

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – September 28, 2011

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Wilson

“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: Donald Compton, Donna Ethington, Socorro Fimbres Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Salvador Lara, Ana Medina, Susan Ogle, Susan Prichard, Patricia Sullivan, Patrick Wilson

Late: Anabell Romero, Nelson Williams

Excused: Jack Babbitt, Marisela Caraballo, Thomas Dahlgren, Jacqueline Garcia, Gary Kern, Cecilia Moreno, Juanita Naranjo, Hank Osterhoudt, Ivan Sulic,

Chair announced that there was lack of a quorum so WNC would only be able to conduct business not proceed on any action items. Also, August minutes could not be approved at this meeting.

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

LAPD – Officer Perez

Six (6) homicides/gang related – East/West Wilmington in the last month

Last Friday at 2 p.m. at the intersection of “L”/Colon

Not quite sure why this issue has flared up – gang unit trying to find out

Stolen vehicles – predominately Honda Accords

Pick Your Part – stealing from parking lot

Burglaries – way up

Recently pick up a parolee (grand theft) – believe this should alleviate problem

LAPD/How To Show – Saturday, October 1, CSU – Los Angeles

If you want to go – need to be at Harbor Station at 7:00 a.m. for bus transportation

Return at 5:00 p.m.

Lock It or Lose It – new ad campaign by LAPD

Questions/Comments - Board

Ethington – Gang Injunction – are members currently being released?

Yes and Gang Task Force is being very proactive on this issue

Questions/Comments - Public

Is anything being done to help members reintegrate into society?

No, due to budget cuts

Anaheim/Fries area – Ambassador Hotel – School Route

LAPD is aware of school route

Area is given extra patrol

Hotels used for probationers

LAHD - Sgt. Ramirez and Ofcr. Morales,

POLA – Community Relations/Wilmington 310-732-3500

Illegal Dumping – becoming a problem in Far East Wilmington an WIPAC area

Please call if you see anyone dumping in your neighborhood

Marina Area – working to remove abandoned boats and trailers from parking lots

Wilmington Waterfront Park – events in October

Saturday, 10/1 – Fall into Literacy – Book Fair

Saturday, 10/22 – Health Fair

Saturday, 10/29 – Happy Harbor Halloween

Questions/Comments - Board

Hernandez – trucks running over curbs – breaking them

Especially at Colon/Sanford – Commercial Metro

LAHD indicates City would need to do survey for wider curb cut

Wilson – Stop signs on private property

Yes, any uniformed officer can cite for speeding and stop signs

Ethington

Berth 205 at Anchorage – Across from Eddie’s Marine

Site of abandoned boats/trailers

Questions/Comments from Public

Ken Melendez – thank you for truck and Wilmington Waterfront Park enforcement

Wilson – Harry Bridges/Broad Ave – NO LEFT TURN – will cite

4. Government Representatives

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

Pipeline Funds - CAO’s office is compiling the pipeline financial figures, per the request of the letter from the Wilmington Neighborhood Council.

1) The process in place to determine how 15th Council District funds are to be expended?

These funds are discretionary to be used on public improvements by request of the Council member. Community input is requested and invited on projects of interest. Unfortunately, no funding can be expended until a new councilmember takes office. Also, please note that the pipeline franchise fund was “swept” by the mayor’s office about 2 years ago for fiscal solvency.

2) Is there any public input on the process?

The Council Office welcomes community input for how these funds are to be allocated.

3) When was the last time pipeline fees were used in the community?

Pipeline Fees have been used for the following projects.

- Wilmington BID Lighting Project- \$160,000
- GAP Bulky Items Community Beautification- \$24,000
- Wilmington Fence Replacement- \$2000
- Wilmington Crosswalk Stamp (Anaheim/ Avalon)- \$80,000
- GAP Graffiti Abatement- \$100,000
- Community Beautification- \$12,000
- Street Improvements (Repaving)- \$51,000
- Alley Construction/ Repair Pilot Program- \$336,000
- Sidewalk Replacement - \$9,654

4) If any, for what purpose were they used?

Pipeline Funds have always been used for Council District 15 community benefit projects. These funds are restricted for use on public right-of-way infrastructure improvements, and cannot be used for anything else.

East Wilmington Greenbelt Park

The Council office is working with the newly formed Harbor Community Benefit Foundation (HCBF) to acquire this property from Union Pacific. We have had meetings with the HCBF's legal counsel, and will be meeting with Union Pacific in the near future. This will release City from liability.

Drum Barracks Expansion

Recreation and Parks Commission allocated Quimby funds (\$11,528) to fund an Environmental Assessment document for the acquisition of the 1061 Cary Avenue Parcel next to Drum Barracks. If there are any excess funds remaining once the environmental consultant is paid those funds would be used for site landscaping, irrigation, etc. of the new parcel.

Department of Water and Power Ratepayer Advocate

The Department of Water and Power Citizen's Committee held its first meeting today to discuss the necessary steps towards establishment of the office for the Ratepayer Advocate, and the search for its Executive Director. Mayor has asked for this position to be filled/operational in 90 days.

Parking Meters in Wilmington and San Pedro

This item has not been scheduled in Transportation Committee, chaired by Councilman Bill Rosendahl. This committee has stated that they will not be scheduling this item until a new Councilmember takes office. Thank you to Ms. Ethington for her assistance.

Oversize Vehicles in Wilmington

Thank you to the Wilmington Neighborhood Council for providing requested locations for the "No Oversize Vehicle" signage. WNC's request has been forwarded to the Department of Transportation for further action. Again, thank you to Ms. Ethington for her assistance.

Questions/Comments - Board

Ethington - ?

DOT – pending motion – might coincide

DOT has started work

Green Belt – money still available for remediation

Lara

When will Clean Wilmington program start?

Stuck in City/County remediation litigation

Jasso

Pipeline – how much money – waiting on report

Working on contracts so that when new council member elected they will be ready to go

Hernandez

Sidewalk replacement funds – already spent

Medina

Thank you for pipeline information hope full report done by next m month

PCH – lots of lumps/dips – Need to contact CalTrans

Quorum achieved as members – Romero and Williams - arrive

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings

Amend minutes to show that Patricia Sullivan was in attendance

Motion (Ethington/Hernandez) the Minutes of August 24, 2011 be approved as amended

Passed (10-0-3)

5. Public Comment

Sands – 1120 McFarland Avenue, Wilmington, 310-834-6773

Federal Register dated August 17, 2006

He is to provide me copy.

Question – September 18, 2006

All locomotives must be tested by June 24, 2010 to insure horn is in compliance

Decibel reading at 100 in front of moving train, Minimum-96, Maximum-110

Only State agency allowed to enforce is PUC

Ken Melendez, 1327 Hunt Terrace, Harbor City, 90710, 310-530-4536

Here to support Jayme Wilson for City Council

Helped with PCAC issues of which he was Chair for 8 years

Has been both a friend of Wilmington and me personally

Took over Ports ‘O Call Restaurant when ???

PCAC issue on February 23, 2011 – Catalina Freight

Wilmington will now have entire frontage

Vincent Kripal, 1336 Island Ave., Wilmington, 424-744-6442

Speed on Island due to traffic signal at PCH/Island

To whom do I direct this problem

Chair referred to Celina Luna, CD15, who was still present

Don Compton – 233 East “M” Street, Wilmington, 310-830-5905

Need to create a second neighborhood council for Wilmington

This would allow the East side better access to affordable housing, light rail station

Gordon Teuber, 1010 North Gaffey, San Pedro, 310-408-7351, GT@Gordon4CD15.com

Running to be you next Councilman

Currently on leave of absence from CD15, knows Land Use issues are important

Conflict between residential and industrial

Open space – more needed

Support modernization of rail facility; i.e., McFarland Line

CRA/WIPAC

Not a big fan of CRA taking over all of Wilmington

Commercial Corridor – perhaps

Waterfront – Transportation

Forum on October? Where?

Jayme Wilson, 1199 Nagoya Way, San Pedro, 310-548-8080, jswspiritcruises@sbcglobal.net

Owned Spirit Cruises for 30 years

Serving in various community capacities all those years

Helped set up San Pedro BID

Chaired PCAC for 8 years

Believe in community process

Neighborhood Councils are a community watch program to help make decisions

Spoke with LA Times Staff

Alameda Corridor – City made it beautiful in every community but Wilmington

Where are the truck lanes and electrified?

Unpaved streets in Wilmington

If elected

Will work with community

Will not use City car

Will return \$50,000/year of his \$180,000 salary to a community group

Will not take City matching funds for election

Jennifer Craig, Tesoro, 310-522-8449

Wilmington's "Relay for Life"

Great turn-out for first event in Wilmington

Organized within three (3) months and raised an astounding \$43,500

Event showed how we can all work together

6. Action Items

a. Motion (Jasso/Ogle) that the WNC rescind the motion to appoint Don Compton as Parliamentarian because the action was not properly noticed. And furthermore, that the appointment of the Parliamentarian be properly handled as stated in the WNC By-Laws, section Article V – section 1.

Board Questions/Comments

Fimbres – Is this a appointment versus an election – yes

Could Compton resign - yes

Compton – Babbitt/Kern – put forth the motion

Will be protesting with the City Attorney on this technicality

Hernandez – need to enforce Code of Civility, eliminate intimidation

Sullivan – why rescind – because the action did not comply with the Brown Act

Passed (8-1-3)

b. Approve WNC Governing Board's recommendation that the following Community Impact Statement be sent to the LA City Clerk's Office (CF#11-1203) in support of the acquisition of the lot containing the Powder Magazine building located at 1003 North Eubank Avenue.

"The Powder Magazine, made of stone quarried on the local Palos Verdes Peninsula, was constructed, brick and mortar, in 1862 as part of the military post in Wilmington called Drum Barracks and is considered an integral part that historical monument. It marks the southern boundary of the original 60-acre post. Its condition has deteriorated under private ownership and the community seeks to have it acquired by the City so that it can be stabilized and integrated with the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum nearly on Banning Boulevard. Moving it would destroy significant portions and leaving it on the site is the best solution for its historical value as well."

Passed (8-0-4)

c. PCAC Items

1. Motion (Ethington/Lara) that WNC representatives support advising the Board of Harbor Commissioners, to ensure the PCAC can fulfill responsibilities assigned by City Resolution #6039, recognize the PCAC as the necessary venue for public presentations and discussions regarding the LA Waterfront Plan and/or that the Waterfront Plan meetings be conducted through POLA/PCAC partnership.

Explanation – Ethington

Port going directly to the community bypassing PCAC

Passed (7-0-6, with a vote from the Chair)

2. Motion (Ethington/Hernandez) that WNC representatives support advising the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the Port continue to designate Colonial Yacht Anchorage's existing land and water space for recreational uses and to preserve the existing uses that include a boat yard, a launch ramp and marina slips; and the Port designate Colonial's storage yard and surrounding slips on the southwest corner of Anchorage/Shore Roads for the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center, separate from any future lease of the board yard, launch ramps and marina slips.

Passed (9-0-3)

3. Motion (Ethington/Hernandez) that WNC representatives support advising the Board of Harbor Commissioners of their support of the Wilmington YMCA's request for an additional \$500,000 for cost overruns associated with their swimming pool project that was funded by the China Shipping Mitigation.

Explanation – Originally awarded \$2.6 million. Found there was a methane collection problem as Wilmington is part of the largest residential oil field in the United States.

Comments/Questions from Board

Ethington – supports because YMCA will work with future Sailing Center

Fimbres – will benefit our children. Need to do it now.

Jasso – Will you need to be a YMCA member to use?

Sullivan – Will the pool be located at the YMCA facility on Avalon Boulevard? – Yes

Prichard – the Banning High Swimming Pool is a year-round heated pool

Comments/Questions from Board

Melendez – San Pedro originally tried to break PCAC quorum over this issue

As public funds being used, facility will need to be open to public

Year-round indoor pool

Drowning is the 2nd major cause of death for children

Passed (10-1-1)

4. Motion (Ethington/Ogle) that the WNC representatives support the election of Ken Melendez as Co-Chair of PCAC

Passed (11-0-1)

5. Motion (Ethington/Hernandez) that the WNC representatives support the election of Carrie Scoville as Parliamentarian of PCAC

Passed (11-0-1)

d.i. Motion (Williams/Hernandez) to support the WNC's November and December Executive Board Meetings and Governing Board Meetings being moved respectively to:

November 2 and 9

December 7 and 14

Passed (10-0-1)

d.ii Motion (Jasso/Ethington) to support amending the WNC's By-Laws to permanently schedule the November and December Executive Committee and Governing Board meetings to be held two weeks prior to regularly schedule meeting dates.

Passed (10-0-1)

7. Presentations - NONE

8. Announcements

- a. Terminal Island Renewable Energy (TIRE) Project tours – October 13 & 14, 2011
Castro and Ethington, Prichard – to attend
- b. Fall into Book Festival – October 1st at Wilmington Waterfront Park
- c. Friends of Banning's Landing 10th Anniversary Comedy & Music Jam – Oct. 15th
- d. Robert F. Kennedy Institute Health Fair – October 22nd at Wilmington Waterfront Park
- e. Happy Harbor Halloween – October 29th at the Wilmington Waterfront Park

Break

9. Report of Officers

a. Chair –

Planning Department announcements indicates the owner of 920 Eubank Avenue has requested an Environmental review and Zone Variance to park trucks and store containers. This location is just North of Casual Hall and across from Warren E&P and Powder Magazine

b. Vice Chair

c. Secretary –

Attended Congress of Neighborhoods last Saturday – very informative

Nelson Williams, member of organizing committee

90 process – exceeded our goal of 500 participants – 600 arrived

Coordinated two workshops

Considering doing this every other year

d. Treasurer

No funds available

Williams/Ethington – can NC support community center in Cruces area – yes if it is for goods and/or services. Can use credit card for up to \$2,500; however, insufficient funds at this time.

10 Report from Committees

Land Use/Planning & Transportation – Ethington in Babbitt's absence

921-23 E. Anaheim (Mike's Foreign Auto) request continued use – dismantling/retail business

Zone Variance to permit new use – Kim's Wilmington, LLC - 18,000 sq. ft. enclosure

between Sanford & Dominguez, across from East Wilmington Recreation Center –

(dismantling/open storage)

No action taken as neither zoning variance scheduled for hearing yet

Transportation - Ethington

Review NP – 2a-6a, overnight vehicles, motor homes in residential area
generally bounded by Lomita Boulevard, Figueroa Street, Anaheim, Alameda

Parking Meters – review CD Report

Street Services – PCH bridge added

Lot adjacent to Wilmington Cemetery- .66 acres

BNSF to remove weeds

Working with Cemetery Board to use the lot for parking

Public Works – Medina

No meeting last month

CalTrans has been working on clearing right-of-way on both sides of the 110 Freeway

PCAC – Ethington

Presentation on the electrification of existing rail lines

Would potentially eliminate need for locomotives
between Port and near dock rail yards

Southern California Integrated Gateway – SCIG

Off-dock Rail Yard – City Land (looks like a finger in Thomas Guide)

Pacific Coast Highway to Sepulveda

On Port land currently used by CalCartage

Fast Lane Transportation will be affected

CRA – Ethington

Meeting last night

Everything on hold because of Governor Brown’s legislative action

Two options

State eliminate \$96.4 million – City/County make up difference

CRA is suing this

Wilmington design guidelines addressed

Low income housing

9 units (Habitat for Humanity) – “L”/Lecourver

Rehab 90 units at Banning Villa

Grant funding received or applied for:

Transportation – Safe Routes to School – potential project is Quiet Zone on
McFarland, and CalTrans Planning Grant

Urban Greening and Pocket Park Grants

residents have requested basketball court at Island & L Street

11. Unfinished Business

Moment of silence for Socorro Fimbres’ in memory of his son

12. New Business

SCIG

2012 Elections

Krekorian Motions

13. Reports for Caucus Groups

None

14. Reports from Members at Large
None

15. Announcements from Governing Board
Candidate Forum – October 15 at Harbor College

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting will be October 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary and
Venilda Castro, Admin Support Officer
Approved, Patrick Wilson, Acting Chair