

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – August 27, 2014

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by President Cecilia Moreno at 6:08 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: Matthew Adair, Marisela Caraballo, Maria DeJesus, Dan Domonoske, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Cecilia Moreno, Anabell Romero Chavez, Jim Stephenson, Patricia Sullivan, Patrick Wilson.

Absent/Excused: Richard Whearty, Socorro Fimbres, Juanita Naranjo, Hank Osterhoudt, Alberto Ramirez, Michael Sanborn, Robert Trani, Patricia Valladolid, Gary Kern

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting

- Approved: 0 abstentions, 11 yes, 0 no

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

LAPD – Officers Junior Nua, Shawn Crabbe

- North Wilmington crime down 8-9%, big issues: residential burglaries and burglary theft from automobiles.
- West Wilmington crime down 14% in property crimes, up 6% in violent crimes (47 last year, 50 this year) (4 rapes this year - acquaintance rapes, up from 2 last year). Largest issue is Marine Ave. Business district has a large number of transients.
- Dan Domonoske asked what is being done on the unimproved section of Banning - trailers/chassis being left in big stacks, possibly dangerous.
- Cecilia Moreno asked what is being done about the large number of Marijuana dispensaries on Avalon Blvd. Lauren Halligan neighborhood prosecutor answered: there are over 40 medical marijuana dispensaries, DAs office rejected the cases given to them by LAPD, cases are now in the hands of the neighborhood prosecutor (15 new cases just filed). LA city attorney website has a FAQ and an email where you can submit reports/violations. lauren.halligan@lacity.org

LAHD – Officer Ramirez

- 8/13 task force: 136 citations, 21 officers participated, 2nd Weds of every month in the Wilmington/Terminal Island area.

- Rubber Duck will be at Banning's Landing in Wilmington on 8/28 and 8/29

4. Government Representatives:

Rep from Isadore Hall's office present - no information to share

Gabriela Medina, Rep from Joe Buscaino's office

- Wilmington resident Ralph Terrazas is new LAFD fire chief
- Outlined the community events that occurred this month - such as 150th anniversary of the Banning Mansion, Tall Ships festival, Broad Avenue Mural project, and Peck Skate Park opening.
- Outlined upcoming events such as Conquer the Bridge, the Labor Day Parade, I heart Wilmington bike ride and picnic, and Wienerschnitzel Landmark dedication.
- Wilmington Projects update: Great Streets (Avalon Blvd), Figueroa St. Sidewalk, DASH re-route

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Leor Alpern - South Coast AQMD: provided information on the Electric Lawnmower exchange program. They will be in San Pedro on Saturday, 9/6. Refineries have submitted a flare reduction plan – there will be a Public Meeting on 9/4 from 6-8pm at the Carson Sr. Center to review plans

Diana Medel – I Heart Wilmington, community event to support Salvador Lara's honorary mayor campaign 8/30, Family picnic is back. Also, they continue voter registration efforts.

Ken Melendez - Wilmington Waterfront Forward - working on getting the Port of LA to build up the Wilmington Waterfront in a plan approved in 2009. Port has claimed that there is no money for the Wilmington project, but the San Pedro projects are getting funding. 9/18/2014 Harbor Commission meeting at Banning's Landing - everyone should go.

Dan Domonoske - VP of Potential Industries – He wanted to make a public disclosure of relationship with Potential Industries and his position on the WNC. Potential has been involved in discussions with the City of LA and the City of LB regarding the future of the LB Southeast Resources Recovery Facility (SERRF). The main purpose of these discussions has to do with increasing the amount of recycling being done in LA and LB. From time to time, he may present information to the WNC regarding Potential as it relates to SERRF.

Steve Salas - resident and Wilmington Waterfront Forward member, need to speak up and support the Wilmington Waterfront Forward.

6. Presentations

1. UCLA Community Scholars Program

Anabell Chavez explained her participation in the program. Wilmington citizens and UCLA students worked on the project for 6 months. Complete streets recommends a focus on the Avalon Blvd. Commercial corridor. Would like to use greenhouse gas reduction funds to green the Towne park. Projects to increase planting, trees, and shading. Meeting 3rd Saturday of every month at 544 N. Avalon Blvd. 11:00am.

2. Storm Western Development - rescheduled for next month

7. **Action Items:**

- a. Monthly Expense Report
- b. Approval of the WNC Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget
 - a) Pat Wilson outlined last year's budget, compared it to the proposed 14-15 budget, and answered questions.
 - b) Budget approved: 3 abstentions, 8 yes, 0 no
- c. Approval of Self-Assessment
 - a) Approved: 3 abstentions, 8 yes, 0 no
- d. Approval of Strategic Plan
 - a) Approved: 3 abstentions, 8 yes, 0 no
- e. Approval of Neighborhood Council Outreach Survey
 - a) Approved: 4 abstentions, 7 yes, 0 no

8. **Informational Items**

None

9. **Standing Committee Reports**

Executive Board

Bylaws - nothing to report

Finance - nothing to report

Land Use/Planning/ Gateway Beautification – Meeting scheduled at Bannings Landing on Oct. 6 at 5:30pm.

Public Works - 3rd Saturday 11:00 am at the municipal building

Publicity - Will meet 3rd Weds at Hojas Tea 6:30pm (tentative)

Transportation - Meeting scheduled Thurs 9/18 at 12:00pm at WNC office

RSO Ad-Hoc Committee

10. **Report from Officers**

None

11. **Unfinished Business**

- Storm Western Development will be invited to next month's meeting
- Juanita Naranjo - resigning because she no longer works for Harbor College
- 9/27 WNC will participate in the Fall into Literacy Fair

12. **New Business**

None

13. **Reports from Caucus Groups**

None

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

None

15. **Announcements from Governing Board**

None

16. **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 24, 2014
Minutes submitted by Matthew Adair, Secretary