

# **WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

## **Minutes – December 10, 2014**

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at **6:15PM** 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, Cecilia Moreno, Robert Jasso, Patricia Valladolid, Arthur Hernandez, Dan Domonoske, Marisela Caraballo, Robert Trani, Patrick Wilson

Absent/Excused: Gary Kern, Hank Osterhoudt, Jim Stephenson, Maria De Jesus, Patricia Sullivan, Michael Sanborn, Alberto Ramirez, Juanita Naranjo, Socorro Fimbres, Anabell Chavez,

### **2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting**

- Could not approve - no Quorum

### **3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- Cecilia Moreno, Port of Los Angeles, be aware that there is a draft public investment funding policy. Opportunity for public to submit comments on policy (released Fri Evening). Request that the NC add this item to January agenda.
- Susan Prichard, Hawaiian Ave Elementary & I Prepare Wilmington, have renamed the Wilmington disaster preparedness program to I Prepare Wilmington. Hawaiian Ave. EL received funding from the HCBF.
- Juan Gonzalez, Community Garden, manages the I heart Wilmington community garden. Will help everyone grow their own organic foods. Please help promote the garden 619 N. Broad Ave.
- Diana Medel, I heart Wilmington, Updates: still registering people to vote, toy drive on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 626 N. Avalon, planning a talent show at the end of January - more voter registration

outreach, will be in the Harbor Parade this Sunday, Opening an evening I heart Wilmington committee.

- Gaby Medina, Councilman Buscaino's office, Next Tuesday: inaugural Wilmington Tree lighting ceremony, 1/10/15 (10am): opening of the Watson and O park in Wilmington.
- Lucia Moreno-Linares, Resident, Family Federal Credit Union will be giving out groceries this Saturday. People will need to register at the credit union in order to participate.
- Steve Salas, Wilmington Waterfront Forward, LA promise zone, would like to apply for a grant to benefit Wilmington. Promise zone is supposed to help out communities in poverty. WWF has been working to create priorities for the waterfront. Meeting at POLA Thurs 8:30am.

#### 4. Presentations

- Dana Strand Community Report - Mary Gant and Susan Prichard. Developers are trying to change the original plan to increase the number of units from 77 units SF homes to 176 units of apartments. 413 units were agreed to in the early 2000s, there would be no 3 story units - new plan has 3 stories and additional units. There is insufficient parking. Hawaiian Ave EL designed to support 500 students, current population 750. Increase in the number of units can create as many as 180 additional students that need to attend the schools in the area - on the streets could easily increase by 100. Community was promised one thing, but it is being given something else - You can't just run over Wilmington.

Public Comments on Dana Strand:

- Susanna Camacho, resident, there is an agreement and Wilmington agreed to support the project, but the plan has changed. When are Wilmington residents going to be respected. We are not a dumping ground. If we don't watch out for ourselves, no one else will.
- William Dozier, resident, live within a block of the Dana Strand development. Contractors have not considered the negative effects of the development. Concerned that school fights and conflicts will occur if too many students are at the neighborhood schools. Our children are worth fighting for. Don't abuse our community for a dollar.
- David Esparza, resident, family here since 1922, lives near the Dana Strand development. Concerned that there will be access problems with ingress/egress to the new development. There will be additional pollution due to the additional cars, parking in the area is horrendous. Time for us to step up, because we have been stepped on, we have been 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizens.

5. **Action Items: (Quorum not present to act on action items)**

- a. WNC Planning/Land Use/Gateway Beautification Committee recommends that WNC adopt the Community Guiding Principles for the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project. Guiding principles were made to create a unified voice for Wilmington to “say” what they want to happen with the future developments. Guiding principles are supported by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. Community should put pressure on the Harbor Board of Commissioners to give more money to Wilmington.
- b. WNC Governing Board to consider and take a position on the VOPAK Stay in Place Plan and the mitigation funding community investment proposal.

Public Comment on 5b:

- Jesse Marquez, Coalition for a Safe Community, VOPAK met with our organization, we reviewed the plan. For the plan.
- Steve Salas, Wilmington Waterfront Forward, Some of this money should go to the Wilmington Waterfront program approved in 2009. Waterfront park was phase one, but there is still a phase two and three that haven't been done yet. Some of the money should go to redo and improve Banning Park.

6. **Informational Items**

Announced the 2014 Christmas Lights Decorating Contest - must register by 12/24/14, judging to take place on 12/28/14, with winner announced on 1/28/15 at the WNC meeting. Friends of Banning Museum has a new Stagecoach, and the Wilmington tug will be towing the duck.

7. **Announcements from Governing Board Members**

No Announcements

8. **Meeting Adjourned at 7:30**

9. **13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**