

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – November 18, 2009

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Co-Chair Jack Babbitt at 6:04 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

Jack Babbitt with the assistance of Marcus Perez, indicated there was a translator present. If anyone present needs translation services, she will help. Also, we would not have any electronic display of information because one of the necessary power cords was missing.

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 Patrick Wilson

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (14) confirming a quorum.

Present: Jack Babbitt, Marisela Caraballo, Donna Ethington, Socorro Fimbres, Jacqueline Garcia, Arthur Hernandez, Ramon Iniguez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Ana Medina, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan Ogle, Marcus Perez, Susan M. Prichard and Patrick Wilson

Excused: Tom Dahlgren, Cecilia Moreno

Absent: Bobby McNeel, Patricia Sullivan

2. Presentation (Ms. Delgado arrived late, presentation made after DONE report)

Mirna Delgado – City Clerk – 213-978-0444 – mirna.delgado@lacity.org
Handed out Neighborhood Council Election Procedures packet to those present
Standardized throughout NCs except for text boxes
Harbor area elections will all be on the same day

Questions/Comments

Fimbres – WNC area
Map based upon WNC ByLaws description
Lara – thinks election should be held in Lobby – better exposure
Caraballo – voting age eligibility – different pages 5 & 28,
Should read 16 not 18 in both cases
DONE’s “Walking Man” contract
WNC would need to pay for Walking Man services itself

3. Approval of April minutes. (M/S – Hernandez/Medina) **Passed: 13-0-3**

4. Los Angeles Police Department – No one Present

Los Angeles Port Police – report given by Celina Luna on behalf of Ofcr. Cheryl Morris

11/10 – coordinated a truck task force

Eubank – PCH/Lomita, Blinn – PCH/Q St., Watson – PCH/Sandison and L/Sanford
25 Citations issued

Two companies felt they were being treated unfairly – International Cargo Equipment on Eubank, and Estes Express on Blinn Ave. Each was advised to inform their drivers to use designed “truck route.” They asked for brochure to give to all their drivers. This will be handled.

Officer Morris will be on vacation from 11/20 through 12/20. Contact Sr. Lead Reynolds (310-732-3144) or Ofcr. Creech (310-732-4786) in her absence.

5. Public Comment

Don Compton – Reroute has gained attention from both Councilwoman Hahn and Congresswoman Harman’s office.

Antonio Rios –

Attended CRA Meeting on 11/5

Gordon Teuber (CD15) spoke for need of additional recreational facilities

Wilmington has more refineries than parks

Area of Banning Park reduced by fence

Need new park at Sanford/I Streets – currently a haven for trash and dead animals

Warren McCoy – spoke of need for another supermarket in Wilmington

Farmer’s Market only once a week from 9a -1p – when rain/nothing

Felt WNC would benefit from a cordless microphone system

6. Government Representative Reports

Councilwoman Hahn - Celina Luna - Celina.luna@lacity.org – 310-732-4515

New Chief of LAPD – Charlie Beck

Councilwoman hosting new Chief at Peck Park

Thursday, November 19, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

ATSAC

BNSF – provided copy of letter to Mr. Matt Rose, CEO

Rerouting of trains to Thenard Junction

Cell Phone Towers

Become an issue because of tower near Taper Elementary

Considering pulling out of JPA – Joint Pole Authority

Special Events Policy

New policy now in affect

100 residents attended 11/17 meeting relative to this matter

Board Questions/Comments

Fimbres – Cell Tower

Is there not one on Banning High grounds?

If a problem at Taper why not at Banning?

Wilson – ICE facility – affected by truck ban on Eubank

Response - Ingress/Egress allowed. The issue: ‘No vehicles over 6000 pounds’ signs have been posted on Eubank, which is a residential area between PCH and Lomita to stop commercial trucks from using Eubank as a short cut. The only trucks permitted to use this route are those accessing the ICE facility. The Police are issuing citations to commercial trucks that are not permitted to use Eubank.

They are also conducting truck inspections and issuing citations for equipment violations, some of which are hauling ICE's containers. Because a high volume of unauthorized trucks continue to use Eubank the Council office is considering posting a sign on Eubank at PCH that would prohibit commercial trucks from turning north or south on PCH. If posted, ICE trucks would only be able to access the facility from Lomita.)

7. DONE Report – Rosa Arcadia

DONE November Blast

Treasurer, Pat Wilson, needs to read first page of this report for update
New Funding Administrator – Jackie Mendez (Jacqueline.Mendez@lacity.org)

City Attorney group for DONE

Have had four (4) attorneys – down to two (2)

Will affect training

Expect more training to be on-line

Training this Saturday – Topics

Tools for Effective Self Governance, Ethics Training, Update on Elections
and Census 2010

Each DONE representative is being asked to make a presentation to two (2) new community groups each month. If WNC member or Wilmington resident can provide such a contact, please refer immediately. Would like to provide information before upcoming elections

Election process – do not have locations at this point

January 28 – Open Dialogue

April 22 - Open Dialogue

May 20 - Candidate Preparation

June 8 - Election

DONE Staffing

80% of DONE staff will be on mandatory furlough every 2nd & 4th Friday of each month.

New National Report on Civic Engagement (<http://discuss.ala.org/divicengagement/2009/09/>)

Mr. Kim, DONE General Manager, suggests you read

Questions/Comments – Board

Ethington – Website still the same?

Yes. EMPOWER LA roll out has been delayed until early 2010

Osterhoudt – Ethics training – when in Southern area of City?

Suggest you attend this Saturday's meeting

Wilson – There is no more ATM withdrawals?

That is correct

8. COPE Preparedness Report – Pat Rome (pjwrome@yahoo.com)

Not Present

9. Action Items

a. No PCAC items

- b. Caraballo/Osterhoudt moved to accept the Neighborhood Council Election Procedures as presented by Ms. Delgado, City Clerk’s office. **(Passed 15-0-0)**

Questions/Comments

Fimbres – this is only for the three (3) at-large seats? – correct

Caucuses have their own process

Business/Industry –	3
Church	2
Education	2
Labor	1
Non-Profit	1
Recreation	1
PAB	1
Port	1
Residents	6
Seniors	1
Youth	1
Parliamentarian	1

10. Information Items

- a. Buffer – per Ms. Moreno’s request, we need to have our buffer name suggestions submitted before January, 2010.
- b. Refreshments –
 - Thank you to Marisela Caraballo for arranging tonight’s dinner
 - Reminder McNeel – refreshments for December meeting
 - Secretary will remind through email
- c. DONE announcements – see Item #7

11. Report by Officers

- a. Chair – not present
- b. Co-Chair – Babbitt

The Executive Board voted to have two (2) Open Forums/year, with this in mind, the December meeting, our 8th Anniversary, will be used for this purpose. It is suggested that we take up the issue of creating a second neighborhood council for Wilmington. Other ideas for a topic for this meeting are with votes included.

10	-	Graffiti problems (Kern)
7	-	Additional neighborhood Council (Babbitt)
6	-	Attract new business to community (Medina)
5	-	Discuss NC budget condition (Fimbres)
5	-	Buffer name
2	-	Youth point of view (Medina)

Public Comment from Ms. Espinoza on this issue – concerned that at the October meeting, WNC gave scholarships to PetPals organization in San Pedro. San Pedro has 3 NCs, Wilmington only one, therefore, San Pedro should fund their own scholarships.

Following discussion, it was decided that the topic of the December meeting would be the possible creation of a second neighborhood council in Wilmington.

Ms. Arcadia will ask that the appropriate DONE and City Attorney personnel attend the meeting.

- c. Secretary – No report
- d. Treasurer – No report

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12. Standing Committees

Public Works – Mr. Lara indicated there was a clean-up last Saturday

Transportation – Ms. Ethington indicates the next meeting will be either the last Monday of November or the 1st Monday in December.

PCAC – Hernandez

Items discussed at last meeting

Planting seaweed

Land Swap – Knoll Hill

13. Unfinished Business

The outcome of the December meeting, whether or not to allow the formation of a second NC, will be voted on at the January 27, 2010 WNC meeting

14. New Business -

CRA Oversight Committee – everyone who is interested should submit name to Ms. Hahn's office for consideration.

15. Reports from Caucus Groups

Boat Owners/Ethington

Board of Harbor Commissioners

Meeting at Banning's Landing – Thursday, November 19, at 6:00 p.m.

Item 8 – Commissioners to vote on WWD PCAC motion to discontinue disposal of dredged contaminated soil at the Anchorage Road Storage Site – boat owners will be recommending the site be used as a wetlands/riparian area

Education/Prichard

Western Union Scholarship

16. Announcements

Ogle – Drum Barracks – “10th Annual – A Civil War Christmas”

December 5 & 6, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m.

Kern – Mayor's Office – Warner Grand – Wednesday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Caraballo – Port

Friday, December 4 – Holiday Fountain program, 7-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 5 – Christmas Afloat, 6:00 p.m.

Our own Cecilia Moreno will be the Grand Marshall

Lara – Community Meeting – Wednesday, November 25, 6-7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Hahn, City Attorney, LAPD

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Luna, CD15 Representative

Ambassador Skate Plaza, WilHall Park, Sunday, December 6, 12-4:00 p.m.

Heart of the Harbor Holiday Parade, Sunday, December 13, 11:30 a.m.

Harbor City Christmas Lights & Gift Giveaway, Saturday, December 19, 5-8:00 p.m.

LAPD Helping Badge, Sunday, December 20, 5-9:00 p.m.

Banning Residence Museum Victorian Christmas – entire month of December

17. Adjournment – Babbitt/Caraballo

8:15 p.m. – Next meeting will be December 9, 2009

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Jack Babbitt, Co-Chair