

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – January 28, 2015

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by President Cecilia Moreno at **6:10PM** 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. Roll Call of Governing Board Members

Present: Matthew Adair, Cecilia Moreno, Robert Jasso, Arthur Hernandez, Dan Domonoske, Robert Trani, Socorro Fimbres, Gary Kern, Alberto Ramirez, Patrick Wilson, Marisela Caraballo, Anabell Chavez, Michael Sanborn (13)

Absent/Excused: Patricia Sullivan, Patricia Valladolid (2)

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting

- November 2014 - Approved. 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions
- December 2014 - Approved. 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions

3. Port of LA Police report

- Complaints in the community of unattached trailers all around the community, LA Port PD has contacted the DOT to replace “no parking” signage and start impounding.
- Will be doing an RV task force to get the RVs off of the streets that shouldn’t be there.

4. Government Representatives Reports

- Chris Wilson, Field representative Assemblyman Mike Gipson, introduced himself, gave brief intro about Gipson’s assignments and the area he represents.
- Jacob Haik and Gabriela Medina, representing Councilman Buscaino’s office.

- Currently working on shutting down illegal marijuana dispensaries- takes a lot of resources and time, but progress is being made. LA will prosecute the business owner AND the property owner.
 - Watson and “O” park completed
 - LAPD will be assigning 2 officers to a “quality of life” task force car that will work on homelessness, graffiti, dumping, and other quality of life issues.
 - Little Green Fingers Community Garden is coming to Wilmington.
- John Larson, Director of Communications representing Dr. Vladovik, introduced himself and offered facebook, twitter, and other contact information.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Carlos Prinzen, There are no lights in the Banning Park basketball courts, and the restrooms are atrocious. I am asking WNC to help get the park fixed for the children of Wilmington.
- Janet Grothe, Phillips 66, Explained the need for Flaring in January, and how it is a necessary condition at times. Jan 1 flaring due to a unit with “issues”, we shut down the equipment, monitored the air, and notified CARB. Air quality monitors on site noted no air parameters out of compliance. On Jan 12 started the equipment again, had some flaring and notified CARB.
- Susan Prichard, Hawaiian Ave EL, Hawaiian won a \$10,000 grant to help the reading program at the school. Hawaiian is signing up for Sharefest this year. Wilmington residents can take a Spanish CPR class at the school Feb 4th.
- Pat Means, Alta Sea, research facility being built at the Port of LA. Preview of Alta Sea on 2/11 from 4-6pm at the current Alta Sea facility in the Port of LA.
- Diana Medel, I Heart Wilmington, Informed board of LAUSD school board candidates forum 2/6 from 6-8 at the Granada Theater. We would like the community to know the candidates positions before an election. We would also like to encourage everyone to vote in this important election.
- Laura Espinosa, resident, Mothers of Wilmington, comment on the waterfront park meeting that I attended. I would like to see the community unite, that the WNC has more meetings, to work towards completing the waterfront project.
- Season Gonzalez, John Mendez Pony Baseball, 240 children in the program, were able to lower the registration fee, we would like to run the program year round (currently 3 months). Board meetings are held the first Thursday of the month starting in March at the park.

- Steve Salas, Wilmington Waterfront Forward, I would love a fair share where Wilmington gets \$1 for every \$1 that San Pedro gets from the Port of LA. I would like to see a bus that runs from Wilmington to San Pedro to help our low income residents get to the area.
- Cinthia Martinez, United Wilmington Youth Foundation, working on voter registration, mentoring Banning SH students, offering Banning Students essay opportunities to win money for college.
- Chris Shaw, resident, went to the San Pedro Port development meeting. Asking that the neighborhood council to get behind this project to help Wilmington.
- Mario Narez, resident, lived in Wilmington all of my life. We have been having alot of break-ins. Had a meeting with people in my neighborhood, and we are asking how can we start a neighborhood watch. Police didn't show up until over 1 hour after the crime was called in. I had an alarm go off at my house and the police didn't show up until 30 minutes after the alarm.
- Sylvia Arredondo, resident, Save the Date: Mujeres de Wilmington, March 21st at Wilmington Boys and Girls club. "Discover your Strength"

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6. Action Items:

- I. Monthly Funding Report (treasurer not present to give the report)
- II. WNC adopted the Community Guiding Principles for the Wilmington Waterfront development project. 11 yes, 0 no, 2 Abstentions
- III. WNC voted to support the VOPAK Stay in Place Plan and mitigation funding community investment proposal. 10 yes, 0 no, 3 Abstentions
- IV. WNC voted to send a letter of support to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority for the Wilmington Transit Corridor Bus Stop Improvements. 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention
- V. WNC voted to submit items for consideration to the Port of LA related to Public Benefit Investment Policy. 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention.

7. Informational Items

- LAUSD board member candidate forum coming up
- Lunar Festival
- Alta Sea preview

- Neighborhood Community Garden meetings

8. Report of Officers

- Secretary - please attend the LAUSD board member forum and vote

9. Reports by Standing Committees

- Bylaws- will meet in February
- Land use - will meet to discuss port developments on Monday 2/2 12pm at 544 Avalon
- Public works will meet 1/31 or 2/7 TBD, 11am at the 544 Avalon municipal building

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Reports from Caucus Groups

None

13. Reports from Members at Large

- United Wilmington Youth Foundation is having a meeting on 2/3 from 6:30-7:30pm at 927 Avalon.

14. Announcements from Governing Board Members

None

15. Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm