

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – August 24, 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.

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, Jacqueline Garcia, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Ana Medina, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan Prichard, Patricia Sullivan, Patrick Wilson

Absent: Socorro Fimbres, Susan Ogle

Late: Donna Ethington, Salvador Lara, Juanita Naranjo, Ivan Sulic, Nelson Williams

Excused: Marisela Caraballo, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Annabel Romero

Chair announced we will be taking agenda out of order so CD15 Rep & Port Police can attend another community function. – See below.

4. Government Representatives

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

CD 15 has a new Facebook page – [222.facebook.com/LA15th](https://www.facebook.com/LA15th)

Can go there for real time updates.

Summer Night Lights

Mayor Villariagosa will be WilHall tonight at 8p.m. – please try to attend

Pipeline Funds

WNC letter received by CAO. Working on response for September meeting

LAFD - #38

City/Firefighters still negotiating.

When savings realized, neighborhood services to be restored.

Mayor 213-978-0600 indicates #38 on top of list

Parking Meters

Hahn motion needs to be scheduled before Transportation Committee

Please contact Chair – Rosenthal to place on Agenda ASAP

Thanked WNC for Community Impact Statement

Oversize Vehicles in Wilmington

Hahn motion to establish parking restrictions for oversized vehicles needs to be scheduled before Transportation Committee.

Please contact Chair – Rosenthal – to place on Agenda ASAP

Radio Shack

Representative has indicated desire to stay in Wilmington

CD15 working with rep. to find suitable location

Power Magazine Acquisition

Hahn Motion to be scheduled before Arts, Parks, Health & Aging Committee
Please contact Chair – Krekorian – to place on Agenda ASAP

ATSAC – Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control – Wilmington

ATSAC is a computer-based traffic signal control system that monitors real time traffic conditions and selects appropriate signal timing (control) strategies.

Installation in progress – expect completion in next few months.

Earthquake kits on the back table

Questions from Board

Babbitt – New committee assignments will be out the first week of September

Hahn chaired Trade Commerce and

Sat on Board of Referred Powers and

Jasso – Currently Street Maintenance is doing slurry seal work in community

Handicapped curb cut cost is being studied by Engineering

Prichard – CD15 has asked Port to improve Alameda between PCH and Anaheim

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

LAPD – No one present

LAHD - Sgt. Ramirez, POLA – Community Relations/Wilmington 310-732-3500

iWatch Program

Developed by Federal Homeland Security

Asks all citizens to “See Something, Say Something”

Especially watch, hotels, malls, refineries, schools, stadiums

Wilmington Waterfront Park – nothing major

vandalism – continuing problem

full-time patrol – bike

Questions from Board

Jasso – Port working on oversized loads, unattached semis

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings

Motion (Hernandez/Babbitt) the Minutes of July 27, 2011 be approved

Passed (10-0-4)

5. Public Comment

Raymond Yu

Los Angeles Triathlon – September 25

Venice to Downtown LA

Korean Celebration – September 30 – October 2

www.lakoreafestival.com

Don Compton – 310-830-5905

Parliamentarian – McCarberry appointment set precedent

Should have an up/down roll call vote

Delia Batallia, 930 Neptune Ave., 310-549-5936 – deliabatalla@hotmail.com

New Span School – Harry Bridges

School plan due in October

Concerned still included in LAUSD's School Choice program

Feels it should be removed

No outside petition submitted to take this school

Named after union leader, Harry Bridges

WNC should ask Writing Group to make presentation at September meeting
LAUSD/Deasy

Indicates inclusion in school choice is to bring up test scores

Board Member, Marguerite Lamont

Indicates this is not happening in her District

Feels it is a union busting effort

Our Board Member, Dr. Richard Vladovic is pro School Choice

Tuesday, August 30, from 1-4 p.m.

School Choice to be discussed at Board Meeting – Beaudry office

Chair feels this waive should be discussed during New Business

Asked if Ms. Batallia could stay – Yes

Joe Buscaino – 1622 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro, 310-357-9029 – joe@joebuscaino.com

Came to introduce himself – is a candidate for CD15 open seat

LAPD – 16 years

Worked streets, knows issues and harbor area, grew up in San Pedro, wife is a teacher;
created Teen Community Advisory Board (works with teens to problem solve and
break the barriers between police and teenagers).

Would like to serve because he feels he can create jobs, make community feel safe, and
bring CD15's share of basic City services.

Mary Gant, 1315 W. Sandison Street, Wilmington – 310-626-5946 – m_gant@hotmail.com

Supports Buscaino, a man of integrity

Stella Catanzarite, 310-732-4652 – stella.catanzarite@lacity.org

New Community Development Department (CDD) office in San Pedro City Hall, Room 551

Provided brochure listing services/linkages

Laura Espinoza, 1018 Marine Ave., 310-834-3242 – madresdewilmington@gmail.com

Concerned about large items being dumped near outdoor food sellers

Avalon project creating a lot of dust

Alameda Corridor

Has been attending meetings

Feels ACTA should provide more greenery along corridor

SPAN School – Harry Bridges

Feels District 8 Superintendent, Mr. Romero

should conduct more public meetings on this new educational facility

6. Announcements

Vacancies – Two (2) Resident Caucus seats

Candidate forms available on back table

7. Presentation Items

Port Police – iWatch Program – see Item#3

Banning High School's (BHS) Fire House Academy

Introduced by Mary Gant as a "Diamond of Wilmington"

Asst. Chief Ralph Terrazas, BHS graduate

Academy started 13 years at a request from football coach.

Students learn basic of firefighting, but more importantly life lessons

Partnership between LAFD, Harbor College and Banning High

Importance of Integrity, Dedication, Community Service

Capt. Leo Lopez – provided written overview

2011-12 School Year – 32 students, normally 10-12

Good News – program expanding

Bad News – insufficient funds

Mold young adults into professionals

Focus on communication, dedication with acronym PRIDE

Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, Equality

Students will indicate how program has helped

Jose Gonzalez, Hawaiian Elem., Dodson Jr., will graduate BHS next June

Before Academy just attended school to attend, now unit captain

Decided to become a firefighter

Program has taught him how to think under pressure

Arrives at BHS daily at 6a to raise American flag

Destiny Martinez

Dreams of becoming a police officer

Recently graduated BHS

Before Academy just attended school because required

Academy helped her set goals, provided discipline and brought up GPA

Corina Arias

Before Academy, struggling with grades and respect for elders

Academy provided motivation and a will to achieve

Dream is to pursue career in criminal justice field

Jose Torres

Graduated six (6) years ago

Before able to use fire equipment required to know fundamentals

Academy taught that you had to work to get ahead

Worked on BHS Beautification project

Acquired EMT certificate – young person at the time

Currently – Correctional Services Asst. in Orange County

Dream to become an Orange County Sheriff Deputy with parental support

Hector Aguilera

Graduated six (6) years ago with Jose Torres

Currently an EMT at Kaiser Hospital in Emergency Room

Academy is much more than fire training – it is life training

Requires attention to detail

Without Academy he would have had no direction in high school

Summary, Capt. Leo Lopez

LAFD need to get on board

Classes are held at Harbor College on T/Th/F from 6-10a.

Class 7-9 a

PIER Pass Update

Bruce Wargo, President & CEO, 100 Oceangate, #600, Long Beach 90802

562-437-9112 - bruce.wargo@pierpass.org

Before this program was instituted – lots of truck traffic congestion within the Port area.

Terminal operators met with Councilwoman Hahn and Assemblyman Lowenthal

Created Pier Pass in 2005

Premise – trucks that use terminals during the day pay a fee to offset cost of keeping terminals open at night.

Beneficial Effects

Air Quality

Clean Truck Program assistance

Kept LA/LB Port area competitive – due to efficiency

Created good paying jobs at night

50% of cargo now goes out at night

Eliminated truck cues

Before PIER Pass – trucks started lining up at 3p

Increase in fees

Recently increased from \$50 to \$60 per 20' equivalent unit (teu)

Made program viable and productive

Questions from Board

Jasso – 30,000 trucks serviced each day, half of these at night

Wilson – five (5) additional terminals now operational at night

2009 – reduced fee because of economy

2010 – up to 5 gates open

Peak months – September/October/November

Economic tool –

Brings in 30-\$40,000 when terminal open

Ethington – PIER Pass -95% of outlay is for labor

8. Action Items

- a. Motion (Babbitt/Hernandez) that the WNC submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the City Clerk in support of removing parking meters from the Wilmington Commercial District. The statement reads, *“Wilmington’s downtown retailers are primarily small businesses that serve low-income families. Even in a good economy there is a higher than normal turnover and a number of vacant stores. Store owners in the Business Improvement District find customers are being deterred in trying to find a parking space where meters are working properly or have been ticketed when the meter defaults or expires prematurely. To combat the problem Santa Fe Seconds finally purchased an adjacent lot for customer parking. The way to increase tax revenues for the City is by attracting and retaining customers, not by charging higher parking fees.*

Passed (15-0-0)

b.i. Motion (Babbitt/Hernandez) that the provided letter of letter of discontent be sent to regarding the 7-Eleven President/CEO John DePinto.

Friendly motion (Babbitt/Lara) add cc's to LA City Council President, Eric Garcetti and landlord's representative Kelly Harrison

Public Comment

Carmen Adame, 942 McFarland, 310-819-5412 – cadamefan@aol.com

Feels letter should not be sent. We should encourage businesses in community

Passed (15-0-0)

b.ii. Motion (Ethington/Sulic) that WNC City Hall Parking Permits be given to Chair Tom Dahlgren and Nelson Williams.

Discussion – Ethington felt that Williams visited City Hall more often than she did

Passed (13-0-2)

b.iii – Motion (Prichard/Naranjo) to appoint Nelson Williams as the WNC's 2012 Budget Advocate team member

Passed (14-0-1)

Broke for Dinner

9. Report of Officers

a. Chair –

Introduce Venilda Castro

b. Vice Chair

c. Secretary –

Car List - Need WNC members to provide vehicle license/description for DONE

Asking all WNC committees to provide their agenda/minutes to Ms. Smith ksmith@kclt.com

Adame asked if we had a Facebook page –No

Garcia indicated she could create for us

d. Treasurer – Great News

Budget Accepted

WNC Credit Card accepted for our dinner order this evening

10 Report from Committees

ByLaws – chair not present

Babbitt feels we have gone without action relative to the parliamentary position too long

No one other than Don Compton has expressed an interest in position

Kern – 11/19/2003

WNC passed motion to appoint Dennis McCarberry as WNC's parliamentary

Feels we should do again

Motion (Babbitt/Hernandez) to allow motion to address this vote.

Passed (10-4-0)

Motion (Babbitt/Hernandez) to appoint Don Compton as the WNC's parliamentary.

Passed (11-3-0)

Gateway & Beautification

Meeting move to Tuesday, September 20 – as chair will be travelling

Land Use/Planning & Transportation

Meeting will be held on Monday, September 19

Publicity and Communication

New website format should be up and running by September meeting

Will have an area for each Committee's Agenda/Minutes

Will provide a Community Calendar

PCAC – Ethington

Two motion in packet are advisory

CRA – No meetings currently

LA-YPAC is going to pay State fee to keep City's CRA operational

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

Wilmington Cemetery

Kern – doing a great of beautifying area

BNSF area is a fire hazard

Write letter to BNSF with cc to Butterfield Communications regarding situation

Osterhoudt – Cemetery Board Member

Area (.66 acres) is located at the end of "O" Street

Chair Dahlgren – assigned to WNC Beautification Committee

Harry Bridges SPAN School

Mary Tell-Gonzalez and

Delia Batallia, 930 Neptune Ave., 310-549-5936 – deliabatalla@hotmail.com

Tello-Gonzalez - Teacher for 8 years – currently at George de la Torre Elementary

She is on the school's school plan writing team

Feel school should be taken out of School Choice

Dr. Vladovic wants it to be kept in this program

Comments/Questions from Board

Williams – Next planning meeting will be held August 29 from 3-5p at Wilmington Middle

Propose to ask Dr. Vladovic to take Harry Bridges from School Choice

Kern – felt school management should be able to renegotiate contracts as way of eliminating bad teachers

Prichard – suggested ask Valadovic/ Jacob Haik to attend next WNC meeting

Comments from Public

Carmen Adame, 942 McFarland, 310-819-5412 – cadamefan@aol.com

Choice – is this the LAUSD booklet for students – No

What is in it for the community?

Feels there has been no outreach by LAUSD – plan written and ready

Mary Gant indicated there had been an advertisement in the Daily Breeze

13. Reports for Caucus Groups

Wilmington Waterfront Committee – Garcia

Concerned about Wilmington Waterfront Park usage during the week

Soccer teams need to use for practice area

LAHD – Commissioner Arian attended meeting

Proposed letter read/discussed

Kern – community worked on this park for years.

Everyone informed during the process that the park would not be able to be used for organized sport activity.

Motion (Garcia/Williams) the WNC supports the use of the Wilmington

Waterfront Park as a place where team practice can be scheduled and held at certain locations.

Passed (13-1-0)

14. Reports from Members at Large

None

15. Announcements from Governing Board

Harbor Cmsn. approved Port Marina Park -

Adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Next meeting will be September 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary and

Venilda Castro, Admin Support Officer

Approved, Tom Dahlgren, Chair