

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – April 23, 2014

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:07 PM 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: Dan Domonoske, Socorro Fimbres, Alberto Ramirez, Patricia Sullivan, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Cecilia Moreno, Juanita Naranjo, Jim Stephenson, Robert Trani, Anthony Quezada, Pat Wilson

Absent/Excused: Sylvia Arredondo, Marisela Caraballo, Gary Kern, Hank Osterhoudt, Anabell Chavez, Michael Sanborn, Patricia Valladolid, and Rick Whearty

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the February 26, 2014 Minutes by R. Trani, second by A. Hernandez

(Passed: 10 - 0 - 2)

Motion to approve the March 26, 2014 Minutes with corrections by J. Naranjo, second by P. Sullivan

(Passed: 10 – 0 – 2)

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

LAPD – No Report

LAHD – Officer Ramirez

Since commercial enforcement has been of interest, he wanted to report that every month there is a multi-agency task force, which includes LAPD, Hawthorne PD, Hwy Patrol, Torrance PD and others, it varies which PD’s get involved on a monthly basis. Eight officers were involved this month and 31 citations were given. The location was McFarland and D Street. He also wanted to report back on a complaint that was made in the industrial park. LAHD PD is working with the tenant to enforce the rules.

J. Stephenson reported that at G Street, near Eubank, there is no parking enforcement. When restricted parking signage went the issue was resolved but without enforcement, the problems are returning.

4. **Government Representatives:**

No Report

5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

None

6. **Presentations**

a. St. Mary Medical/Dignity Health

Anthony Echeverria (Anthony.Echeverria@DignityHealth.org) presented on the program Families in Good Health – United for Health Project and their efforts taking place in Wilmington. This organization is funded through the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Community Transformation Grant. Their organization is working with 7 child care sites that will be equipped with valuable health-promoting resources. One of the goals of this group is to expand on the access to fruits and vegetables through more Farmers Markets in the community.

b. Creating Opportunities for Physical Health (COPA)

Monica Ravizza (Monica.Ravizza@Providence.org) presented on COPA's efforts in Wilmington. This program is brought by Providence Little Company of Mary. They are currently working with/in 7 elementary schools in Wilmington and hope to turn them into community hubs. The idea is to work to create a culture of daily physical activity. They are looking for more opportunities and partnerships to expand on their program.

7. **Action Items**

a. Monthly Expense Report

P. Wilson explained that we would be voting on the previous expense reports that go from July 2013 through September 2013. Each report includes documentation, including actual receipts as required by DONE. He reminded the Board that only those members that have completed both the Ethics and Financial Training requirement of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment are eligible to vote.

Motion from D. Domonoske, second by R. Jasso to approve the July 2013 Financial Report
(Passed: 6 – 0 – 0)

Motion from D. Domonoske, second by R. Jasso to approve the August 2013 Financial Report
(Passed: 6 – 0 – 0)

Motion from D. Domonoske, second by R. Jasso to approve the September 2013 Financial Report
(Passed: 6 – 0 – 0)

b. Funding Request for Consideration

i. Community Partners for Multicultural Communities for Mobility - \$4,000

MCM is seeking funding for 7 bicycle safety workshops in Wilmington that will allow them to provide helmets, bike lights, light snacks and water for the 22 participants of each workshop. They are able to provide the workshop in English or Spanish and will focus on youth through adult bicycle safety. With the number of new bike lanes in Wilmington and the increasing number of community members using the bike

lanes, it seemed like the best time to start offering these workshops. They will promote the classes through fliers, social media, working with partner organizations in town, etc.

Motion by R. Trani that the WNC approve \$4,000 for the sponsorship of the 7 workshops as described, second from A. Quezada

(Passed: 6 – 0 – 0)

- ii. Wilmington Rock the Vote Concert & Community Resource Fair – \$653.32
Board member Alberto Ramirez explained what the Wilmington Rock the Vote event is being organized for and how the goal is to get more Wilmington residents registered and exercising their voice by voting. He has been working on securing bands to perform for free as well as scores of community resources. He presented his budget and requested the WNC consider sponsoring the remaining \$330 he needs to cover the costs. These include the DJ, kid’s jumper, helium tank and burritos from Tres Cochintos Restaurant, totaling \$330.00.

Motion by D. Domonoske that the WNC approve \$330 for the sponsorship of the remaining expensed for the event as described, second from P. Wilson

(Passed: 4 – 0 – 2)

- iii. Clean Wilmington Program - \$5,000

Donna Ethington of Pacific Unicom Corp provided a PowerPoint presentation on the projects so far completed by Clean Wilmington as well as an update to the recently granted \$50,000 from the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation. Clean Wilmington is currently working on various landscaping improvement projects and hopes to expand on this work with the support of WNC funding.

Public Comment:

Mathew Adair – Volunteer with Clean Wilmington, he urges the WNC to support Clean Wilmington with any funding available. The funding would support the beautification of the entire community.

Motion by P. Wilson that the WNC approve \$10,000 for the sponsorship of the work Clean Wilmington is doing as described, second from A. Quezada

(Passed: 5 – 0 – 1)

- iv. Harry Bridges Mural Project - \$26,000

This request was not considered because the applicant was not present.

8. Informational Items

C. Moreno informed the Board that there were many upcoming events and that fliers were provided in the board packet as well as copies for the public in the back of the room.

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9. Standing Committee Reports

Executive Board

Bylaws

Finance
Land Use/Planning/ Gateway Beautification
Public Works
Publicity
Transportation
RSO Ad-Hoc Committee

10. **Report from Officers**

11. **Unfinished Business**

12. **New Business**

13. **Reports from Caucus Groups**

14. **Reports from Members-at-Large**

15. **Announcements from Governing Board**

16. **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 8:04 pm

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Minutes taken by Cecilia Moreno, Chair

Approved by Cecilia Moreno, Chair