

# WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes - November 9, 2011

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Thomas Dahlgren, at 6:10 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Avenue, Wilmington.

Pledge of Allegiance by Chair Thomas 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 (10) confirming no quorum:**

Present: Thomas Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Glenda Sands, Patrick Wilson  
Absent: Jacqueline Garcia, Susan Ogle, Juanita Naranjo, Annabel Romero  
Excused: Jack Babbitt, Maricela Caraballo, Socorro Fimbres, Susan Prichard, Ivan Sulic, Patricia Sullivan, Nelson C. Williams, Jr.

**NOTE:** Quorum not attained – therefore no action items to be addressed this evening

### 2. **Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:**

Quorum not present

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

LAHD – Sgt. Ramirez:

iWatch Program – will be conducting classes to inform the public for possible signs of terror; Tsunami warnings; disaster preparedness, etc.

Taco Cart permits – Will begin to question all Taco Carts in the Wilmington, San Pedro and Harbor areas.

Questions/Comments – Board:

Jasso - When can the community expect this training or possible activities?

Sgt. Ramirez - Tentative dates in mid-December 2011 or beginning of January 2012.

Sign-up sheet passed around to get a number of how many people may attend.

### 4. **Government Representatives:**

CD15 – Celina Luna / (310) 732-4515 - [celina.luna@lacity.org](mailto:celina.luna@lacity.org)

Holiday Parade in Council District 15 – will be supporting the Wilmington “Heart of the Harbor” Holiday Parade

Parking Meters - Wilmington Retail Area: Will introduce motion in Council to suspend meter charges over the holidays. Will need letters of support needed from the WNC, the Wilmington Chamber and its members.

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Street Repainting after Repaving - Requested DOT to issue work orders to repaint limit lines on recently improved streets.

Wilmington Community Benefit Trust Fund – Tree trimming contract has been accepted by the Urban Forestry Dept. The following areas will be trimmed in the next couple of months:

- “L” Street to the North
- Anaheim Street to the South
- Broad Avenue to the West
- Eubank Avenue to the East

Campaign “Leftovers” Signs – Asked Street Use/Public Works to remove campaign signs except for the two candidates in the run-off election.

Traffic Signal on PCH/Sanford – Construction on this new signal to begin within two weeks. Assemblyman Furutani will host community event to commemorate. Contact Veronica Ledesma (562) 989-2919 for more details.

Council District 15 Special Election - Will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012

### Questions/Comments – Board:

Dahlgren – Thank you for leaving notes at the October meeting

Kern – Does the candidate application form state candidate is responsible for sign removal after election?

Luna – No, at this time there is nothing that states or regulates. The Bureau of Street Services will go out and actively cite violators.

Kern – Is there a fine?

Luna – Yes, \$175 first violation and \$6 for each subsequent sign

Sands –Can Street Services also cite vendors whose A-frames are out on sidewalks? The clutter makes it difficult for pedestrians to walk (Avalon/Anaheim)

Luna –Please email the addresses of these locations

Hernandez – What is the status of sidewalk repair?

Luna – All sidewalk projects are on hold as the City is in the process of adopting a new sidewalk policy which transfers the liability to the property owner.

Jasso – City personnel have told property owners with a tree uprooting the sidewalk that the City will repair – is this now on hold? Will property have to pay for removal/repair?

Luna – City has told property owners that the City can provide “asphalt patch repair” to black top the damaged sidewalk. The City would waive property owner’s permit fee and tree inspection fee.

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

Don Compton – 233 East “M” Street, Wilmington, (310) 830-5905 after 4pm

Acting Chair of the East Neighborhood Council (ENC) of Wilmington Proposal

Proposed boundaries are:

N/S - Anaheim St. to the Wilmington bounday line

E/W - Alameda Corridor to Avalon Blvd.

Bus benches still have not been delivered, should make a priority to find out the status

Pat Rome – 25327 Pine Creek Lane, [pjwrome@yahoo.com](mailto:pjwrome@yahoo.com)

League of Woman Voters – Tues, Nov. 22, 2011

Harbor Tour, need reservations for luncheon and tour, provided sign-up sheet

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**6. Presentations:**

Clifford Beers Housing – Cancelled  
Nodal Seismic – Cancelled

**7. Action Items: (No quorum - action items cannot be voted on)**

- a. PCAC Motion - Recommends that the Harbor Commissioners direct the Port to immediately revoke the permit of rail line access for the Rancho LPG Facility – No Action, Next Meeting  
*The Planning and Land Use Committee does not support the resolution as it is currently written. However, it does support the requested action calling for the Port of Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners to establish an independent, qualified working group to assist in examining the risks associated with the operation of the facility, the transport of products by rail and truck and a seismic evaluation.*

Questions/Comments – Public:

Jesse N. Marquez – 1601 N. Wilmington Blvd, (310) 704-1265, [jnmarquez@prodigy.net](mailto:jnmarquez@prodigy.net)  
Support Motion – Director of the Coalition for Safety Environment that has anything to do with hazardous risks assessments, environmental impact reports, department issues, etc. Every year there seems to be new projects that have public risks and dangers. As a result, companies like to increase their profits leading to improper actions. As well as the Port taking improper actions in regards to this.

Pat Nave – San Pedro, [overbid2002@yahoo.com](mailto:overbid2002@yahoo.com)

WNC has only two (2) goals:

- 1) Advise and instruct its PCAC Representatives how to vote in regards to the relationship with the Port, and
- 2) The community outside of the Port can get together and address the aspects of the hazardous materials and the effects on the community.

Questions/Comments – Board:

Kern – Pat were you successful in getting language of the original PCAC motion to change? Have you had that meeting yet?

Nave – No, the next meeting is on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Questions/Comments – Board:

Hernandez – Suggests Wilmington included be in the Quiet Zone,  
Constructing fences or installing double paned windows can help reduce noise.

Questions/Comments – Public:

Marquez – Proposes a Wilmington Community Noise Survey which recommends 30 DBA noise standard. His organization was involved in a law suit with ACTA, Cal Trans and US-DOT regarding the XR47 Expressway - The main issue was noise. Studies and reports suggests these many different noises have a public impact on the community. Will have an Upfront Community meeting – WNC Rep to make meeting.

Nave – Port in 2005-06 issued a Port-wide noise study about the night time noise compared to the day noise – it 2X as loud.

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- d. Land-Use & Planning Committee recommends to the WNC that a letter of concern be sent on issues related to the Draft EIR for the Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) project.

### Questions/Comments – Public

Martinez – There are several organizations in the Harbors of LA who are going to reject this project. For ten years, we have advised the Port of LA and the Port of Long Beach that it's their responsibility to find a location on Port property to build any intermodal facility. Pier 500 which is a container location can be used as an intermodal facility. Will provide WNC a copy of non-support.

Compton – Watson Yard condemned, hazardous to the community. Ms. Nakamura will meet with me to discuss this further. Have not received any letters from BNSF.

## 8. Announcements:

- Neighborhood Council Election Alternatives – NC Election Alternatives Survey to be completed at the December meeting. (Public welcome to participate)
- Next meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council is December 14, 2011
- WNC's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – December 2011
- LA Harbor Holiday Afloat Parade – December 3, 2011
- Winter Wonderland (Wilmington Waterpark) – December 3, 2011
- Boat Parade Post Party – Doubletree Marina Patio following the Boat Parade
- Heart of the Harbor Holiday Parade – December 11, 2011
- Tzi Chi Community Clinic Wilmington Anniversary Event – November 12, 2011
- GAP Community Awareness & Donor Appreciation Luncheon – November 17, 2011
- Wilmington Middle School Choir by the Fountain, San Pedro – December 2, 2011

## 9. Report of Officers:

None

## 10. Report from Committees:

- By Laws Committee
  - Will start meeting in January 2012
- Executive Board
  - Next Meeting – December 7, 2011
- Finance Committee
  - Next Meeting – December 7, 2011
- Gateway & Beautification Committee
  - New Benches – Sent back because it requires more specifications/measurements
  - Next Meeting – December 13, 2011
- Land Use & Planning Committee
  - Next Meeting – December 5, 2011
- Public Works Committee
  - Work Order issued for the Banning Park restroom issues (near barn)
  - CD15 –  
St. Services - investigate dangerous dips/asphalt humps at 940 & 836 Frigate Ave.  
Dept of Transportation (DOT) to issue an urgent work order for streets that need to be repainted after slurry seal repaving

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- Recommend a letter of support to DOT fund the crossing guard at the new Harry Bridges Span School to open in August 2012
- Next Meeting - December 7, 2011
- Publicity & Communications Committee
  - Holiday Decorating Contest – Carmen Adame to volunteer
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – need good turnout
  - Next Meeting – December 26, 2011
- Transportation Committee
  - Next Meeting – December 5, 2011
- PCAC Representatives Report
  - None

**11. Unfinished Business:**

Parliamentarian Position – Bring recommendations to the By Laws Committee.  
Committee will reconvene in January, 2012

**12. New Business:**

None

**13. Reports for Caucus Groups:**

None

**14. Reports from Members at Large:**

None

**15. Announcements from Governing Board:**

None

Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting will be December 14, 2011 @ 6:00 PM

Minutes taken by Venilda Castro, Admin Support Officer

Approved by Tom Dahlgren, Chair