



# Wilmington Neighborhood Council

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## Minutes for March 26, 2014

### 1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call of Governing Board Member

- Call to Order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:15 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Cecilia Moreno
- Roll Call by Secretary Patricia Valladolid---No quorum at 6:15 but 13 members present by 7 pm, Quorum reached

In attendance: Sylvia Arredondo, Marisela Caraballo, Arthur Hernandez, Roberto Jasso, Gary Kern, Cecilia Moreno, Anthony Quezada, Alberto Ramirez, Michael Sanford, Jim Stephenson, Patricia Sullivan, Robert Trani and Patricia Valladolid

### 2. Approval of minutes for January 22, 2014 meeting

- Gary Kern motions to approve as amended, second from Robert Jasso
- **Passes with 9-0-2**

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

- Report from Los Angeles Police Department by Officer JR ( new Senior Lead Officer for Wilmington with LAPD Harbor Division)
  - Welcome “I am involved in the community and familiar with the issues faced by the Harbor Area. N. Wilmington brings on new challenges my Boundaries are--- everything north of Anaheim. I work off of emails and voicemails”
  - Crime and quality of life issues
  - 20% decrease in crime year to date
  - Secure doors
  - Shooting on Papeete St. currently under investigation, we do have leads
  - New area Captain Susana Johnson
  - Friendship Neighborhood watch meeting---on Christian School on Frigate and I St.

### 4. Government Representatives Reports—Federal/State/ County/City

- Bill Orton, representing Senator Rod Wright 35<sup>th</sup> Senate district
- Senator Wright in on an indefinitely leave
- While on leave from senate—remind members of council and constituents, if you have issues with state offices—office continue to be open for constituent matters
- 310-412-0393, [william.orton@sen.ca.gov](mailto:william.orton@sen.ca.gov)
- If you would like 35<sup>th</sup> senate district to be somewhere at an event--- please invite us

### Questions----

Q: Anthony Quezada—Can you please repeat the phone number?

- Veronica Ledezma, Congresswoman Hahn office 44<sup>th</sup> congressional district



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- San Pedro office three days a week
- Gabriela Medina, LA Council District 15<sup>th</sup> representing Joe Buscaino
  - Sharefest, Wilmington Recreation Center:
  - Utility Art Box Project—SBCC is now the lead agency they have received \$1000 from CD15
  - Removal of Payphone / News Stands: With change we are hope the removal of activity around these locations
  - Proposition O, Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park: Ground breaking on Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm. Projected expected to last three years. Lighting was installed as requested.
  - Hometown Hero's Event, Ribbon Cutting
  - ITEP 14<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship dinner

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

- Chris Brown, Engineer with Port of LA
  - Starting an environmental project in south of Harry Bridges Blvd.---to be closed
  - Train traffic is going to increase in near future
  - Building a new rail yard
  - Posting draft document on April 4, 2014---comment will be accepted until May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Public Meeting scheduled for April 22, 2014 at 6:00pm at Banning Landing
  - Will not have a material effect on Wilmington Waterfront Project
- Jessie Marquez, Coalition for Safe Environment
  - February 26, 2014 open house on LACEEN
  - Two state agency to address concerns
  - How to file a report on any issues on environmental impact
  - Court case of Clean Air Act—refinery not in compliance
- Susan Prichard
  - A thank you to Mr. Orton for provided material to the Health Fair
  - I am a part of a CERT project; we are on year 2 and year 3
  - Hawaiian Ave Elementary is having trouble with Psychiatric Social Worker, next year budget will be moved.
- Donna Ethington, Clean Wilmington



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- We need support on a few landscaping projects Neighbors are so excited and motivated
- These projects have made a huge impact and difference in the area of our projects.
- Carlos Prinzon,
  - I have been fighting the fact that Banning High School will be split into two schools. We then moved to have a meeting with the district. I would like to know, and to continue to have a voice and meet with district leaders.
- Diana Medal, SBCC -- I heart Wilmington
  - We will be celebrating 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary and civic pride, on April 25, 2014 from 5:00pm-9:00pm
- Don Compton,
  - Wilmington trolley plan, on June 26, 2013 WNC voted to nominate Joe Buscaino
  - Move forward to use modern light rail plan connect Wilmington with downtown this is a 20feet stretch, namely the Wilmington Short line. I need 1-2 poster makers to show what plan will look like, call me for the details.

## 6. Presentation:

### a. Celena Roldan, Groves of Wilmington

I am trying to bring organization together, we have an office out of Wilmington Chamber of Commerce from 1:00pm-7:00pm. Looking to improved quality of landscape  
Goal is to work with organizations that are already doing this type of work

841 Banning Blvd. Street View

Will be requesting funding working with local Wilmington Gardeners—Gardening council of Wilmington on Saturday Morning.

## Questions:

Patricia Sullivan---What lawns are you mowing?

A: Parkways on industrial area around Wilmington.

Anthony Quezada: Do you have a contact?

A: I will follow up with you

G. Kern: Many organizations in Wilmington doing similar work

A: Yes, and all Wilmington residents should be responsible for this town. Yes I love the idea that other people have done this, and every person can bring on more individuals to volunteer their time. “ Just because you cut a few lawns doesn’t mean the grass stops grower for next month”



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### b. Los Angeles Land Trust, Mr. Cruz

We are here to promote work here in Wilmington. On April 7<sup>th</sup> we will hold a Community forum Saint Peter and Paul Church 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Goal of trial project, to transforming public vacant land. We are also working USC.

These community forums will have us shape vision of project. Wilmington is a district case study, we want to hear from you. I want to invite you to help shape these plans.

#### Questions:

Cecilia Moreno: Where will meeting be? Are these funds secured?

A: We never start project without community support--- and many processes after that. We will work to secure funding for project, but first is to secure sites and meet with residents.

Cecilia Moreno: Are there example of the land trust has completed.

A: Many of our projects in South LA and are small urban parks. Projects are about what community needs and sustainability.

Anthony Quezada: What date, do you have flyers?

A: all about getting community involved

Patricia Sullivan: Where does the funding come from?

A: A wide range of sources Prop O, Prop K, and some foundation, no corporate funders—that I am aware of. All state funding.

Michael Sanborn: after projects are how are they maintained?

A: We look at the community leadership, and will maintain a capacity building role.

Robert Trani: You will not be participating on any current projects?

A: If you have a project in mind, we can start process to see what our role can be. Goal is to create open spaces; right now we are in testing waters. Our focus has been in South LA. We are expanding and expand our reach.

### c. Phillip 66, Plant Manager--Reporting on Neptune Avenue Oil Leak

Notified on Monday 3/27/14—call from LA Fire Department. We promptly responded; even without know if pipe was ours. Initially we did not believe line was ours. Repair was completed Tuesday evening, flow stopped. Pipe piece was sent off to third party lab to be tested, to understand leak.

Community Outreach--

Face-to-face response with 28-30 residents



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### Questions from the WNC Board:

Robert Jasso: This pipeline there is a beginning and end, you caught it in the middle? Where does it end and start?

A: Travis Wilkie--Pipe runs from Lomita all down Neptune, we were pushing with nitrogen, 39 barrels off on 1 pin whole. Once we dug into area, we vacuumed the oil we pulled. Q: how did the line end up having oil, if it was not in use? A: We were under believe the line was free of Hydro-Carbon since 1998, we will prune lines again.

Patricia Sullivan: How long did it take to clean the whole thing up.

A: Initial response 24 hours, we are still working. We do not want to leave any contamination behind.

Sylvia Arredondo: Phillip 66 and Ethics—offered residents burritos, what is behind this thinking?

A: Darin Field--Yes we brought breakfast down, we offered folks the food, we were impacting them and we thought it would be a good gesture.

Robert Trani: I am concerned with contamination issues, if it was a pinhole and how much area was affected.

A: Release was 4feet down from where pipeline was up through streets; again reason we are out there is to address the contamination. 10-12 feet deep we are running into clean soil, we do not want to leave anything behind.

Jim Stephenson: How frequently are safety procedures used on inactive lines?

A: Travis Wilke--We will be going back to look at inactive lines to eliminate the risk.

Anthony Quezada: How fast will it go across the line, what if more leaks occur?

A: Travis Wilke--we had the same concerned: 1 we put a vacuum on one end. We were very conservative in moving also the construction of pipeline, and as of tonight line is completely empty.

### Public Comment:

**Jesse Marquez**—I am a lifetime resident of Wilmington. Our community and homes are not a dumping ground. They do not own the land, their obligation is to remove...anything not in use needs to be removed. The worst damage that happened in the first few minutes... oil refinery are already causing diseases. Requesting public health trust fund, mitigation fund to remove pipelines and wells.

**Raquel Morales**, I live on Neptune Ave. right in front of leakage. Oil spill was noticeable, and I was asking what was going on. Workers did not know or... Next morning my family woke up sick, all night long we didn't sleep. We were concerned about value of properties and health.



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Tuesday morning I ask for person in charge, not until hours later did someone come to speak to me. We still have many questions. We feel ignored.

**Jose Pimentel**, I also live in front of oil spill, which occurred Monday around 5:30pm, 5 fire trucks were there. News reported interviewed my family. Phillip 66 never told us anything, until Thursday did they come to my house. Yes I spoke with them and then they gave me alter with a \$110 gift card, and said sorry for inconvenience for blocking the streets. I felt that I was their inconvenience. Life is not worth \$100, we may not be sick right now, but maybe in a couple of years.

**Jose Martinez**, The reason I am here to support my neighbors. From what we hear we are all devastated about this incident. It is very sad that we are a few feet from the location of incident. We did not learn sooner, we learned fro the nightly news. My question is for the people who are here, would you like to be treated less than other. I believe we all deserve respected and as people should be treated equally. I understand that accident happens, and that there should be insurance and a fund sot that accidents can be address promptly. But as those responsible they should take responsibility for the neighbors, when someone came to spoke to ne and I anted them to understand what we were experience. I work night, and no one was concerned with our well being, or that if was even safe.

**Adrian Pimentel**, my parent own home 1240 Neptune Ave, right in front of oil spill. Oil spill happened Monday, no one came to my parent's house until Thursday. We were not notified of contamination, it is not inconvenience of street. My concerns of the contamination and spill, we feel we do not know. I do not feel it is right that oil spill happen Monday, and no one came to our home until Thursday. I feel they should test oil of all homes on the block; my parents need to know what's going on, I do not feel that one visit is enough. It is not right, would this have happened in Torrance, Carson, would it be handled the same. I feel they need to test pipelines not in use, more needs to be done, not just in front of my house, but also in all of Wilmington.

**Emelina Morales**, Good Evening I am very worried about incident that happening on my street, I feel ill from eyes and ears. I was asking workers of what was going on, there was someone who spoke Spanish and he replied everything was fine. At that point I was feeling nauseas and dizzy.

**Alicia Rivera**, Communities for A Better Environment---On Tuesday morning I went by neighborhood. I knocked on some doors, and found out one person went to hotel. Crew said one person went to hotel. Eventually I spoke with more neighbors and residents were not offered a hotel, I spoke to inspector at AQMD—and had measured from certain emissions. I was told people were fine, AMQD said smell was not bad. The little bit that I was exposed to on the third day, I felt light headed. My concern and those on behalf of neighbors were dismissed. The problem is that we do not know how many pipelines like these around Wilmington, we need a map and residents should become aware. This is unacceptable, and we need to prepare, and people should be treated with respected and informed from very beginning.



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**Laura Espinoza**, Mothers of Wilmington: One of friends of group also lives on Neptune, I went day after to see what was going on. My aunt has Cancer, and Cancer happens everywhere. I would like to invite people to come to WNC, not just when problems like these happen. I personally have invited represented from refiners to speak to my group. I think it is important that we all need to education of our surroundings. We need to communicate directly and not intermediately.

**Susana Camacho**: Oil seepage was 20x60 feet. How much does each barrel hold in terms of gallon, will you replace the soil? Philip 66 should lean some ethnic culturally sensitivity, and a \$100 gift certificate. Adopt a different protocol when oil seepage occurs, include to temporally relocating residents. Oil companies make millions of dollars a minute. Oil companies should provide an emergency number to residents.

### Answers and response by Phillips 66

**Travis Wilke**: Air monitoring, from Monday night to when leak was fully repaired. We had 3 different third party companies: Envent, Brenderson, CTH. Our workers were not wearing repertory protection. Not it did not get to water table, it also did not hit storm drains. All will be filled with clean dirt, 10-12 feet deep and 8x7feet wide, 20ft x 50ft of impact on street. I will address grass drying and dying, this was due to cleaning product. Yes absolutely we will.

**Darin Fields**: We want to be a good neighbor that is our goal, I would rather be here in a different capacity. If there are claims that you feel need to be compensated please correspond with: [terri.j.barksdale@p66.com](mailto:terri.j.barksdale@p66.com)

24-Hour Community Awareness Hotline: 310-834-5264

### 7. Action Items-----

- a. Monthly Expense report—
  - o Cost of interpreter, and food, we will table because we do not have information inform of us.
- b. WNC publicity banners---
  - o No more than \$500 suggestions if board does feel comfortable allocating funds. Size and location
  - o Cecilia Moreno I would like to entertain a motion or table to bring back in April
  - o Sylvia makes a motion to table action item 7b.
  - o Second from Patricia Sullivan.
  - o **13-0-0 motion carries to table**
- c. Issue at Blinn Ave not being wide Enough
  - o Arthur Hernandez--- How can we get out of Blinn?



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- Robert Jasso I motion as stated on agenda recommendation of Planning and Gateway and Beautification Committee
- Second by Arthur Hernandez
- **9-1-2 motion carries and we will put it in writing**

### **Unfinished Business---**

Arthur Hernandez, Grand Opening of Denny's I attended.

Anthony Quezada, "I attended the ground breaking at Machado Lake, I was there on March 22"

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:58pm**

Minutes submitted by

*Patricia Valladolid*  
*WNC Secretary*