WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Minutes – February 25, 2015

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by President Cecilia Moreno at **6:11PM** at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Avenue, Wilmington.

Pledge of Allegiance by Chair Cecilia Moreno

"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."

1. <u>Roll Call of Governing Board Members</u>

Present: Matthew Adair, Cecilia Moreno, Robert Jasso, Arthur Hernandez, Dan Domonoske, Robert Trani, Socorro Fimbres, Gary Kern, Alberto Ramirez, Patrick Wilson, Michael Sanborn (11)

Absent/Excused: Anabell Chavez, Marisela Caraballo, Patricia Sullivan, Patricia Valladolid (4)

2. <u>Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting</u>

- No Quorum, no minutes

3. <u>Government Representatives Reports</u>

- LAPD - new North Wilmington Senior Lead Officer Monica Mora - Wilmington is having grand theft issues with Toyota catalytic convertors being stolen from parked cars. City-wide crime is up.
- LA Port Police - Sgt. Howley - Nothing to report, asked board members if there are concerns.
- Congresswoman Hahn's office - German Castillo - Congresswoman asked congress to increase funding and look into the PMA actions during the latest ILWU/PMA negotiations. Hahn's office is working to promote DACA/DAPA.
- Assemblyman Mike Gipson's office - Chris Wilson - Feb 27 is the deadline to introduce new bills, Mr. Gipson has introduced 11-12 bills. AB44 a port related spot bill was introduced and more details will be available soon. CA budget is due by 5/15/15, and initial revenue projections are showing increases. Small Business Forum at Los Tres Cochinitos on 4/2/15.

- Councilman Buscaino's office - Gabriela Medina - Councilman has written letters to past 2 mayors asking that the Harbor Division Jail is opened/staffed. Wilmington has the largest number of homeless and encampments in the harbor area. Collected over 8 tons of trash/items at the encampment cleaning done on 2/24. Quality of Life Task Force Car is out trying to establish relationships with homeless and trying to connect homeless with available programs/services. Avalon Blvd. Was selected for the Mayor's Great Streets Initiative - street furniture, planters, are possibilities. Marine Avenue: trying to bring together the businesses to make the area better. City Attorney's office won a temporary restraining order to help keep Medical Marijuana shops out of Wilmington. Prop 40 update, Union Pacific did not meet their end of the bargain, so the funds will be reallocated to other projects if an extension can be granted.

4. <u>Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items</u>

- Susan Prichard - Disaster Preparedness Group - have completed training. CERT training will be at the GAP facility during spring break for high school students.
- Lydia Gutierrez - Candidate for LAUSD school board - would like to create schools that produce self-reliant students. Please support me on March 3rd.
- Art Gonzalez - Realator - we should not reinforce "divisions" between Wilmington (north, east, west). We need peace. I have young family members in the community and they are exposed to pollution. What is really going on at the refineries (showed a video of refineries flaring)?
- Vicente Jurauo - Wilmington Historical Society - Hank Osterhoudt's passing has affected the Society because he was instrumental in many of the Society's accomplishments. I am concerned that people support the Wilmington Historical Society in the future.
- Sylvia Arredondo - resident - support for labor is very strong here in Wilmington. Asking the board to support the United Steel Workers who are on strike, and is concerned about the safety of our communities while the skilled workers are on strike. El Super workers are going on strike. Support the El Super boycott.
- Pat Rome - League of Women Voters - President of Pine Creek HOA - 2 months ago 7-11 asked them to approve 24 hrs operation - board did not vote to approve/support the 24 hr operation. Traffic in that area is horrible, the traffic study to allow the apartment complex by Dennys was a Farce. Companies that touch/handle hazardous waste need to have complete transparency with community. What is happening to the Boy Scout Camp at the Port - can the land use committee tell me?

- Steve Salas - Wilmington Improvement Network - Asking that WNC can donate $1000 to the Banning Park for allowing local teens to get jobs at the park (refs, etc...). Outlined the projects that were done in San Pedro and the costs as well as Port of LA involvement. Banning Park has provided sports activities that have helped many local children to develop the skills to get full ride scholarships at colleges. Support Banning Park.

- Glennda Sands - resident - remind everybody that there are two elections coming up and that the 3rd of March is a city election day. Please check your voting booklet because precincts have changed.

- Anthony Quezada - I would like to apply for any of the board vacancies, and I would like to help the board with bylaws. Reported on veteran activities (such as housing) that he has been working on.

5. <u>Presentations</u>

- Boys and Girls Club of LA Harbor - Mike Lansing and staff - currently serving approximately 1100 students daily in Wilmington on 7 sites. Would like to open an 8th site to serve students in a section of Wilmington currently under served (Holy Family area). College Bound program available to help students move from high school to college. We offer after school transportation to our main site in Wilmington on Q and Figueroa from local schools. We provide over 300 hot meals daily to local students.

- Wilmington YMCA - Yolanda De La Torre - Aquatic Center Update - built a 4 lane heated pool, have served over 250 students in classes since opening in October 2014. We have adult swimming programs as well. Facility is open to community every Friday afternoon/evening (4pm-8:45pm). Swim lessons are offered for a fee, but scholarships are available. YMCA has been visiting the local schools to promote the free swim on Friday.

6. <u>Action Items:</u> None this month

7. <u>Informational Items</u>

- Rock the vote will be at Banning High School this year (larger venue)

8. <u>Report of Officers</u>

- Chair - visited DONE to sign documents in order to receive the payment/debit card for the WNC. Members: please complete the Code of Conduct activities.

9. <u>Reports by Standing Committees</u>

- Land use - met in February, provided an update on the Waterfront projects. The Mayor is looking for additional funding for the projects.
- Public works - next meeting 11am 2/28 at 544 N. Avalon

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Reports from Caucus Groups

None

13. Reports from Members at Large

None

14. Announcements from Governing Board Members

- Clean Wilmington will be cleaning/planing/beautifying this Saturday 2/28
- LA Harbor College Oversight committee will be meeting on Saturday 2/28

15. Meeting Adjourned at 8:03pm