

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – October 26, 2011

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair, Tom Dahlgren at 6:06M at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Dahlgren

“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 (11) confirming quorum.

Present: Jack Babbitt, Thomas Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, , Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno Susan Ogle, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan Prichard, Ivan Sulic, Patricia Sullivan, Nelson Williams, Patrick Wilson

Late: Gary Kern, Juanita Naranjo

Absent: Socorro Fimbres

Excused: Marisela Caraballo, Jacqueline Garcia, Salvador Lara, Anabell Romero,

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings

Motion (Jasso/Williams) the Minutes of September 28, 2011 be approved as amended

Passed (9-0-5)

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

LAPD – Officer Garcenila

Property Crime – Way up in Wilmington especially along Wilmington Blvd between PCH and Lomita Blvd.

Two homicides in the last month – no leads

Hyatt/”L” Street @ RR Tracks

Lakme/Opp St.

Truancy/Curfew problems

Under 18 will be cited if unsupervised after 10p.

LAHD - Sgt. Ramirez

Sgt. Twardy unable to attend this evening – needs back surgery – therefore no presentation

Homeless population

County Homeless Unit worked with LAHD

People resistant to help

County personnel come back periodically to access situation.

Wilmington Waterfront Park

Vendors becoming a problem – mini task force visited the situation

By law must move every half hour

4. Government Representatives

CD15 – Celina Luna – 310-732-4515 – celina.luna@lacity.org

Came to meeting but had to leave before able to make a formal presentation.

She provided everyone with a list of items worked on during the last month. Not included in minutes as the report was not given to the public.

Senate District #25 – Wright – Bill Orton

Due to recent reconfiguration, Senator Wright will now represent Wilmington
Current Office – One Manchester Blvd., #600, Inglewood, 90301, 310-412-0393
William.orton@sen.ca.gov

Assembly District #55 – Warren Furutani

Alejandro Espinoza, alejandro.espinoza@asm.ca.gov
Introduce himself to the WNC
Please call with any concerns

FS#38 – Capt. Tony Senior – 310-548-7538 – Anthony.senior@lacity.org

Introduce staff accompanying him – Jerry Payes, Clyde Clark and Tim Saldana
Lost truck, but still have engine and rescue company
Thanked community at large for supporting effort to keep truck in Station #38
New Chief – Cummings
Please visit www.lafd.org

Find information relative to Emergency Preparedness, Volunteers, and Fire Prevention
Fire Department is trying to become more active in the social media circuit.

Comment/Board

Prichard – please visit WNC website
Williams – Is LAFD still conducting CERT training? – Yes
Sullivan – Truck Unit – when will it be discussed again? – next budget cycle

5. Public Comment

Jose Peralta, Wilmington Middle School, 1618 Lakme Avenue, 310-782-4754,
opmusics90@yahoo.com

Thank you for supporting marching band and auxiliaries in the past
Presented plaque – pictures taken
Any funds WNC able to provide would be appreciated
Prichard – please visit our website for the proper form.

John Delgado, 858 Upland Avenue, San Pedro, johndelgadosp@aol.com

Running for the CD15 seat
Served as President of SP Central NC and active in NC movement
Vision is to work hand-in-hand with NC
Wife and her family from Wilmington.

Maria Alvarez, 430 Wilmington Blvd., cocopooh.54518@yahoo.com

Gutter on “D” Street at Hawaiian Avenue – need repairing
Concerned about safety of her neighborhood
Specifically – white van

Don Compton – 233 East “M” Street, Wilmington, 310-830-5905

Asking that his application for parliamentarian be considered at November meeting.

Kat Madrigal

Día de los Muertos – at Mahar House on Friday, November 4, from 3-7 p.m.
Everyone invited

6. Presentations

a. Clifford Beers Housing

Banning Villa Apartments – Originally built in 1976 under Section 8 provisions

Sarah White, Senior Project Manager, swhite@mhala.org

James Bonar, Executive Director, jbonar@mhala.org

Provided a packet of information to each WNC member

Plan to rehabilitate the 90-unit Banning Villa (1976) on Banning Blvd.

Improvement cost of \$65,000/unit

Will preserve affordability and extend covenants for 55 years

Facades, common area, community center, roof, all doors,

Upgrade heating and plumbing

Each unit kitchen and bath

Public Meeting on November 9 – community invited

Board Comments

Moreno – Façade change?

Will avoid copying historic motif but blend into community

In the end will blend in with surrounding community

Plan to rid of mansard roofs

Instead shading over each window

b. BNSF -

Trini Lopez

Rail is the most environmentally efficient form of transportation

On dock rail – more efficient and cost effective

BNSF does not have any near dock facilities at this time

SCIG project will take trucks off freeway system

Located on the long-arm area of Wilmington in Thomas Guide

Designed with community input – mostly from East Long Beach area

All electric cranes – therefore zero emissions

Direct lighting on facility/job at hand

Routing – no truck routes through residential areas

Using Terminal Island Freeway

Trucks/Drivers

GPS will be used to track truck movement

By 2023 – 75%LNG by 2026 – 90%

No locomotive switching

Lubricated train wheels

All information on POLA website

Health Risk Assessment – 17x cleaner than Clean Air Standards Act

Creates jobs and therefore taxes

By 2036 – 22,000 jobs in Southern California region

Jobs will be local hire

Provide workforce training program

Currently

EIR open for public comment until December 22

Questions – contact Christopher Cannon at ceqacomment@portla.org

Two meetings at 6p.m.

Long Beach on November 10

Wilmington on November 16

Next Steps

Open facility in 2016

6c Fast Lane Transportation

Patrick Wilson, Owner

SCIG has been waiting for this EIR since 2005

Currently there is no direct link between existing track lines
need about half mile to accomplish

This will require Port to take his office for new track line

Profile of Fast Lane

Trucking, Repair Containers, Refrigeration Equipment (repair/store), Equipment
Modification (so containers can be reused), Containing Loading/Unloading, Community
Awards, Filming Location.

Founded in 1979 at B/Wilmington Blvd, moved to Eubank/Lomita and no current location
Family business – mother/brother/sister employed at company

Paying Jobs – 100

Mostly Wilmington residents

20 year – average – working for company

Multi-generational family structure working at Fast Lane

Summer Youth Employment program – last year 5 workers

Provided pictorial of land used by company and Port's suggestions for future relocation

Difficult fit

Need space for storage and repair equipment

Not unobstructed area

Questions/Comments – Board

Prichard – would POLA underground wires

Ethington – is there another site

Questions/Comments – Community

Delgado – prepared to work with all government agencies/community

Adame – 1120 McFarland Avenue, Wilmington

Jobs – immediate – 1500

Future/facility – 500

Local hiring preference – if equal qualification – hire Wilmington resident

Create a goods movement program with County

Espinoza, Laura – 1018 Marine Ave., #C – 310-834-3242

Port of Los Angeles publicizing - yes

Where will training take place – Pacific Gateway ?? Network, Los Angeles

Harbor College and Los Angeles CC

Sands, Gary – 1120 McFarland Avenue

RR Crossings – there will be no public crossing in the area

8. Announcements – Taken out of order
 - October 28 & 29 – Drum Barracks – Candle Light Walks
 - October 29 – Happy Harbor Halloween at Wilmington Waterfront Park from 12-3p.m.
 - November 9 – Next Wilmington Neighborhood Council Meeting – due to Thanksgiving
 - December 3 – Harbor Afloat Boat Parade
 - December 11 – Heart of the Harbor Parade

Break

7. Action Items

- a. Motion (Babbitt/Ethington) that the WNC oppose the granting of a Zone Variance for storage of trucks and containers at 920 North Eubank Avenue.
 - The property is currently zoned Residential
 - Historically used as a boat yard
 - Comments from Board
 - Moreno – will acerbate problem
 - Williams – cannot be used for residential – why not another purpose
 - Dahlgren – feel sorry for property owner
 - Wilson – where?
 - Approved
- b. Motion (Ethington/Osterhoudt) to approve Glenda Sands to fill the vacant Resident Seat
 - Sands – Works with Jack Babbitt in the past, am a go-getter, worked with WNC in past
 - Comments from Board
 - Ethington – helped WNC in past, started bumper sticker campaign
 - Sullivan – willing to give up seat
 - Ogle – does it matter where she lives – no
 - Approved (15-0-0)**

9. Report of Officers

None

10 Report from Committees

- Gateway & Beautification Committee – Babbitt
 - Next meeting will be November 8
- Public Works – Medina
 - No new on the pipeline funds
 - Recently slurry seal work on our streets
 - Kern concerned restriping is not being done rapidly
- Publicity and Communications
 - December will be the WNC's 10th year anniversary
 - Would like feedback on our website
 - Need to create a Facebook account
- Transportation - Ethington
 - 2005 Port Study – recommended quiet zones
 - Tide Land Use Master Plan – informational item regarding recommendation to direct the Port to immediately revoke the permit to rail line access for the Rancho LPG facility.
 - Kern – good on NC, but careful
 - Propane, butane – refineries need these for summer formulations

Pipeline – goes between refineries – nothing to a ship

If you cut rail, only trucks – more fumes

Public Comment

Sands

Lease has run out

Pier 400 – was supposed to be an energy island, but now only containers

11. Unfinished Business

Parliamentarian position – Babbitt – recommends we bring to a vote at November meeting

Osterhoudt indicated, per our ByLaws, that this recommendation has to come from the ByLaws

Committee. This Committee will reconvene in January, 2012

12. New Business

Mayor's Budget Day – WNC needs two representatives

Dahlgren and Wilson

13. Reports for Caucus Groups

Education – Prichard

Provided an update on the Span School

14. Reports from Members at Large

None

15. Announcements from Governing Board

Carmen Adame introduced Gabriel Robledo- Flight Weight Boxer (110 lbs)

Has been asked to represent USA at the 2012 Olympics in London

Adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Next meeting will be November 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary and

Venilda Castro, Admin Support Officer

Approved, Tom Dahlgren, Chair