

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – August 26, 2015

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at **6:12PM** 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, Sylvia Arredondo, Marisela Caraballo, Dan Domonoske, Socorro Fimbres, Janet Grothe, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jaso, Gary Kern, Diana Medel, Cecilia Moreno, Albert Ramirez, Michael Sanborn, Patricia Sullivan, Robert Trani, and Patrick Wilson – **(16)**

Absent/Excused: Patricia Valladolid (1)

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting(s)

- May 2015 Minutes: Approved (10 yes, 0 no, 3 abs)
- June 2015 Minutes: Approved (11 yes, 0 no, 3 abs)
- July 2015 Minutes: Approved (9 yes, 0 no, 5 abs)

3. LAPD/LA Port PD

- LA Port Police, Officer Creech, San Pedro community officer filling in for Officer Ramirez. Introduced herself, and invited members to bring any concerns and issues to her. Upcoming events: Sept. 12 Global Rally Cross (race cars), Sept 25-27 Lobster Fest at Ports of Call. Call 211 and it connects to LA Homeless Authority.
- LAPD, No representative at the meeting.

4. Government Representatives Reports

- German Castilla, rep from Congresswoman Hahn’s office. Pope Francis will be addressing congress on 9/24. Congresswoman has standby tickets for some people that would like to see the event.
- Erika Velazquez, representing State Senator Isadora Hall, Introduced herself, no update.
- Chris Wilson, Assy. Member Mike Gipson’s office - provided a written update from Assy. Member Gipson’s office, as well as an update on upcoming activities/events.
- Manny Lopez, representing Mayor Garcetti’s office, 21% reduction in water use in Los Angeles year over year. City is working towards eliminating traffic deaths on LA streets. City Council will begin the process to determine if LA will bid for future Olympics games.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Celene Perez, Warehouse Worker Resource Center, non-profit working with warehouse workers at the Port - about 500 (over 300,000 warehouse workers in California). Pushing to ensure

that these jobs are safe. Please support these workers by sending a letter to Bob Curry (California Cartage) and ask that he make the jobs better.

- Jose Rodriguez, Warehouse Worker Resource Center, I have been living in Wilmington for 45 years, and for the past 22 years I have been working at the California Cartage Warehouse loading/unloading containers by hand. In March 1993 I was earning \$9.00 per hour, currently I make \$11.40 per hour after 22 years. I ask that you support our push for better wages.
- Anthony Vallecillo, Warehouse Worker Resource Center, Worked for California Cartage for past 2 years, other warehouses pay \$12 per hour and our warehouse only pays \$9 per hour. Please support us we are asking for safety and respect.
- Albert Ramirez, Wilmington Improvement Network, Invites everyone to a meet and greet on 8/27 from 6-8 for Nanette Barragan who is running for Congress.
- Belinda Noguez, SBCC, Invites everyone to the 9/26 Wilmington Family Fiesta taking place at Banning Park (12pm-5pm). 2nd year the fiesta has been held.
- Jesse Marquez, Southwest Voter Registration Project, starting a voter registration drive in Wilmington. Hope to register over 1000 Wilmington residents that have not yet registered to vote. Please volunteer to help us. 1601 North Wilmington Blvd.
- Carlos Prinzen, Banning HS and United Wilmington Youth Organization, I would like to be a member of this board and I am happy to see a quorum. I am going to fill out an application and I hope that you will allow me to be a member of the organization. United Wilmington Youth will be a part of the Family Fiesta.
- Magali Sanchez-Hall, community advocate, met with a company in the East Wilmington area that had some environmental issues, and the company took care of it. There are trucks coming through the residential areas even though it is prohibited and signs are posted. Children that live in the neighborhoods are exposed to additional environmental hazards due to the truck traffic.
- Brenda Espinoza, resident, I have lived in East Wilmington for the past 20 years and the truck traffic around Sanford and Watson has increased greatly. The trucks run all day, all night, they don't always stop at stop signs. Please be aware and please ask our community before more businesses are allowed in our area.
- Laura Espinosa, Madres de Wilmington, I am here to comment about the children that have asthma as well as the trucks on the neighborhood streets. I feel the community and NC should improve the situation because there is a lot of trash on the streets and I have been coming to these meetings for 7 years and I have seen no improvement in our community.
- Susan Prichard, resident, Streets were just slurry sealed, and almost immediately the roads were torn up and metal plates installed. There needs to be better planning. Can we upgrade the website to make the calendar come out in full color?
- Carlos Sanchez, resident, Avalon, PCH, Anaheim are the face of Wilmington and we need to talk about what we want to have for Wilmington. Do we want parking lots or something better? Trucks in the area create more pollution, they idle, they drive all night.

6. Presentations

- **Wilmington Family Fiesta Presentation** - Diana Medel
The event will take place on 9/26 12pm-5pm at Banning Park
Entertainment, food, scholarship, car show, and bike ride
- **United Wilmington Youth Foundation** - Robert Trani and Ricardo Galvan
Non-profit that is helping to clean and rebuild the community

Work with community youth

- **Solar For All Campaign** - Willa Sacharow and Frank Alvarez - did not show

7. Action Items:

(a) WNC Executive Committee recommends the WNC Governing Board support the recommendation of the WNC LUPGB Committee that the Governing Board support the proposed commissary truck parking and washing project proposed for 1112 E. Pacific Coast Hwy with the condition that all signs comply with regulations. (Approved, 11 yes, 2 no, 3 abs)

(b) WNC Executive Committee recommends the WNC Governing Board support the replacement of the Wilmington sign on the Pacific Coast Highway near the Dominguez Channel and that a letter of support be submitted to CalTrans District 7 stating that support. Amended the motion to include the cost of \$625. (Approved, 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abs)

(c) Monthly Funding Report - did not address item at meeting

8. Informational Items

- **None**

9. Report of Officers

- Chair - Bureau of street services has scheduled a street repair truck to come to Wilmington in October 2015. The truck will fill in as many potholes as possible. Submit possible roads to WNC.
- Vice-Chair - None
- Secretary - None
- Treasurer - None

10. Reports by Standing Committees

- By Laws Committee - no updates
- Executive Board - no updates
- Finance Committee - Will review funding requests at the Sept. meeting.
- Land Use and Planning/Gateway and Beautification Committee - Presented the quarterly update from the Port of LA that outlines the Wilmington projects. Sept. 2015 WNC meeting will have a rep from the Port of LA to answer questions about the Wilmington Waterfront Development. Sept 17, 2015 6pm at Banning's Landing the Port will announce the name of the developer as well as present visuals of what the site should look like.
- Public works - no updates
- Publicity & Communications Committee - no updates
- Transportation Committee - no updates
- Wilmington Historical Society Preservation Ad-Hoc Committee - no updates

11. Unfinished Business

- **None**

12. New Business

- **None**

13. Reports from Caucus Groups

- None

14. Reports from Members at Large

- None

15. Announcements from Governing Board Members

- Blood drive at Banning Museum Friday 8/28
- DWP meeting for community 9/10 at Senior Center
- 9/7 Labor Day Parade
- Ron Galperin City Controller will be at Wilmington Senior Center on 8/27
- 9/3 5pm-7pm SBCC hosting a Chamber of LA mixer at SBCC on Marine Ave.

16. Meeting Adjourned at 8:27pm