

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – April 29, 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, Dan Domonoske, Arthur Hernandez, Gary Kern, Cecilia Moreno, Socorro Fimbres, Robert Jasso, Alberto Ramirez, Robert Trani, Michael Sanborn, Patricia Sullivan, Patricia Valladolid, Patrick Wilson (14-Quorum)

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting

- January 2015 minutes approved: 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain
- February 2015 minutes approved: 12 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain
- March 2015 minutes approved: 10 yes, 0 no, 4 abstain

3. LAPD/LA Port PD

- No LAPD or LA Port Police present at meeting

4. Government Representatives Reports

- Gabriela Medina, Councilman Buscaino’s office - City budget is being prepared and the time to voice your opinion is now. Many programs that affect our community may be reduced, so make you voice heard. Sidewalk settlement to help fix ADA problems with the sidewalks has preliminary approval. Partnered with Sharefest to improve Banning Park (painting, plumbing, ADA issues, etc...). LA Mas starting its own Great Streets initiative on Avalon between C Street and I Street.
- Chris Wilson, Assy. Member Mike Gipson’s office, updated council on California assembly bills up for consideration in Sacramento.
- Annette McDonald, Congresswoman Janice Hahn’s office, introduced herself to the council, and provided information on the Congresswoman’s work - such as Small Businesses.

- Fabian Moreno, Dr. Vladovics office - Updated council on UTLA contract and health benefits, summer school services for parent center at Banning high school, and trying to bring a magnet school to Wilmington Middle School.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Ed Gonzalez, 1736 Family Crisis Centers - opened up a new center on Figueroa, and they are looking to provide housing for homeless or at risk vets. Can help find housing, provide money for rent and/or down payments.
- Lydia Gutierrez, Candidate for LAUSD school board - \$169 million of money spent on child abuse claims. Most from Miramonte, but there are cases still open from local Wilmington schools.
- Diana Medel, I Heart Wilmington - Started a youth movement that would like to do concerts, hikes, music days for local youth. Can find on I Heart Wilmington social media. First meeting on 4/30/15.
- Steve Salas, Wilmington Water Front - Census shows 2.5% Wilmington residents have a bachelor degree. How many Wilmington kids get to go to POLA? Wilmington is not getting its fair share of Port of LA improvement funds. \$88 million for Wilmington over \$400 million for San Pedro.
- Belinda Noquez, I Heart Wilmington - we meet every Friday at 12:30pm and I invite everyone to attend our meetings as well as to the fiesta in September. Time for Wilmington to wake up, and we need the participation of every one of you.
- Juan Gonzalez, I Heart Wilmington Garden - Lost the Broad Street location and we are relocating to Ravenna between PCH and M Street. Hope to reopen the Garden late June to early July 2015.
- Art Gonzalez - Phillips 66 refinery flareups and no-one can give me answers. Please look into this problem - people are affected with asthma and are dying from cancer.
- Mike Bechtol, Phillips 66 refinery, We had Art Gonzalez on site at the refinery and gave him a tour and answered his questions.

6. Presentations

- Friends of Banning Museum Windmill Project, Michael Sanborn - Want to restore/rebuild the windmill which operated the well on the Banning Museum property that provided fresh drinking water to Wilmington and surrounding communities for years. The first water utility in LA county. The windmill will not pump water, but it will run a generator to help power exhibits at the Banning Museum. They anticipate that the windmill will be about 3.5 stories tall - shorter than the house which is about 5.5 stories tall. Asking for a letter of support from the WNC. Non-profit support group at the Museum will fund the entire project through grants, fund raising, etc...

- I Heart Wilmington update and mural, Diana Medel - Focusing on getting Wilmington residents to vote. Will start canvassing the city on Saturday. I Heart Wilmington will be doing a mural in an alley near to 540 Marine Ave. The group showed a drawing of the mural that will be put in the alley. From 9-2pm on Saturday you are invited to be a part of the mural. Asking for a letter of support for the mural - the project has been on hold for 7 years. Any donations you can give will help. The mural will be 102 feet long and 6 feet tall.

7. Action Items:

- (a) Monthly funding reports:
 - Board approved the July 2014, August 2014, September 2014, October 2014, and November 2014, and January 2015 Monthly funding reports. Each report considered individually and voted on individually by the board.
 - Treasurer Patrick Wilson noticed some possible discrepancies with the December 2014 report (provided by D.O.N.E.) and did not submit the report for approval until the numbers can be verified.
 - Motion to vote on Jan 2015 expenditures knowing that the balance may change due to December 2014 corrections that may be addressed. Motion: Patricia Valladolid, 2nd from Dan Domonoske.
- (b) WNC Executive Board recommends to the WNC Governing Board that WNC Governing Board submit a letter of support to Councilman Joe Buscaino and the LAPD so that the necessary steps are taken to fund, staff, and open the LAPD Harbor Area jail.
 - Public comment by Art Gonzalez: I used to be a school teacher and I would rather take a preventative approach and use money to help prevent incarceration. We have 4% of the world's population yet we have 20% of the world's population in jails.
 - Gary Kern made a call for the question
 - Motion carried with 11 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions
- (c) Consideration of submitting a letter of support for the proposed Windmill project by the Friends of Banning Museum.
 - Motion carried with 12 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions
- (d) Consideration of candidates for appointment to fill WNC Board seat vacancies.
 - Diana Medel - Resident seat vacancy: passed 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
 - ◆ Art called for the question
 - Sylvia Arredondo - Member At Large seat vacancy: passed 12 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions
 - Janet Grothe - Business & Industry seat vacancy: passed 12 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention

- (e) WNC Bylaws Committee recommends to the WNC Governing Board that the WNC Governing Board approve the Procedures Stipulation Worksheet as completed and recommended by the WNC Bylaws Committee. Passed 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.
- (f) Consideration of funding requests for FY 2014/15
 - Relay for Life (\$1000) - passed, 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
 - Clean Wilmington (\$5000) - passed 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
Cecilia Moreno – explained her role with the Clean Wilmington Program and that she is not on the Board of the Pacific Unicom Corporation (applicant)
 - United Wilmington Youth Foundation (\$4000) - 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 1 recused
Robert Trani – being a board member of UWYF left the room before the discussion started on this funding application and returned after the vote was taken
 - POLA High School (\$1500) - passed 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions
 - SP Art Association (\$1500) - passed 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

8. Informational Items

- Any expenditures for over \$5000 must be submitted by 5/15/15
- About \$17,000 remaining for community grants

9. Report of Officers

- Chair - None
- Vice-Chair - Reported about attendance at Port of LA meeting
- Secretary - Reported about Wilmington projects from Port of LA meeting
- Treasurer – None

10. Reports by Standing Committees

- By Laws Committee
- Executive Board
- Finance Committee
- Land Use and Planning/Gateway and Beautification Committee - will meet Monday 5/4 at noon at the Neighborhood council office in Wilmington.
- Public works -
- Publicity & Communications Committee
- Transportation Committee

11. Unfinished Business

- None

12. New Business

- None

13. Reports from Caucus Groups

- Seniors want to ensure that the representatives stay vigilant about keeping us focused on Wilmington issues.

14. Reports from Members at Large

- None

15. Announcements from Governing Board Members

- None

16. Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm