

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – May 25, 2011

(as amended)

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Tom Dahlgren at 6:02 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

“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.”

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Dahlgren

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (13) confirming quorum.

Present: Thomas Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Jackie Garcia, Arthur Hernandez, Salvador Lara, Ana Medina, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan Prichard, Susan Ogle, Ivan Sulic, Patricia Sullivan, Nelson Williams, Patrick Wilson

Absent: Jack Babbitt, Socorro Fimbres

Late: Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Annabelle Romero

Excused: Marisela Caraballo, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern,

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings

Motion (Osterhoudt/Lara) the Minutes of April 27, 2011 be approved as presented.

Passed (9-0-3)

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

LAPD – Officer Garcinela - 37126@lapd.lacity.org

Homicides

PCH/Wilmington Blvd – targeted hit – LAPD following leads

“E”/Alameda – Found in recycling yard – did not live in LAPD area

Shootings – Unrelated – Victims not cooperating with LAPD

Avalon/“G” Street

Wilmington Blvd/“L” Street

Property Crime down

Increase in “Theft by Trickery” – Targeting Elderly/Immigrants

Plan on conducting special meeting to address this concern

Illegal Vending Task Force

In operation once/month

Recently confiscated 3000+lbs of food

Questions from Board

Williams:

Are there precautions to slow down violent crime?

Combination of education, familial bonds, tolerance, community

LAPD officers cannot do it by themselves

Prichard

Peace March this afternoon – site to St. Peter/Paul Church

Friends of PCH/Wilmington victim –

Vendors – Sunday/Harbor College over flow –

Figueroa/Grant & Frigate/Grant

Ethington

40,000 inmates will be released incrementally
Mostly non-violent offenders
Release determined by Dept of Corrections and politics

Dahlgren

No stats on private security effectiveness

Romero

Investigations differ according to crime committed
Results depend on community and victim's assistance
Harbor Division has a good record of resolving cases

Hernandez

PCH/Wilmington hot spot according to Daily Breeze
Surveillance Cameras as expensive – \$1 million
requires installation, maintenance, monitoring

LAHD - Sgt. Ramirez, POLA – Community Relations/Wilmington

I Watch Program – Eng/Sp – pamphlets

Would like to make presentation of this program at June meeting

4. Government Representatives

Veronica Zendejas, Senator Ted Lieu, District #28,

Veronica.zendejas@sen.ca.gov, 310-318-6994

Previously worked for Senator Oropeza – using same building, different office space
2512 Artesia Blvd., #320, Redondo Beach

Expect State budget to be adopted by June 30 – still a \$15 billion gap

Bills moving slowly – especially those requiring funding

SB746 – Children 18 and under prohibited from using tanning booths

Goes to Appropriation Committee next week

SB336 – Require hospital to create emergency protocol similar to County/USC

Passed Health and Appropriation Committees – going to Assembly

Questions

Wilson – Lane closure East bound PCH at Dominguez Channel

Two week now – why?

Celina Luna, Councilwoman Hahn (15th District), celina.luna@lacity.org, 310-732-4515

1. Passed out Tsunami Maps for Wilmington area.
2. LAFD – Modified Deployment Plan adopted. Councilwoman Hahn's amendment
Will create \$6.9 million in salary savings - applied to augment deployment plan. First station to be fully restored - FS#38. To take effect after budget negotiations complete.
3. Clean Wilmington program – will now be operated through GAP (Gang Alternatives Program). Already have a working relationship.
4. Pipeline Funds - \$500,000 from funds allocated to Wilmington community. Bureau of Engineering examining costs for sidewalk repair and ADA ramps. Will bring information to the July meeting.
5. Wilmington Community Benefit Trust Fund - \$500,000 – 100 trees being identified in and around E&P facility.
6. Illegal Vending Task Force – Monthly report
Recently in the area. Cited several homes. In total seized 110lbs of food

7. LAPD will be conducting an RV sweep shortly – this is for RV's being used as residences
If you know of an area, please let Ms. Luna know of location
8. POLA – will be providing report of which streets they plan to repair in next 2-3 weeks
9. DOT – expect administration to formally respond to posting all of Wilmington for “No Oversize Vehicles”
10. NC/Budget
Neighborhood Councils will receive \$40,500 next budget, no rollovers, earmarks good through July, Call about creating a “Purchase Card Exemption”
11. Questions
Williams – RV's – 2 on Watson behind Cinco de Mayo.
Dahlgren – Eubank/North of Anaheim
Medina – Weeds along 110 Freeway – refer to Sen. Lieu's office
Wilson – Pot holes on “I” Street near Anaheim (Long Beach border)
POLA will be addressing this concern – see #8

5. Public Comment

Pat McOsker, LAFD

Thank you for community and WNC support of FS#38

Appreciate support of Councilwoman Hahn – understand her amendment, but not a sure thing

Fight not over – light force truck still being removed

Council vote – needed 8, only received 5

Mary Gant, Mary Gant Consulting, 310-626-5946

Presented City Council with 3000+ Wilmington signatures

First time this has been done – very grass roots

Councilwoman Hahn's Amendment – See #2 under Luna's/Hahn/CD15 report

Any and all “savings” will go first to keep Light Force Truck Unit at FS#38

Need to keep our “voice” on the forefront

Fire Chief will still decide deployment plan used by LAFD

Other NC's invited LAFD to speak at their meetings

WNC needs to do the same – be more proactive

Release of State prisoners – WNC needs to be prepared

Glenda Sands, 1120 McDonald Ave., 310-834-4321

CRA – When did they last meet – no report lately

PCAC – Why no monthly report

There is – last item on agenda

PCH/Wilmington –

Left turn light time needs to be extended

Need to create a left-hand turn signal for the N/S pockets from Wilmington to PCH

Elva Jimenez, 1416 East “L” St., 310—200-6564

Suggest WNC write a grant proposal for cameras at PCH/Wilmington intersection

How many officers patrol Wilmington – suggest talk to Ofcr. Gacinella

Don Compton

Education vacancy – does not need to be a Harbor College representative

Taught at Banning as did his father

6. Announcements

June 4 – Dedication – Wilmington Park

June 7 – POLA/Bekins Building – Banning Senior Center

June 15 – Boys/G

June 25 – Tire Recycling

Lara – Radio Shack has moved from corner of PCH/Wilmington

7/11 presentation indicated the store was going to move to another store front on site

7. Presentation Items

- a. Glenn Acosta, Sr. Eng., Planning Section, gacosta@lacs.org – 562-908-4288 x 2723 & Basil A. Hewitt, Sr. Eng., Public Info. Services, bhewitt@lacs.org – 562-908-4288 X2311

Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (Special District)

1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601

Responsible for all water reclamation and landfills for Los Angeles County

450 million gallons waste water/day processed

Los Angeles City 57 million

Joint Outfall System – Large Trunk Sewer System

73 Cities participate – 4.3 million gallons/day

17 special district involved – one of them located in Carson

Every 10-20 years District looks at system – anticipate needs/improvements

Last time – 1995. Now looking toward 2050

Need to expand Whittier facility

Recycling Water – focusing on this effort

50% of water discharged into ocean because too salty

Water quality becoming more stringent

Aging infrastructure

Cameras placed in system help anticipate repair and/or replacement

Some parts of system in use 100% of the time – cannot use cameras

Carson Facility – Two discharge Lines – 8' built in 1930s and 10' built in 1950s

50% facility is used as community buffer

Needs another Trunk Tunnel – done totally underground

Create 100' wide shaft – drill lowered to desired depth in shaft

Machine cuts through ground creating concrete tunnel as it goes along.

Four (4) Alignments proposed – each has pros/cons

#1 – PCH/Wilmington to POLA (170' down)

Cost – \$14Billion – 14 miles of tunnel – ends at San Pedro Shelf

#2 – PCH/Wilmington

Cost - \$1Billion – 9 miles – ends at PV Shelf

#3 – Uses Figueroa, Gaffey, South side of Angels Gate Park

Cost \$950Million – 8.5 miles – ends at PV Shelf

#4 – Uses, Gaffey, Capital, Western, Dodson

Cost \$550Million – 7 miles – ends at Royal Palms

Use existing outfall – no new facility

EIR expected to be published in late fall of this year

- b. Port of Los Angeles – Park Policy Working Group Update

This is part of the PCAC group – Met twice

Meets every other Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

June 1 at Wilmington Senior Center

June 15 at POLA building in San Pedor

Port now has three parks – Dog Park, 22nd Street and Wilmington Waterfront

Currently governed by LAMC which is quite old

Because Port governed by Tidelands Trust need to create new policy

Cannot have organized sports

No private parties – concerts OK

8. Action Items

- a. Motion -Ethington/Hernandez) that the WNC support the ILWU – Local 13’s plan to construct a new dispatch hall at the intersections of alameda/Anaheim/Henry Ford. This will include 812 parking spaces.

Passed (12-0-3)

- b. Motion – (Ethington/Hernandez) that the WNC approve providing the ILWU-Local 13 with suggested routes for their membership to consider when driving to their job site.

Approved (11-0-4)

- c. Motion (Ethington/Williams) that the WNC send a letter to Councilwoman Hahn requesting LAMC, Chapter 20 be amended to allow crossing guards to assist all residents crossing streets.

Approved (14-1-0)

- d. Motion (Moreno/Hernandez) that the WNC send a letter to Councilwoman Hahn requesting certain traffic, parking, trash pickup and landscaping be added to conditions before CVS’ sale of alcohol permit be extended.

Following discussion this motion was tabled.

Prichard – Parking lot in back was open prior to Northgate moving to site. Property owned by LaCaze. CVS would take community concerns to them.

Glenda Sands – feels unfair to target CVS – it is a problem for Northgate as well

Don Compton stated entire facility now owned by Northgate Market not LaCaze.

Laura Espinoza

Too many drunk people roam Wilmington streets – use as bathroom, need to control and protect citizens.

How can we improve alleys

If concreted – call City

Infrastructure improvements – who is protecting residents from environmental contamination caused by street improvement digging?

Broke for Dinner

9. Report of Officers

- a. Chair

Committee Calendar

Change – Publicity Committee permanently – 4th Monday, 3:30 p.m. at WNC Office

- b. Vice Chair

Condolence cards circulating for both Marisela Caraballo (husband) and Robert Jasso (wife)

- c. Secretary

Letter from Chief, LAFD

Website – DONE sent instructions on how to update WNC information on its website

Ethics – Working with LAHC so we can all take Ethics training as a group

Parliamentarian – called national organization for recommendation – no response as yet

- d. Treasurer

Will complete quarterly report

10 Report from Committees

- a. By Laws Committee – Moreno -will bring necessary changes to June meeting
- b. Executive Committee
 - Discussed Publicity Committee Meeting change previously
 - Authorized expenditure to purchase new program for WNC computer
- c. Finance Committee – None
- d. Gateway and Beautification Committee
 - As noted in CD15/Hahn report – GAP will be funneling funds to Lara
- e. Land-Use and Planning Committee – None - (minutes included with packet)
- f. Transportation Committee – None - (minutes included with packet)
- g. Public Works Committee
 - Banning Park Restrooms need major upgrade
 - Park personnel – Espinoza
 - Problem with homeless
 - Constantly destroying facility
 - Suggested talk to Historical Society and Banning Manor
 - Pipeline Funds – Meeting with Mayor’s Rep/Hong
 - Public Comment – Gant
 - Hahn pledged \$200,000 from pipeline funds
 - to help with Summer Employment
- h. Publicity –
 - Next meeting will be on Monday, June 20 at 3:30 p.m.
 - Kristin Smith will bring suggestions for website update
- i. PCAC – None – FYI - Chris Cannon to update on various projects and air quality issues at June meeting.

11. Unfinished Business

- Assemblyman Furutani – Letter relative to USS Iowa – based on previous motion
- Moreno to draft letter
- CRA – Ethington
 - Restarted their community meetings on May 3
 - Meeting on May 24
 - Grant funds for Transportation
 - Safe Sidewalks
 - Pocket Parks - Blight study of Community indicates two (2)
 - West of Avalon/North of Anaheim
 - Area around “L” Street/Lecourveur
 - Urban Greening**
 - Comment from Board
 - Hernandez – CRA (Megan Hunter) concerned WNC not supporting expansion effort.
 - She mentioned State had \$6.6 billion available for Wilmington projects.

12. New Business

- Dahlgren – met with Hahn/other 15th District NC Chairs
 - Concerned about City’s Emergency Services – Long Range Planning
 - LAFD/LAPD – not willing to work together very well
- June 4 – Peck Park – Map Your Neighborhood
 - Learn how to organize your Neighborhood for a potential disaster response

Consider formation of Government Relations Committee
Executive Committee will take this up at next meeting

Williams – FS#38 – Concerned Gant’s comments - WNC was not represented in City Council
Attended LANI – Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative on May 19 – very informative
How to make Neighborhood Watch work
LANI would like to make presentation to WNC
Executive Board will arrange
Please encourage Wilmington residents to attend June 4 – Map Your Neighborhood Event

13. Reports for Caucus Groups

Education – Prichard

LAUSD formed committee on the future of new Span School

14. Reports from Members at Large - None

Adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Next meeting will be June 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary and

Takeisha Smith Lankford, Admin Support Officer

Approved, Tom Dahlgren, Chair