

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – July 23, 2014

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Treasurer Pat Wilson at 6:13 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Avenue, Wilmington.

Pledge of Allegiance by Treasurer Pat Wilson

“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:

Absent/Excused: Cecilia Moreno

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

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

LAPD – No Report

LAHD – Officer Ramirez

- Increase in Illegal dumping – please call if you see any (310) 732-3500
- Waterfront Park World cup viewing night was uneventful – great time for families
- Board member Art Hernandez asked what the police are doing about illegal fireworks
- Board member Robert Jasso asked is there more truck traffic to harbor? Answer: the current construction is being done to eliminate truck traffic through city and get on freeway
- Board member Socorro Fimbres noted that there is additional truck traffic on Avalon as well. Pat Wilson seconded Socorro – he has seen additional trucks as well.

4. **Government Representatives:**

Jacqueline Horton from LA City Attys Office – informed the council about the efforts to improve quality of life in community (213) 473-9948 “Neighborhood Prosecutor Program” Marijuana dispensaries are a concern and the city atty in Harbor area there are 44 – trying to shut down the nuisance dispensaries. They aren’t allowed to stay open after hours, loitering, and have bright lights. There is a limit to the number of dispensaries, but when they shut them down, they just move. Contact info: Neighborhood prosecutor: Lauren Halligen at Harbor City LAPD station

Pat entertained question from audience: 1) what can we do about people living in campers on the streets – answer case by case basis, call Lauren Halligen.

Gaby Medina from Buscaino's office/mayor's office

- Mayor hired 10,000 students this summer – Tesoro funded about 100
- Homeless encampments: Marine is problematic many vacant buildings that have attracted transients. Either break in or just live on/in front of property. Problem in LA, but the Harbor Area does have a significant presence.
- Questions asked: about slurry, tree removed by Northgate and replaced cement with asphalt. Can you trim the trees on PCH.

Thomas Soong, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, informed council about upcoming training opps: Ethics at Narbonne HS August, also funding training coming up, 9/20 congress of neighborhoods – once a year event, the councils get together to train, network, etc... Will be at City Hall downtown LA.

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

Diana Medel – Save the Day I Heart Wilmington, community walk/bike ride 9/6 from 10am-3pm

Anthony Quezada – Banning Park Director is having private basketball practice for B&G club – is that wrong? Is it allowed? Can the council find out?

Keith Ball – wanted to thank the council for support of waterfront forward – need to keep the Avalon link to waterfront

Steve Salas – WWF presented papers that show the discrepancies in spending between San Pedro and Wilmington (Pedro gets significantly more).

Patricia Valladolid - Summer Youth Jobs flyers around town are a scam. Daughter taken

6. **Presentations**

1. City of LA Street Venting Campaign – no presentation
2. UCLA Community Scholars Program Recap
Anabell Chavez explained her participation in the program and offered to have a full presentation, with PowerPoint and the next WNC meeting.

7. **Action Items**

1. Monthly Expense Report
2. 2014/15 WNC Budget
Patricia, new budget due in September, last year's budget is in dispute, so we are holding off on the new budget until the fate of last year's budget.
3. WNC Committee Assignments
Patricia went through the committees and asked who wants to stay, and new members.
Bylaws committee – new members Matt Adair and Robert Trani

Gateway beautification committee combined with Land Use 2014-16

Discussed keeping the registered sex offender committee

8. Informational Items

Anabel Chavez WNC signed up for a booth at the Fall into Literacy Campaign

Pat Wilson – Chamber having Breakfast with Don Knabe

9. Standing Committee Reports

Executive Board

Bylaws

Finance

Land Use/Planning/ Gateway Beautification:

Land use and planning- last meeting well attended w/ 20 community members, Ken Melendez “wowed” the crowd with his presentation.

Public Works

Publicity

Transportation

RSO Ad-Hoc Committee

10. Report from Officers

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business

Community Scholars will present next month

13. Reports from Caucus Groups

Wilmington Labor Day parade will take place 1st Monday of September

14. Reports from Members-at-Large

15. Announcements from Governing Board

Socorro – When we attend meetings outside of our meetings we go as individuals and DO NOT represent WNC unless the Council authorizes it!!

16. Adjournment

Motion from Gary Kern, second from Art Hernandez to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 pm

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014

Minutes submitted by Matt Adair, Secretary