

# WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes – January 28, 2009

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 7:00 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 3 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

Cecilia indicated there were translators present. If anyone present needed their services, they would need to move closer.

The following statement was read: "As provided by the Brown Act, person in the audience may address the committee in connection with any agenda item or during the public comments period. Anyone desiring to speak please complete a speaker card and submit it to the secretary."

Pledge of Allegiance led by Pat Wilson

Ms. Moreno asked for a moment of silence in honor of the Lupoe family tragedy.

- 1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members ( ) confirming a quorum. (Present Jack Babbitt, Tom Dahlgren, Socorro Fimbres, Arthur Hernández, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Bobbie McNeill, Ana L. Medina, Helen Mora, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Hank Osterhoudt, Marcus Perez, Susan Prichard, Patricia Sullivan, Pat Wilson)  
Excused Marisela Caraballo  
Arrived late Donna Ethington

- 2. Approval of November meeting minutes. (M/S – Osterhoudt/Medina)— **Passed: 15-0-2**

- 3. Los Angeles Police Department – Senior Lead Officer Lopez  
Officer Ana Pinnel – promoted to Detective  
City wants everyone to know the information services telephone numbers  
3 - City Services  
2 - County Services  
Motor Vehicle Theft and Burglary still a problem  
Impound Task Force active in the Harbor Area  
Need to provide address, cross street and description  
New Station's opening has been moved to mid April, 2009

### Los Angeles Port Police – Officer Morris

Due to recent family tragedy, the City is circulating a list of available resources  
Winter Shelter available in Long Beach, 2235 Lemon Avenue, 800-58-40  
Wilmington Community Task Force – held Graffiti Clean Up last weekend  
Truck Traffic – Extra Patrol  
PCH/Blinn  
300 Block of Quay  
Commercial Truck Enforcement Task Force operational  
80 tickets in the last week

- 4. Public Comment

Toni O'Donnell, Banning Pool Manager

Annual Maintenance complete – pool is open – heating system repaired  
Banning High School fielding both a Boys and Girls Water Polo team

Rick Albias

Negotiating with ConocoPhillips – Wilmington and Carson plants  
Labor Dispute – afraid will replace with less trained personnel  
This would negatively affect surrounding community  
Renting building to inform community

Bahram Fazeli, Analyst, Community for Better Environment

Express support for Union personnel  
Feels WNC should support ConocoPhillips negotiations  
safety measures for better workplace and good for the neighborhood  
Asks for motion or letter to ConocoPhillips

Pat Rome, League of Women Voters

Landscape Committee will be guests of the Port on February 8 from 10- 30 a.m.  
Aboard the "Angelina," the group will be given an update of Port activities/projects

Chris Salabay, CD 5 Candidate

Introduce himself to WNC  
Hopes everyone will attend one of the Candidate forums  
2/3 - 5 p.m., 8<sup>th</sup> Street School, Gardena  
2/ 9 - 7:30 p.m., Rolling Hills Preparatory School

Don Compton, Resident

Reroute of BNSF to Alameda Corridor  
WNC has previously endorsed this idea

Erica Kent, United Steel Workers Union, Local 35 Representative

Lisa Bowman, US Government Health & Safety Rep. for

ConocoPhillips Carson/Wilmington plants  
Supports Union – creates safe work environment, honest day's pay and a safe place  
to live

In the past has joined with SB Com Center Beautification Committee  
To help with

## 5. Government Representative Reports

Dolores Canizales, Councilwoman Hahn

Community gathering last night in light of the Lupoe family tragedy

Please use the 2 and 3 numbers if you need help

Thanks to Mary Gant and the Wilmington Task Force for last weekend's clean up  
Announcements

San Pedro City Hall - Remote Access Center for City Council Meetings

This means you can testify from San Pedro before the full Council

Council File Tracking

City Clerk can provide briefing

Police Station – New

Opening now scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 10 00 a.m.

Captain Hays indicates an "Open House" will be held in the summer

Questions

Donna Ethington – "No Overweight Vehicle" signage – status

Transportation Committee should meet with CD 4/Cindy Muller  
Dept. of Transportation restructuring currently

7. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Report – Dan Davis – not present – no report

7. DONE Report – Rosa Arcadia  
Budget Survey – Last day, Friday, January 30  
Green Meeting will be held February 1, 2009  
Chair – Donna Ethington  
Grants – February  
Neighborhood Council – Council File Motion  
City Clerk/Ethics currently reviewing  
Rom 5 – if not filed will have to recuse

8. COPSS Report – Pat Rome  
Saturday, April 11, 2009 8:00 a.m.-Noon, Crown Plaza Hotel, San Pedro  
Creating written emergency plan for this area of the City

9. Presentations

- a. Wilmington Waterfront EIR Update  
Presenter - Jan Green Redstock, Environmental Manager, Port of LA  
Handed out Readers Guide – 25 pages vs. 500 pages of the full report  
Project includes 90 acres, 40 of which is on the waterfront  
Phase 1 - 2009-2015  
10 acre elevated land bridge  
Close Avalon in favor of Broad Avenue  
Elevated park when DWP moves tanks  
Will include pedestrian bridge with integrated water area  
Nine (9) boat slips for visitors  
Phase 2 - After 2015  
Restaurant  
Truck access will be rerouted down Lagoon Avenue, relieving Fries & Broad  
Sustainable  
Shade structures  
New buildings are energy efficient  
Recycled water for landscaping and water features  
Drought tolerant plants  
Environmental Review – three (3) less than significant  
Air quality during construction  
Geography – because of possible earthquakes  
Noise – pile drivers during construction  
EIR Comment period ends on Friday, January 30  
Public hearing was held at Banning's Landing on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>  
Wilmington Waterfront EIR Update - continued  
Answers to Questions  
DWP Tank Farm is leased to Valero for oil storage  
DWP needs to do its own CEQA analysis  
Shade trees will be part of the project  
Project not expected to be affected by downturn in the economy  
Educational display available at B/C Street Park groundbreaking Sat.

b. LAUSD

David Kooper, and Jacob Haik – representing District 7 and LAUSD Facilities staff  
Site 'F'

Wells Fargo has moved to the corner of Anaheim/Island

Also a service center inside Food Less

Northgate relocation announcement within the month

Construction – Cleanup to be done by ETC this Fall

Funding – All monies available

Complete by 2012

Answers to Questions

Should not affect Dodson's school population

Parental choice will still be in affect

New School should not affect District Budget

Teachers/custodian budget taken into account already

Soil Contamination from lead paint and pesticides

Expect to truck out a small amount

Monitored by State Dept. of Toxic Substances

Truck route already set – Avalon to PCH to 10

Wind screen required

Know of a few capped oil wells on site

Counterintuitive that we can afford this new school in current economic situation

Bond funding is in place

Visit [www.laschools.org](http://www.laschools.org) for more information

Keeping 20/1 (student/teacher) better for children's education

Required to use union workers

Check into local labor and apprenticeship program

New Carson High School

Completion expected in 2012

Will eliminate 1/3 of Banning High's current student body

Budget

Expecting massive problems with the coming school year

\$250-00 million deficit

83% of LAUSD budget is for personnel

LAUSD loses \$10,000 every hour there is no State budget

State provides 0% of LAUSD funding

Solutions

Raise class size from 20 to 25

Lupoe family tragedy

Although family lived in Wilmington,

children attended Crescent Avenue, District 7, not Wilmington Park

Crisis counselors sent to both schools

0. Action Items

a. PCAC – Motion Ethington/Dahlgren

Resolved, “The Air Quality Subcommittee requests the PCAC to advise the Board of Harbor Commissioners to require that the Baywide Health Risk Assessment (HRA) be revised to include consideration of and recalculation for the harmful and significant contribution to pollution and health risk resulting from construction emissions.”

Kathleen Woodfield

Baywide HRA due in April 2009 – this is a source document

Emission Inventory updated each year

Currently operational inventory only

**(Passed 9-4-4)**

b. Funding Requests

. *Friends of Banning Residence Museum (BRM)*

Motion – Dahlgren/Hernandez that the WNC provide the Banning Residence Museum with \$3,000 to assist with the Wisteria Regale’

Michael Sanborn, Director

BRM has sponsored the Wisteria Festival since 2005

This year it will be held on Saturday, April

\$3000 will be used to rent a tent

Event open to the public

Profit used to support BRM’s educational activities

King/Queen of the event selected through essay contest

WNC will be recognized through program, on web page and  
in press releases

Passed ( 5-0-2)

2. *St. Peter/Paul Catholic School*

Motion – Babbitt/Medina that the WNC sponsor the purchase of five (5) computers to be purchased for St. Peter and Paul School Science Program with the contingency that the school secure required funding for the proposed project.

Jonathan Steele

SPP is the first net zero school

Solar panels on gym roof

Expect computers to cost about \$1000 each

Will include maintenance and hardware

Will plug into open source system

The \$10,000 is a start-up cost. Teacher already on board

**Passed (17-0-1)**

3. *Drum Barracks Civil War Museum*

Motion Babbitt/Osterhoudt that the WNC provide \$5,000 for the restoration and permanent display of Gatling Gun.'

Susan Ogle, Director

History

Originally purchased ( 92 ) and installed by Wilmington Cemetery Monument to the 2 confirmed Civil War soldiers buried in cemetery

Someone stole Gatling Gun in 9/2

9/9 found in dump

Wilmington Cemetery Board donated Gun to Society for Preservation of Drum Barracks"

Cost

Only a few restoration experts in County

One in Ramona – Gary Harper

Cost includes restoration, limber and carriage, lights and display

Support

Rare/priceless relic of the Civil War

**Passed (16-0-1)**

*Sharefest*

Motion Dahlgren/Lara that the WNC provide \$2500 to support the Mayor's Day of Service on Saturday, May 2.'

Chad Mayer/Mary Gant and Wilmington Middle student, Jose Sanchez

Sharefest began in 200

Has worked with City Attorney's office and Cruces Neighborhood

Has partnered with Mayor's Office

Has coordinated planting of trees along PCH

All funds will be used in Wilmington

00% of funds towards project, no administrative overhead

**Passed (18-0-0)**

c. Planning and Land Use Committee Items

*Stars in Sky – 326 Avalon Boulevard, Restaurant Modification*

Motion Dahlgren/Hernandez that the WNC support the downgrading of the existing liquor license on site from a # 1 to a # 2.'

There is no recommendation from the Land Use Committee

Will give up hard liquor for beer/wine license

Will lose ability to serve food on site

Finger food allowed

Will remain a bar

Retain Entertainment Permit

Allows live bands

Owner will still own # 1 License and can sell

WNC cannot control to whom it is sold

**Passed (11-6-1) - WNC needs to provide letter to ABC**

2. *725 Broad Avenue, Apartment Construction, Zone Variance*  
Requesting support for 2-unit apartment building on site  
Zoning allows but with "Q" conditions  
Land Use committee – no recommendation  
Motion Fimbres/Osterhoudt that the "WNC table this item until the February meeting"  
**Did not Pass (3-12-1)**

Motion Dahlgren/Babbitt that the "WNC listen to the presentation."  
Braxton Dennis  
Parking is the controlling factor on the site  
Will try to provide more open space for future occupants  
**Passed (16-0-1)**

Motion Babbitt/Osterhoudt that the "WNC not support this project in its current form."  
**Passed (17-0-0)**

- d. Business Cards  
Will discuss at the February meeting
- e. House Decorating Award  
Will ask winning homeowner to attend the February meeting
- f. NC Candidate Forum. Thursday, February 9.  
Motion (Babbitt/Fimbres) that the "WNC cosponsor and assist in the promotion of NC Candidate Forum to held on Thursday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Mary Star of the Sea."  
**Passed ( )**

Information Items

- a. Bus Bench Ad Hoc Committee  
Kern reported no update
- b. Refreshments  
Thanks to Ethington for tonight's refreshments  
Jasso to provide February's refreshments
- c. LA DOT – MOU - Ethington  
Our contact is in San Pedro City Hall  
MOU would give NC more clout  
Will help in setting priorities  
DOT will provide a 90-day advance notification
- d. Mayor's Day of Service – May 2, 2009  
WNC Representative will be Prichard  
Please provide her with suggested sites

- e. Two Year Pilot Council File for Neighborhood Councils  
Rosa Arcadia spoke about this earlier
- f. Los Angeles Flood Plain Management Steering Committee  
Pat Rome will be WNC's representative to this group
- g. No DONE Announcements  
All information provided by Rosa Arcadia during her report

2. Report of Officers

- Chair – Moreno  
Circulated thank you letters received from the Banning Senior Center's Computer Class for our funding of their lab.
- Co-Chair - None
- Secretary  
Please send sites to be considered for Mayor's Day of Service ASAP
- Treasurer – None

3. Reports from Standing Committees

- By Laws
- Executive Board
- Finance – Wilson  
We have funds available in addition to the \$50,000 carryover
- Gateway & Beautification  
Next meeting, Monday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.
- Land Use & Planning  
Next meeting, Monday, February 9, 9:00 a.m.  
Jasso – Truck yard PCH/Sanford hearing tomorrow
- Public Works
- Publicity & Communications  
Send an update of Committee Roster
- Transportation  
Will meet with Luna, CD 5, regarding truck signage  
Need a pamphlet regarding City's parking regulations
- PCAC Representative

Unfinished Business

- a. New Business  
Request ConocoPhillips make report on scrubber unit modification  
Fulfillment of contract with WNC
- b. Reports from Caucus Groups  
Church – Mora  
Considering a meeting with Mental Health Care professionals  
Boat Owners – Ethington  
Homeland Security



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- b. Reports from Caucus Groups - continued
  - Education – Prichard
  - Need help with school's email addresses
- c. Reports from Members at Large - None
- d. Announcements from Governing Board
  - McNeill – Thank you for all who attended Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
  - For those unable to attend, will provide a personal tour
  - Kern – first Girls Softball Team fielded at Harbor College
  - Won first game - 3 to Pierce
- e. Adjournment
  - 0 00 p.m. – Next meeting will be February 25.

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Cecilia Moreno, Chair