

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – March 25, 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, Marisela Caraballo, Anabell Chavez, Cecilia Moreno, Socorro Fimbres, Alberto Ramirez, Patrick Wilson, Michael Sanborn, Patricia Valladolid (9)

Absent/Excused: Dan Domonoske, Arthur Hernandez, Rober Jasso, Gary Kern, Patricia Sullivan, Robert Trani (6)

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting

- No Quorum, could not approve minutes

3. LAPD/LA Port PD

- LAPD - two new Captains at the Harbor Division. Crime statistics have increased drastically recently. LAPD hypothesizes that the increase could be due to Prop 47 which has changed many felonies into misdemeanors. Two new officers have been assigned to the quality of life task force and have removed 18 homeless encampments since the assignment. In the past few weeks the LAPD arrested 5 active gang members suspected of murder. April 11 there will be a new Juvenile Impact Program (J.I.P.) boot camp. Contact community relations office for more information on J.I.P. 310-726-7920.
- LA Port PD - Have a new Deputy Chief, Tom Deasy. Participated in the Harbor Division open house. Commercial traffic on Avalon boulevard - only 6 signs - need more signs. Can conduct an active shooter training at the neighborhood council meeting.

4. Government Representatives Reports

- John Larson, LAUSD Board President's office - Dr. Vladovich voted against the August start date for LAUSD schools. The start date this year was moved 1 week later to August 18, 2015. Dr. Vladovich voted against Superintendent Cortines' move to issue 500 pink slips.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Steve Magee, San Pedro Art Association - Association is having the 4th annual student art contest. Students can win art supplies, big ribbons. This year they are hoping to have more than 100 pieces on exhibit for the contest. All grades are welcome to submit.
- Susan Prichard, Hawaiian Ave EL - Tomorrow is the hearing for Dana Strand project, many will be going to try and lobby for keeping the project as originally proposed. Attended the Steam exhibit at Harbor. Upset that LAUSD has proposed reorganizing the district into 6 districts. Sharefest on 5/2/15 please come help clean Hawaiian Avenue EL.
- Izchel Pulido, LA Waterkeeper, mission is to protect and preserve Santa Monica bay and other local water. Oil Spill Preparedness class is available - the first one starts on 4/22 6:15-8:30.
- Bruce Hayman, LA Maritime Institute - next week opening up ships for students to attend day camp during spring break. Starting a membership campaign.
- Lydia Gutierrez, LAUSD school board candidate - May 19th run-off for board seat. \$6 billion dollar teacher pension deficit, abuse payouts over \$100 million, MiSiS, current superintendent has a harassment filing against him. I was in aerospace, I have a financial background and 25 years of teaching.
- Mary Gant, resident - LA marathon had 50 BHS students and 27 POLA students participate. 99% completed. Thank you to Watson Land that provided cooling towels for students. Wilmington resiliency is having the Teen Cert Mon-Thurs during spring break - free, breakfast and lunch provided. 4/25 SPHS Olguin campus - Pathways for employment - work preparedness, resume preparation, businesses there to accept applications.
- Brenda Chance, Sharefest, 5/2 sharefest needs about 300 volunteers at Hawaiian EL, Banning Park, Gulf Ave EL.
- Diana Medel, I Heart Wilmington, Community cleanup on 3/28 8am-1pm at 540 N. Marine. There will be 2 big dumpsters for bulky items from community. Starting planning for the annual family picnic (tentatively in September)- first meeting this Friday 12:30pm 540 N. Marine in the conference room. I heart Wilmington will be doing an alley mural for Sharefest.

- Steve Salas, Resident - Banning Park needs air conditioning in the gym, would like to expand the gym because if you sit in the gym to watch a game you are 2 feet into the court. The original plans for the gym had bleachers, but they were cut out. There is no busing to Ports of Call after 10pm - how can Wilmington residents get there for work if there is no bus? Rock the Vote. Need to get people out to vote.

6. Presentations

- United Food and Commercial Workers Presentation - Jean Tong, Maria Sandoval, seeking endorsement from the neighborhood council. El Super is a neighborhood market, but it is a large company (49 El Supers in 3 states) owned by the third largest retailer in Mexico. We are fighting for earned sick days, for basic respect. The contract expired in 9/2013 and the workers have re-certified the union. Maria is an El Super cashier walking the picket line that is fighting to boycott the store. Join our boycott. UFCW has gotten over 100 endorsements from community organizations. The profits are not trickling down to the lowest level workers of the company. Refrain from shopping and use the economic aspect to fight for social reform.
- Friends of Banning Museum Windmill Project – tabled until next month

7. Action Items:

- No Quorum - unable to take action on items, will bring back in April.

8. Informational Items

- Many activities will be taking place in the community.
- YMCA has seen a 30% increase in the “Free Friday” swim

9. Report of Officers

- Chair - NC presidents met with Joe Buscaino. Don't always have LAPD participation. Need support on Avalon/PCH projects.
- Vice-Chair - Putting together a list of low-cost or free resources for local youth.
- Secretary - LAUSD will be splitting the District into 6 districts and the South district is largely unchanged.

10. Reports by Standing Committees

- Public works - met this month for 3 consecutive Saturdays. Working on improvements for downtown Wilmington. Great Streets initiative has committed to helping Wilmington. Have created an assessment survey to gather input from business on challenges, improvements they would like to see.

11. Unfinished Business

- Reaching out to Wilmington Historical District to determine what will need to be done to protect the archives since Hank Osterhoudt's passing.

12. New Business

None

13. Reports from Caucus Groups

None

14. Reports from Members at Large

None

15. Announcements from Governing Board Members

- Rock the Vote next month: Saturday 4/25/15 from 12pm-4pm at Phineas Banning High School. There are still tables available for organizations that would like to participate.
- Mujeres Unidas: had 4th annual woman's day celebration at the Wilmington Boys/Girls Club.
- LA Port announced that grant applications are out. Apps due on 5/18/15 at 5pm. Grant amounts from \$5,000 - over \$100,000.
- 15th annual ITEP scholarship dinner on 3/26, annual Wisteria Regale happening at Banning's Landing.

16. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm