

# WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes – June 22, 2011

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Tom Dahlgren at 6:01 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.”

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (11) confirming quorum.

Present: Thomas Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Socorro Fimbres, Robert Jasso, Salvador Lara, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan Prichard, Ivan Sulic, Patricia Sullivan  
Absent: Jackie Garcia,  
Late: Arthur Hernandez, Gary Kern, Annabelle Romero, Nelson Williams, Patrick Wilson  
Excused: Jack Babbitt, Marisela Caraballo, Susan Ogle,  
New: Juanita Naranjo

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings

Motion (Moreno/Lara) the Minutes of May 25, 2011 be approved with correction  
Ethington – Page 3, #9 should read oversize instead of overweight  
**Passed (12-0-1)**

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

LAHD - Sgt. Ramirez, POLA – Community Relations/Wilmington  
I Watch Program – DVD would not work – presentation next month  
Wilmington Waterfront Park – vandalism on bridge and in bathrooms  
caught one in the act.  
Two bicycle officers assigned – Ofcr. Smith & Ofcr. Hellinga  
No fireworks in any City facility  
LAPD – Captain Hayes & Officer Garcinela - [37126@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:37126@lapd.lacity.org)  
Harbor Inn, 1716 Flint Avenue –  
Article in Daily Breeze about law enforcement raid  
A number of registered sex offenders live in this facility  
Informed of a problem with parole/probation at location  
25-30 interviewed, 8 arrested  
Wilmington’s geography – housing not close to school/park  
Allows this use  
Violent crime in Wilmington is down  
One homicide in the last week – Robidoux/Watson  
Shooting – Gulf/”C” Street  
Unsolved homicides – 5  
2 solved recently – One was at Avalon/”D” St.  
Burglaries – still a problem  
Ask friends/neighbors to shut doors/windows when not home  
Officer Garcinella added LAPD was support personnel in the Harbor Inn raid.  
State Parole was the lead agency

4. Public Comment

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

Wilmington Pipeline money – what is the update

Street Lighting on Avalon Blvd, south of Anaheim needs attention

Existing fixtures do longer work – area is very dark

Wilmington Waterfront Park

Lucy Mejia and Skip Baldwin should be commended for original suggestion

Bobby McKenna

What does WNC do?

Too many trucks still on Avalon Blvd.

FS#38 – Where was WNC Board at the Wilmington Waterfront Park demonstration?

Demonstrators were asked not to talk over officials at opening

Mike Sanborn, Director, Banning Manor

Transportation Museum opening on Saturday, August 20, Noon -4 p.m.

Thank you for your support – over 4-1/2 years

Hope WNC membership will attend

Moreno will upload flier to the WNC site after Mike send it to her.

Kat Madrigal, Chair, Relay for Life

American Cancer Society

Banning High School – 24 hour period 9a until 9a.m

First Sponsor – Watson Land Company - \$1000

Don Compton

Thanks Planning (Babbitt), Public Works (Medina), and Transportation (Ethington)  
for the openness of their meetings

Suggests WNC move Committee Reports before Law Enforcement & Politicians

5. Government Representatives

Celina Luna, Councilwoman Hahn (15<sup>th</sup> District), [celina.luna@lacity.org](mailto:celina.luna@lacity.org), 310-732-4515

1. LAFD – Modified Deployment Plan adopted. Councilwoman Hahn’s amendment to take effect after budget negotiations complete. Additionally, Councilwoman Hahn by motion asking DWP to pay for LAFD services received. Savings to be used at local/neighborhood level (referred to Budget/Finance Cmte.).
2. Councilwoman Hahn motion to permanently remove parking meters from Wilmington Commercial District. Heard today in Transportation Cmte. Department of Transportation has 30 days to prepare report on cost of removal and other alternatives. Santa Fe Seconds (Avalon/”G” St.) was at meeting and informed membership of the business’ struggle.  
It would be helpful if the WNC would file a Community Impact Statement  
Chair assigned task to Transportation Committee.
3. Wilmington Community Benefit Trust Fund – Urban Forestry Department will begin trimming trees in the area bounded by N/S – Anaheim/”L” St., and E/W – Broad/Eubank. 385 to be trimmed and some to be removed.
4. Port of Los Angeles Funded Street Repaving – Cost estimate to be done by Street Services  
”C” Street – in front of Wilmington Waterfront Park  
100 - 200 Block of Lakme Avenue  
Harry Bridges – Alameda/Anaheim  
505 East Harry Bridges Blvd.  
East ”I” Street, near 103 South Exit (400’ belongs to City of Long Beach)

Questions from Board

Jasso – Curb Cuts – when?

Asking for cost estimates to meet ADA requirements

**Wilson – PCH in front of Tesoro facility**

**Who recently trimmed the brush there?**

Questions from Community

Diaz – Cost of Tree Trimming

Between \$75 and \$100,000

Presentation – City Council/County Supervisor (Luna/Kim)

Arlene Anaya – Commissioner – Wilmington Community Cemetery Board

Thanking her for 20 years of service to the community

6. Announcements

June 25 Tire Recycling at Harbor Yard, Gaffey Street in San Pedro

July 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual - Cars & Stripes Forever, Harbor Blvd./Vincent Thomas Bridge)

August 2 National Night Out, Harbor Christian Center

August 5 Taste of San Pedro

7. Presentation Items

a. City Bureau of Sanitation – Clean Water Program

Neil Guglielmo, Chief Mngt. Analyst, Div. Mgr., Bureau of Sanitation, Public Works

Robert Irvin, Director of Systems, Bureau of Sanitation, Public Works

The City of Los Angeles has four (4) treatment plants, one is on Terminal Island

The City operates 6700 miles of sewage line 24/7, every day of the year.

350M gallons/day – sewage provides almost 80M gallons/clean water

Homeowners on average set aside 2% of their budget for maintenance

City Sewer system's worth - \$20 Billion, therefore should set aside \$400 Million

In recent past only \$100-\$150 Million

City Sanitation has achieved savings by:

Reducing staff – 28%

Operational - \$27 Million

Restructured Bonds – Saved \$15 Million

City was sued 20 years ago

Settlement required 10 years of rate increases to fund work

Currently \$32.70/month

New improvements would require increase of up to an additional \$34 over ten years

Why now Comply with regulations

Public Health Standards

Maintain System

End of useful life – time to replace

Lifetime of infrastructure

Plant – 20 to 30 years

Lines – 80 years

Funds required locally

\$90 Million to improve TI Treatment facility

\$4 Million for pipeline improvements

Remember whenever you run a tap or use toilet, you tap into City Sewer System  
TI facility's water is used by local industries  
This would cover a 10 year financial plan

Questions from Board

Sullivan – how does City and County work together?

26 agencies use City system – everything else handled by County

Fimbres – is water clean?

350 Million Gallons treated, 80 Million Gallons recycled

Everything treated at Glendale and Tillman plants goes into LA River system

Regional Water Quality Board makes sure everyone obeys the rules

Wilson – comparison to other cities?

San Francisco – is a City/County operation all in one

Federal Clean Water Act prefers different entities

Guglielmo shared various cities charges – Atlanta – the highest at \$100

Moreno – what could increase the cost?

New regulations – for example – eliminating medicinal properties

b. Wilmington Infrastructure Relocation Project

Ben Thompson, WestPac Energy

Esther Ek, Ek & Ek

This project would remove the Marine Tank Farm at Avalon/Water

Property owned by DWP and leased to Valero

New project operated by Wilmington Infrastructure LLC which is a joint effort by  
WestPac and Valero

Olympic Site – not used for 20-25 years, also owned by DWP

Will need new pipelines

Storage of Crude Oil, Petroleum Product Tank, Water Tank

City Planning held a scoping meeting in April at Banning's Landing

City expects EIR to be out for review in July/August

Valero expects to leave Avalon site by June 2012 and move into Olympic site by end of 2013

Comments/Questions from Board

Kern – Discussion at Wilmington Waterfront Development Committee –

Timeline includes that extension

Fimbres – feels tanks will be out of the way in an industrial area

Comments from Community

Jesse Marquez, 1601 Wilmington Blvd., 310-829-1128

Coalition For A Safe Environment

Following April scoping meeting met with Ms. Ek regarding community benefit

Eliminating two tanks, replacing with new lines and new tanks

WestPac is new to LA, tried to get jet fuel line

Use Olympic site for solar energy facility

Provided Board members with copy of group's preliminary analysis

Laura Espinoza, Mothers of Wilmington

Feels the project will be good for community

Who is responsible for community benefit?

Need a place for early detection of cancer

Concerned about long-term health issues; i.e., asthma, etc.

Thinks Wilmington residents should be charged less for fuel

8. Action Items

c. Fill vacancy for Education Caucus seat

Two individuals to be considered – Don Compton and Juanita Naranjo

Statements

Don Compton

Associated with WNC since beginning

Associated with teenage population – middle/high/college

Has special interest in new span school – Harry Bridges

Lived in Wilmington entire life, attended UCLA

Taught at Banning

Juanita Naranjo

Worked at Harbor College since 1980.

Involved in various projects to help youth and community in general

Amnesty program, Special Population Training/Job Creation,

Summer Youth Employment Program

Involved in many community organizations

Heart is in education, not just youth

**Vote 9 – 7 Naranjo - Compton**

Ms. Naranjo is asked to join Board at the table

- a. Letter of support relating to WNC's previous board decision for AJR8 (USS Iowa) Motion (Moreno/Nelson) that a letter similar to the one sent to the Board of Harbor Commissioners be sent to Assemblyman Furutani.

**Approved (13-0-4)**

- b. Motion (Moreno/Ethington) that the WNC support its Planning & Land Use Committee's recommendation of non-support for a liquor license upgrade for El Norte Restaurante.

El Norte Restaurant, 815 Cristobal, North side of Anaheim between Alameda and Henry Ford. Currently has a beer/wine license. Asking for an upgrade

Next door to and with same owner as "Girls, Girls, Girls"

Community Comments

Glenda Sands – why is WNC always against liquor licenses?

Richard Diaz – what does the upgrade mean –

The ability to serve hard liquor drinks

Carmen Adame

The owner of the establishment should be allowed to improve his business

Board Comments

Moreno – clarified that in the last several month the WNC has not been opposed to Beer & Wine license applications from NorthGate Market, El Metapaneco Restaurant and Rudy's Restaurant, so to say we are always opposed is not accurate.

Kern – walk through the door and you are in the other business

Jasso- there is more profit in hard liquor

Romero – OK to make a profit but not at the expense of the community

Known fact that when there is public intoxication there is more crime

**Approved (10-6-0)**

d. Approval of proposed budge for fiscal year 2011-2012

Pat Wilson, Treasurer, had to excuse himself as problems at his business.

Cecilia Moreno went through the budget line by line answering questions

Sullivan – Translation for 12 meetings cost \$3900.

Yes, this includes the head sets

Fimbres – feels last item Miscellaneous should be called something else

Motion (Kern/Jasso) that the budget be approved as presented

**Approved (14-0-2)**

Broke for Dinner

9. Report of Officers

a. Chair

Committee Calendar

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

b. Vice Chair - None

c. Secretary

1. Letter prepared for 7Eleven, but failed to put in packet – sorry for error

2. Motion (Hernandez/Osterhoudt) that the Board approve the letter to be sent to the Board of Harbor Commissioners thanking everyone involved for the Wilmington Waterfront Park.

**Approved (16-0-1)**

c. Treasurer – None

10 Report from Committees

a. By Laws Committee – Moreno -will bring necessary changes to July meeting

b. Executive Committee - None

c. Finance Committee – None

d. Gateway and Beautification Committee - None

e. Land-Use and Planning Committee – (minutes included in packet)

Discussed VOPAC, feels community needs more information

f. Transportation Committee – None - (minutes included with packet)

g. Public Works Committee – (minutes included with packet)

Pipeline Funds – Currently in process of creating letter to CD15

Thanked Ms. Sands for bringing Street Light issue to WNC's attention

h. Publicity –

Moreno/Prichard met with Kristin Smith relative to revamping website

i. PCAC – None (June meeting was cancelled)

11. Unfinished Business

Ethics Training – Hernandez/Jasso/Osterhoudt – attended last Saturday's meeting

12. New Business

Nothing

13. Reports for Caucus Groups

Wilmington Marinas Parkway - Ethington

Project funded by China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation funds

Work to start – end of summer 2012

Will create a tree-lined parkway with jogging trail along Anchorage and Shore Roads around base of dredged soil storage site

Education – Prichard

Last day of school this Friday until September 7

Asked everyone to watch over campuses including Harbor College

Residents

Glenda Sands would like to become a member of the WNC as a member of the resident caucus

Moreno explained the process

14. Reports from Members at Large

Medina expressed her appreciation of our beautiful new Wilmington Waterfront Park

Hopes everyone gets a chance to walk from one end to the other

15. Announcements from Governing Board

Bekins Building Community Meeting held on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Public Input can be submitted until July 16

Subsequently community members visited Orange Empire/RR Museum in Perris

Nelson Williams

DONE will be conducting the NC??? All day Saturday, September 24 in City Hall

They are requesting help from local NC's in either financial or speaker support

So far they have raised \$7,500

Nelson has volunteered to be part of the Planning Committee

Naranjo

College Foundation conducting a Golf Tournament Fund Raiser this Friday

Everyone invited to the college at 5:00 p.m. to be part of the celebration

Additional Public Comment

Mark Chacon, Commander, VRW , 1130 W. Anaheim St. - 310-518-3450

Invites everyone to July 5 fundraiser - \$5 for hamburgers and the works.

Adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Next meeting will be July 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary and

Takeisha Smith Lankford, Admin Support Officer

Approved, Tom Dahlgren, Chair