

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – July 22, 2015

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at **6:13PM** 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, Socorro Fimbres, Janet Grothe, Gary Kern, Diana Medel, Cecilia Moreno, Albert Ramirez, Patricia Sullivan, Patricia Valladolid, (11)

Absent/Excused: Sylvia Arredondo, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Michael Sanborn, Robert Trani, Patrick Wilson (6)

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting (No Quorum - not able to vote)

- May 2015 Minutes
- June 2015 Minutes

3. LAPD/LA Port PD

- LA Port Police and LAPD unable to attend the meeting.

4. Government Representatives Reports

- Gabriela Medina, Councilman Buscaino’s office - unable to attend the meeting, but provided a hard copy of her updates.
- Chris Wilson, Assem. Member Mike Gipson’s office - provided a written update from Assm. Member Gipson’s office, as well as an update on upcoming activities/events.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Chad Mayer, chad@sharefestinc.org, Sharefest - Update on the Sharefest projects scheduled for the Wilmington Senior Center. Thanked Phillips 66 for the grant that made the projects possible.
- Steve Salas, Wilmington Waterfront Forward - upset with a San Pedro magazine article that was not kind to Wilmington - urges everyone to write the editor in protest. Not happy with the Avalon beautification project - not enough.
- Maria Garcia, I Heart Wilmington - Invites the community to be a part of the I Heart Wilmington community. Meetings are held every Friday at 540 N. Marine Ave at 12:30pm-2:30pm.
- Darin Fields, Phillips 66 - provided information on staffing decisions at the refinery. Decisions were made with help from outside experts that have determined the staffing changes are safe.
- Albert Ramirez, Wilmington Improvement Network - Invite everyone to go to Maya restaurant for voter registration from 9am-12pm on Sunday, July 26.

- Belinda Noguez, SBCC - Invites everyone to the Fiesta on 9/26 at Banning Park from 12pm-5pm. Planning meeting at I Heart Wilmington on 7/30 from 12:30pm-2:30pm.
- Susan Prichard, sprich1314@aol.com, Resident - I Prepare Wilmington will have its first meeting at 10:00am on the 3rd Friday of August at Tzuchi Center. Part of the Toy Loan program and can give info/presentations to anyone interested in the program.
- Salvador Lara, lara310@sbcglobal.net, Clean Wilmington - Would like to see additional police support in the community - we have illegal dumping in streets/alleys. Truck drivers are driving in neighborhoods where there are signs limiting heavy trucks because the signage is lacking. Please help us keep an eye on the beautification projects.
- Juan Gonzalez, I Heart Wilmington - community garden grand opening. Gardening classes are being offered for free 9am-11am on Saturdays.
- Bill Orton, Self - Candidate for Congress (Hahn's vacant seat). We have lost our way as a nation, we cannot work together. My goal is to build bridges between others to retain the greatness of this nation. Wilmington is important to me. website: treatitlikealcohol.com
- Magali Sanchez-Hall, msanchezhall@ucla.edu, Community Advocate - resident in this community. I am concerned for the people of this community because of the pollution and noise hazards in the community. Government reps are aware of the situation, and they have done nothing. People suffer from asthma and cancer. Are you aware of the situation?
- Deputy Chief Palacios, LAFD - LAFD reorganized a few months ago and I have the south part of the city, and the LAFD will be more involved in the neighborhood in the future. Will attend the monthly WNC meetings regularly, will be starting a newsletter that will be provided to the WNC.
- John Ulloth, concerned that the Red Car at the Port of LA is going to be demolished. Wilmington was supposed to be added to the Red Car Line. I am here to ask for signatures on a petition to keep the Red Car Line open. If they close the Red Car and eliminate the rail the cost to rebuild it if they choose in the future it will be very costly. Ask the Port for the money in the budget.

6. Presentations

- **Port of LA 110/C Street Improvement Project Update and ramp closure.** Figueroa is scheduled to be closed for 60 days to facilitate project work (target date is 10/5/15). Closure will allow efficiency and safety. Metro will re-route buses around the closure. The onramp by the LAPD Harbor Station will be open before CalTrans will allow the C Street/Figueroa closure.
- **Wilmington sign replacement at PCH near Dominguez Channel.** Currently there is no "Welcome to Wilmington" sign on PCH as you head west from Long Beach into Wilmington. Timeframe for installation is 2 months, cost is \$625 if the sign is supported by the WNC and a letter is sent to CalTrans. Assy. Member Gipson's office will help with assistance on the process.

7. Action Items (No Quorum - not able to vote)

- (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.
- (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.

(c) Monthly Funding Report

8. Informational Items

- None

9. Report of Officers

- Chair - All funding requests with 1 exception were approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (including the 13-14 requests).
- Vice-Chair - Department of Mental Health offers support groups and they will happen every Wednesday at Abode communities.
- Secretary - None
- Treasurer - None

10. Reports by Standing Committees

- By Laws Committee - no updates
- Executive Board - no updates
- Finance Committee - no updates
- Land Use and Planning/Gateway and Beautification Committee - no updates
- Public works - no updates
- Publicity & Communications Committee - Sylvia Arredondo is volunteering as the new chair for this committee.
- Transportation Committee - did not meet, no updates

11. Unfinished Business

- There are a number of presentation requests for upcoming meetings - including Habitat for Humanity that is looking at a site in Wilmington for new projects.

12. New Business

- Add new signs to Wilmington

13. Reports from Caucus Groups

- None

14. Reports from Members at Large

- None

15. Announcements from Governing Board Members

- Citizen's oversight committee for Harbor College will be meeting next month and we will receive a report. Labor Day parade is coming up.
- Phillips 66 has a Bulk Supervisor position available - closes July 28
- Phillips 66/COPE sponsoring Map your Community on 8/1 8:30am-11am at San Pedro Little Company of Mary
- SBCC has a group SRG - school reform group - Booths still available at the Wilmington Family Fiesta, 9/26/2015.
- Wilmington Friends of Granada - in the process of becoming a 501 3c non-profit to help renew, reuse the Granada.

16. Meeting Adjourned at 7:56p