is carcinogenic

5. Government Representatives

Celina Luna, Councilwoman Hahn's office provided the following report:

1. DWP – watering guidelines – before 9:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m.
   Odd numbered addresses – Mon/Wed/Fri
   Even numbered addresses – Tues/Thurs/Sat
2. PCH/Sanford Traffic Signal
   Working with CalTrans to expedite construction/installation
3. Banning Residence Museum Upgrades
   Phase III will begin this month – front staircase, walking path, waterproofing and electrical – hopefully completed before Victorian Christmas program.
4. Cruces Area Clean-Up – Saturday, September 25
   Residents will be cleaning up the unimproved Blinn between "Q" Street and Lomita Blvd. Everyone is encouraged to help with this effort.
5. Drum Barracks Powder Magazine
   Russell Martinez (Toberman) and Susan Ogle worked with a group of young people to clean up this historic site. The group committed to a bimonthly effort.
6. Special Event Permits – please submit your requests 60-90 days in advance so the Council Office so staff can assist and coordinate City efforts.
7. Wilmington Day at the Dodgers – Sunday, September 22. 200 Children were provided tickets and transportation to this event with the help of CD15/Hahn, Fast Lane Transportation, Valero and Supervisor Knabe.
8. Wilmington Oversize Vehicle Signage
   DOT is currently working with CD15 on how best to implement this effort.
9. BNSF – CD15 is working with Railroad on this issue – expect to conduct a community meeting before the end of the year

6. Announcements from Board Members and Public

Cecilia Moreno

Wilmington Marinas Planning Study – 2nd Community Meeting
Saturday, September 11, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Wilmington Recreation Center, 325 Neptune Avenue

Lobster Festival September 17-19, Ports O'Call Village
Passed out postcards – worth $2 towards admission of $18

Susan Prichard

Public Schools return from summer vacation on Monday, September 13
Watch for children walking to school.

7. Presentations
    a. Rick Pardo, 7/11 Stores in Wilmington
        111 West Pacific Coast Highway (NW corner – across from Banning High)
            No liquor to be sold at this facility
        945 West Pacific Coast Highway (NE corner), former Radio Shack site)
            Will be requesting a beer/wine license
            17 Parking Spaces, 5 dedicated to this store front
        This in addition to request for the NW corer of PCH/110 Freeway Off Ramp
            (See minutes of April, 2010)
            This purchase is on hold because current owner going through bankruptcy
            Store has an existing beer/wine license
        7/11's not just a liquor store (only 14% of business on average)
            Provide a corner convenience store
    Christine Reeder, representing 7/11 Company
        8000 stores throughout USA
        Well known for supporting the community
        7/11 is experiencing a growth period
    Each store
        Open 24 hours/day
        Security package – cameras inside and out
            Currently there are none – therefore extra protection for neighborhood
        Employees trained in security measures
        Approximately 2500 sq. ft.
        Has required parking by City code
    Met with LAPD – Officer Garcenila
        Suggested cameras in alley behind PCH/Avalon facility
    Board Comments
        Jasso – Concerned about Parking
        Garcia ?
        Moreno – any stores not open 24 hours – only PV because a City Ordinance
            Reeder – 7/11 would not consider in Wilmington
        Prichard – Other cities where stores are so close together?
            San Pedro – 25th/Western, 9th/Gaffey, 1st/Gaffey, Capitol/Gaffey
    Public Comments
        Richard Diaz – traffic flow and parking
        Kat Madrigal (thewilmingtonwire@gmail.com) - need for another liquor establishment,
            feels a public health issue – all food is not fresh
        Ana Medina – Why three all of a sudden in such close proximity
            Feels safe with store/name brand

    b. Homeless Outreach Program – not present

    c. Harry Bridges Improvement Project Update/Traffic Detour - POLA
    Represented by: Lannie Walsh, Charles Adams, Carlos Quintana, Tom Burke

    Two months ago reported to WNC regarding rerouting of traffic. DOT concerned because of residences at the SW area of "E"Street/Broad. Therefore, change. Now – Eubank to "E", "E" to Quay, Quay to "C" Street.

Harry Bridges will only have an eastbound traffic lane during construction.
Undergrounding all utilities
Will send out notification once DOT approval received

Board Comments
Jasso – appear to be taking part of the "Triangle Park"
Quintana indicates this was the existing "right-of-way" in the area
Wilson – The route will need stop signs. Truckers will be frustrated. Hopes LAHD Police will be out to help enforce this route.
Dahlgren – asks WNC Transportation Committee to keep in touch with this issue

8. Action Items
None discussed due to error in notification
Discussing issues would cause problems with Brown Act

9. Informational Items
None

Recess – Dinner provided by Maya's Restaurant and 7/11 Stores

10. Report of Officers
Chair – Tom Dahlgren
Positions need to be filled – 2 Members at Large, Resident, Youth and Parliamentarian
Anyone wishing to fill these positions should provide resume before next Executive Board meeting, Wednesday, September 15, to offices at 544 N. Avalon Blvd.
POLA has agreed to study the economics of brining the USS Iowa into town
Secretary – Susan Prichard
Boys & Girls Club – thank you letter for summer funding
Quimby funds brought into the community through new construction and must be spent within one mile of said project.
Treasurer
Thanks for support - his reelection as treasurer
Many changes in DONE governing policies
Expect all expenditures in future to need WNC approval

11. Reports of Standing Committees
Transportation – Donna Ethington
CD-15 – As Ms. Luna reported City working on Quiet Zone and Signage
Will provide a short written history of light rail at the next meeting
PCAC – Donna Ethington
No meeting in August

12. Wilmington Marina Planning Study Steering Committee
Ethington reports Committee met on
Body liked what Port personnel had proposed
Hopes community will turn out for Community Meeting on September 11 as previously announced by Cecilia Moreno

13. CRA Wilmington Redevelopment Plan Amendment Steering Committee
    Dahlgren reports membership completed paperwork on Wilmington
        What you like, what you would like to see in the future
        Moving forward with EIR process
            Scoping meeting will be held on September 15 to address boundary of project

14. Unfinished Business - None

15. New Business
    Moreno – WNC vacancies
        People interested should submit resumes to the WNC Board for consideration
            Need by Executive Board meeting – Wednesday, September 15
        Members-at-Large (2), Parliamentarian (1), Residence (2), Youth (1)

16. Reports from Caucus Groups
    None

17. Members-At-Large Caucus
    Hernandez – Spoke on CRA issues

Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
    Next meeting will be September 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary
Approved, Tom Dahlgren, Chair