

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – July 27, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance – Warren Furutani, Assemblyman –

“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, Arthur Hernandez, Gary Kern, Ana Medina, Susan Ogle, Juanita Naranjo, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan Prichard, Annabelle Romero, Nelson Williams, Patrick Wilson

Absent: Socorro Fimbres, Jackie Garcia, Ivan Sulic

Late: Robert Jasso, Salvador Lara, Juanita Naranjo,

Excused: Marisela Caraballo, Donna Ethington, Cecilia Moreno, Patricia Sullivan

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings

Motion (Kern/Williams) the Minutes of June 22, 2011 be approved

Passed (7-0-4)

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

LAPD – Ofc. Shawn Crabbe – 33841@lapd.lacity.org

"Chain snatches" (Necklaces) occurring on Avalon Wilmington Blvds.

Grand Theft Auto – Avalon and Wilmington Blvds. are seeing a problem

Gang Activity – Harbor Division gang unit and special unit sections working together

Brining in South Bureau

Questions from Board

Hernandez – Summer Nights Live

Last Wednesday night – shooting – two people injured – investigating

15 year old - female/out of hospital

19 year old – male/still in hospital

Romero –When does Summer Nights program end

Ends on September 2 – Z-car assigned to program

Community Question

Is gang injunction still in force - Yes

4. Government Representatives

Assemblyman Warren Furutani

Traffic Signal Installation – PCH/Sanford – to be complete in six (6) months

4-way signalization with left-hand turn lanes from PCH to Sanford

Islands to be removed to allow left-hand turn lanes

FS#38 – worked with City Hall – Mayor/CD-15

To stop equipment/personnel loss

Balanced Budget

Done for the first time in year on time

Due to Proposition #25 which only required simple majority vote

Comment from Board

Dahlgren – 24 acres down to 13 including baseball diamonds

Veronica Zendejas, Senator Lieu

CalTrans report

PCH - Redoing ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramp Long Beach to Lomita

Harbor Freeway – San Pedro to Century Freeway

Replacing damaged areas with life-long pavement - why lanes turning white

Cures in three (3) hours

Work to be complete by December unless heavy rains

PCH/Terminal Island Freeway

Large truck tipped over and damaged bridge

Emergency contract let for repair

Work will require detour and closures at night

Work expected to start by August 10 and completed by September 1

Harbor Freeway Landscape Maintenance

Inquired, no response. Budget cuts may be causing delay

Rebekah Kim, Supervisor Knabe

Illegal Vendors – last joint task force with City a success

Will look into the possibility of another joint task force in the future"

Alameda – Young Street to Anaheim

Believes jurisdiction is within purview of City of Los Angeles

However with check with ACTA to make sure

Redistricting

Two maps are being considered A2 and S1

A2 for the most part keeps the same boundaries

S1 will create a major change

Meetings to discuss these boundaries – August 9 and August 30

More information – www.knabe.com/redistricting

Ralph Terrazas, LAFD, Assistant Fire Chief – Southern Area

27 years with LAFD

Banning graduate

Helped cultivate Banning Fire Academy

Partner with Harbor College

FS#38 – Advocated to keep equipment/personnel

Feels the threat/hazard potential was not considered in decision

In running to be next Fire Chief – asks for WNC letter to Mayor

5. Public Comment

Josue Enriquez, 424-240-0697 – josuettorance@aol.com

Takes soccer team members to practice at Waterfront Park

Officer Smith, Badge #518 keeps asking them to leave

Practice at park on Tuesdays and Thursday from 5-7p.m.

Board Member Prichard will speak with Port Police about this situation

Don Compton – 310-830-5905

WNC bus benches through Beautification Committee – where are they?

Need to be installed – have been in warehouse too long

David Greene, 969 W. 25th St., San Pedro, 310-381-9899, dgdavidgreene@yahoo.com

Perhaps Port could help with FS#38 as they do with other stations in the harbor area

Is running for CD-15 vacant seat

A lot of people entering race – going to be a difficult choice for residents

Currently President of San Pedro Democratic Club

Has attended every NC meeting a regular basis with CD15

Raymond Yu

Thank for honoring and helping with 405 Freeway closure on July 17

Nisei Week– August 14 – 21 - <http://niseiweek.org>

Parade on August 14, closing ceremonies on the 21st.

Hopes Wilmington residents will attend festivities

Sylvia Canstanza – 213-700-7485 – silviaconstanza@cancer.org

American Cancer Society – Wilmington “Relay for Life” – August 20

24 hour even at Banning High – currently 14 teams – raised \$7400

Business Card Support program - \$100 – included in brochure

Luminario event – YMCA, Monday, August 1 at 9 p.m., \$10/luminario

Cancer Society provides free services, education and advocacy in the community

Question from Board

Lara – T-shirts will be sold for \$15 to support effort

John Pham, 310-548-7503 - jjjpham@gmail.com

Sr. Librarian, Wilmington Library, 1300 N. Avalon Blvd.

Thank You! – due to community support for Proposition L – March ballot

Dept. on 7/18 – started process of restoring Monday service to 73 libraries

2012-13: restore service two evenings (Currently only open two evenings)

2013-14: purchase additional books and materials

2014-15: restore Sunday service at 9 libraries.

Leo Lopez, 567 – 31st St., Manhattan Beach, 90266, 310-717-5182, dhs.martinez@yahoo.com

LAFD – 28 years

Grew up in Wilmington

Banning Fire Academy Coordinates program with Terraza and Gutierrez

Helps many misdirected youth in the community – have seen young people become members of police units and the local fire departments.

Recent graduation ceremony at Wilmington Boys/Girls Club

No budget – in past LAPD provided hour for hour time

Asking for NC support

6. Announcements

Navy Week – Port of Los Angeles – this week - flyer on website
Jasso/Prichard – indicated there would be a long wait based on their experience
Banning Transportation Legacy – August 20 – flyer on website
Relay for Life – August 20/21 – 24-hour event - flyer on website
Congress of Neighborhoods – September
Drum Barracks – September 24-25 – Civil War on the Home Front
How women and families survived this era.

7. Presentation Items

Terminal Island Renewable Energy Project

Diane Gilbert Jones, BioSolids Regulatory Liaison, LA City Bureau of Sanitation

310-648-5248 – diane.gilbert@lacity.org

Has worked at Hyperion for 24 years

Liquid treatment goes to ocean, Solid waste goes to manure

EPA/Test program at Terminal Island for Solid Waste

First of its kind in USA and the world

Injecting material into wells – 5000' deep

Matter will heat up/decompose and create heat – to power homes/businesses

2000 unused wells in the harbor area

Using one well and monitoring with two others

In August, 2008 – 120 million gallons of waste trucked from Hyperion

230,000 of this goes to Kern County farms (beneficial use) each year

Existing permit ends in November

Review environmental document

Asking for another year because results are not conclusive as of yet

Contact if you would like a tour of facility

Questions fro Board

Romero – Where? – Ferry Street, Terminal Island

Williams – Permits - Took 8 years to permit

Providing protection – dyke actually decreased earthquake problems

Well is 2000' below water table

Medina – would like to schedule tour

Wilson – AQMD supports effort

Project sequesters green house gases

Dahlgren – AQMD supports in part due to sales vs fuel gas

Found Animals, P.O. Box 66370, Los Angeles, 90066

Jennifer Brent, External Relations Manager, 310-574-5794, j.brent@foundanimals.org

Non profit, private foundation

Exist because 3-4 million animals euthanized in US every year

That is 64% of all sheltered animals

72% of cats who enter a shelter are euthanized

Very expensive to shelter cats - \$50million/year in LA City

Various types of clinics

Clinico – San Pedro Animal Shelter - Sterilization: \$15/males - \$25/females

Fix National – neuter cats – one pair of cats can produce 420,000 kittens in 7 yrs.

Spay4LA

Michelson Prize and Grants

\$50million in grant funds

\$25million to person/organization

who finds a viable economic solution to animal proliferation

Microchip Implant - size of grain of rice

Dogs = 4.5x better chance of return

Cats = 20x better chance of return

Adoption Events

Last year – 3000 animals adopted

Currently 2 for the price of 1 cat program – Interested? visit Gaffey Shelter

Cat Adoption Center/Downey and in Lakewood Mall

2012 Calendar – 6Pack/9Lives

How Can you Help

Neuter your animals, encourage others

Adopt a pet rather than purchasing one, license your animal

Stray cats in your Yard – invest in motion water sprinklers

Only three (3) animals/household

8. Funding Action Items

American Cancer Foundation: Relay for Life - \$ 500.00

Originally requested \$5000, however due to budget constraints not possible.

Motion (Lara/Hernandez) to support Relay for Life with a \$500 donation

Approved (13-0-0)

9. Action Items

a. Motion (Hernandez/Osterhoudt) that the WNC send letter to Chief Analyst Office requesting 2009-2010 & 2010-2011 Pipeline annual financial reports.

Medina – spoke with CAO – referred to Ms. Chang/DOT – letter needs to be cc'd to her

No mention of pipeline request in CD15/Luna's monthly report

Williams – CF:14-1436 – WNC should focus on real property trust fund

Approved (13-0-0)

b. Motion (Babbitt/Hernandez) that WNC send letter to the Port requesting that the Vopak Terminal Reconfiguration Plan be handled expeditiously.

Approved (12-0-1)

c. Transportation Committee requests a Community Impact Statement from WNC to LA City Clerk in support of removing parking meters in Wilmington Commercial District.

Referred to Public Works Committee for further deliberation and action

d. Motion (Babbitt/Naranjo) that the WNC send letter to District 15 office in support of the acquisition of the historic Powder Magazine.

Approved (11-0-2)

e. Motion (Babbitt/Osterhoudt) that the WNC send letter of support, to Port of LA, on behalf of the YMCA's request for funding the Aquatics Center project.

Approved (13-0-0)

f. Motion (Jasso/Medina) that the WNC send a thank you letter to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the new Wilmington Waterfront Park.

Approved (13-0-0)

g. Discussion as whether to send support letter to Mayor Villariagosa relative to appointment of Assistant Chief Terrazas to LAFD Chief position. Board felt this would be inappropriate.

Broke for Dinner

10. Report of Officers

a. Chair –

Refer to Announcements – Congress of Neighborhoods
Committee Calendar

c. Secretary

Donna Ethington and Cecilia Luna/CD-15 provided computer report of their activities
Due to hectic schedule unable to print for WNC this evening

d. Treasurer

Went over 2011-12 budget which was approved at last meeting

10% reduction from year before – therefore, \$40,500

Fixed budget items – Staff, Telephone, Interpreter

Due to Agenda insert – reduced postage to only nine (9) people

Included Discretionary Account - \$2000 – spent \$500 tonight

Perhaps add \$150/month postage savings

However need new computer, copier for office

Spent all funds in 2010-11 year – good because City instituted sweep of unused funds

Need to consider Sharefest, we shorted last year's allocation due to budget shortfall

11 Report from Committees

Finance – See Treasurer's report

Beautification – Benches – resubmitted paperwork after City returned original

Question/Romero – Murals on Utility Boxes – similar to Long Beach

Sent letter to Carmen Chavez – no response to date

Land Use – almost no backlog at this point

Public Works

Public Trash Cans

Spoke with Hoffman/Chamber – permitting process is difficult

12. Unfinished Business

Drafted 7-11 letter – sent to Planning Committee for further discussion

13. New Business

Parliamentarian – Don Compton applying for position – sent to ByLaws Committee

Suggest ask DONE for clarification of our ByLaws

14. Reports for Caucus Groups

Education – Film sponsored by California Council for the Humanities – Day Laborers

Missed viewing in Wilmington – asking for CD so we can show

15. Reports from Members at Large

Romero – have been accepted to USC's Master's Program – School of Journalism

Will have classes on Wednesday evening – will not be able to make start of meeting

Probably going to have her Wilmington Wire become her Research Project

Williams – Three (3) unexcused absences will automatically

16. Announcements from Governing Board

Williams – Neighborhood Council panel discussion in City Hall's Media Room this morning

Panelists agreed that although great work has been achieved through NC's in our communities, we need to address concerns to make NC's better.

Dahlgren indicated CD-15/Hahn held monthly meeting with NC Chairs to discuss issues

Hernandez – many NC activities not transparent, avoid Brown Act requirements to their benefit, appoint instead of elect membership

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be August 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary and

Takeisha Smith Lankford, Admin Support Officer

Approved, Tom Dahlgren, Chair