

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – January 25, 2012

(as corrected)

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

1. **Roll Call of Governing Board Members (15) confirming a quorum**

Chair asked each member to state caucus to which they belong –matched public listing

Present: Jack Babbitt, Marisela Caraballo, Thomas Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan Prichard, Glenda Sands, Ivan Sulic, Patricia Sullivan, Patrick Wilson

Absent: Socorro Fimbres, Juanita Naranjo, Annabel Romero

Excused: Jacqueline Garcia, Nelson C. Williams, Jr.

2. **Approval of Minutes from previous meetings:**

December minutes (Moreno/Osterhoudt) approved as amended

Passed 14-0-2

3. **Los Angeles Police Department/ Port of Los Angeles Department:**

Officer Garcinela/LAPD

Rough start for the Harbor Division

Since the beginning of the year three (3) homicides

2 in Wilmington – both on “L” Street

Kristy Alvarez’ case being handled by downtown/Robbery-Homicide

2nd – targeted/not random – being handled by local detectives

1 In Harbor Gateway – 206th St.

Culmination of an on-going dispute

No notable uptick in property crime

Believe this is due to significant recent arrests

LAPD/Harbor Division asking Parole Board to not release so many into area.

Questions from Board

Dahlgren – significant increase in traffic ticket fines?

Yes, due to economy

Sullivan – how many parolees in area?

Number fluctuates

Some placed in area by choice, others sent

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Hernandez – Number of Motor homes/campers on streets
Ticketed for over-time parking
Many owners are on parole/probation
LAPD frustrated too – move every 72 hours
Quality of Life issue for surrounding neighborhood
Sands – Parking Meter removal
Will this cause more street car sales?
Feels this is happening already

LAHD – Ofcr. Morales, Maritime area

Vandalism/Graffiti in Wilmington Waterfront Park

Presentations from Port Police Association/Toy Give-Away-2010

SAA Recycling

Joseph Murat & Associates

California Sulfur – (our Jack Babbitt)

4. Government Representatives:

Reymundo Saucedo - Congresswoman Janice Hahn

Successfully worked to bring all troops back from Iraq

Working to bring a Jobs Expo to LA with help of Veterans Administration

San Pedro office's grand opening a success – 300 people in attendance

Corner Events

First one – 1/21 – 30 people attended

Next one – 2/25 from 10-11a @ Family Credit Union – Avalon/Opp

Small Business Tax Credit Seminar

February 22, 7:30-9:00 a.m. at Harbor College with three (3) local chambers

Small Business Administration

February 24, 9a-12Noon – see website <http://hahn.house.gov/>

Councilman Joe Buscaino – Gabby Medina – Harbor City/Wilmington

Councilman to be sworn in next week

Came on staff within the last week

Has known Councilman for five (5) years

Formerly worked with YWCA

Open Door policy – answer questions within 24 hours

Recent requests

Dump Truck for Clean-Up Day

Rest of Staff

Anna Dragich – Small Business

John Larson – San Pedro

Harbor Gateway/Watts – same

Downtown – Jenny Chavez, Kevin Bingham

Questions from Board

Jasso – do we need to send you anything regarding WNC? – Not at this time

Dahlgren – need to schedule a meeting with WNC

Need to Invite Councilman to WNC

Wilmington Chamber Breakfast – 2/17 – Councilman speaker

Sands – status of Pipeline funds

Dahlgren responded – City has not billed Warren for 2011

Normally billed in June

Called – person indicated had no time to collect

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Thomas Lopez, 1520 E. Robidoux, 310-982-0939, Tom22diggitty@yahoo.com

Need help with Greenbelt Recreation Center

Programs in gymnasium from 4-8 weekdays

Would like the “Summer Nights” program come June this year

His sister, Stephanie, assists him

Suggest that he write letter to Councilman Buscaino with cc to WNC

Ricardo Delgado representing Miguel Gonzalez, Juventus Soccer Club, 424-224-3036, ricardodelgado@gmail.com

Needs help translation proposal into English

WNC Translator – Pilar Martinez – offered to help

Requesting help in purchase of goal posts and associated equipment

Currently playing at Banning High School

Ardenia Arreola, 1453 Seagrove Avenue, 310-834-5939, ardenia_arreola@yahoo.com

Megan’s Law, 15 years to life

Initiative – November Ballot – Californians Against Sexual Exploitation

Attorney General has certified initiative

Now, need to collect 800,000 signatures in order to qualify

Can we help?

Justin Scarberry, 1021 Sanford Ave., 310-518-9035, justinandmaribel@sbcglobal.net

Many of his concerns addressed this evening already

Sanford/PCH signalization – thank you

Railroad Noise – needs to stop

RV’s need to be moved

Number of sex offenders in Wilmington

Suggested he speak with Ms. Medina, Councilman Buscaino’s rep.

Carmen Adame, 952 McFarland, 310-819-5412, cadamefam@aol.com

Two (2) Wilmington teenagers asked to compete in US Olympic Boxing trials

Gabriel Robledo Tena – 108

Nestor Contreras – 130lbs

Will know results on March 3

Partnership with skylight training in Big Bear

To adjust to altitude before going to Colorado

Warren E&P – donated \$5000

Will cost another \$5000 to go to Colorado

Art Contest – Banning, Narbonne and San Pedro High students

Don Compton, 233 E. “M” St., 310-830-5905

Public Lobbyist for East Wilmington

Solution for McFarland/Hyatt RR Quiet Zone – Close – Watson Yard

6. Presentations - - None

7. **Action Items:**

- a. Motion (Sands/Ethington) *that the WNC send a letter to the Harbor Commission office and staff to not support the PCAC resolution regarding revoking Harbor Permit 10-05. Said Permit authorizes a right-of-way for a railroad spur that serves the Amerigas/Rancho LNG facility. The WNC does support the request for an independent risk analysis of the facility, product transport by rail and potential seismic events or impacts.*

Board Discussion

Sands – Support PCAC motion

New owner of an old facility

Facility is dangerous – could cause a nuclear explosion

Product not being piped to a ship any more

When it was, the entire Port was closed

With this proposal will be leaving facility by train

Read document prepared by?

Ethington – PCAC – SPNC

The NW-San Pedro NC originated and PCAC approved in December that asks the Port to revoke Harbor Permit 10-05 for a railroad spur to the Rancho LPG facility.

Community trying to revoke an existing federal permit.

The PCAC motion doesn't consider how revoking the permit will impact Rancho's operations. It assumes there are no safety measures in place at the facility, and that revoking the permit is in violation of the US Dept of Transportation regulations.

Read part of a February 2005 ruling by the US Dept of Transportation Surface Transportation Board, where the Wash, DC Chamber of Commerce was trying to get CSX to reroute or discontinue the transport of hazardous chemicals through Wash, DC:

“The U.S. Department of Transportation Surface Transportation Board officially preempted the new District of Columbia (DC), U.S.A., ordinance titled the "Terrorism Prevention in Hazardous Materials Transportation Emergency Act of 2005" ("DC Ordinance") thereby maintaining interstate commerce of all commodities through not only DC, but also all local jurisdictions.

In its decision, the U.S. Department of Transportation Surface Transportation Board states that there is a "sound basis for preemption under the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act preemption provisions administered by the Board. If the D.C. Ordinance is allowed to stand, other local governments may be encouraged to enact similar restrictions on hazardous materials transportation, potentially blocking the safe and efficient movement of this cargo throughout the United States.

Other concerns expressed were that similar, subjective actions by local jurisdictions may lead to a net decrease in the level of safety benefits currently achieved during rail transportation while significantly increasing costs, potential logistics and economic impacts on businesses and local communities resulting from rail (or road) service disruptions, rerouting, permitting, or other related activities.”

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Community Comments

Irene Mendoza, Svornich Companies, 1891 Gaffey St., San Pedro, 310-961-7025,
Irene@svornich.com

Community meeting at Crowne Hotel this evening

2009 – RMP submitted EIR to EPA

EPA accepted

Sent to LAFD – downtown – for review

2003

Seismic equipment to ensure compliance “read?”

Passed – 10-2-4

- b. Motion (Planning Land-Use Committee/Moreno – that the WNC support the modification to their facility at the NE corner of Figueroa St/Grant Ave.

Board Questions

Sands – One or Two entrances (1or 2) – Two entrances

Prichard – as a nearby resident – I support

Passed – 16-0-0

- c. Motion (Transportation Committee/Moreno) recommends the WNC send letter to Ms. Knatz, Executive Director., POLA, requesting improvement of Alameda St. between Grant St. and Anaheim St.

Passed – 14-0-2

- d. *Before discussion Wilson left room as directly impacted by outcome of this vote.*
Motion (Jasso/Babbitt) that the WNC letter providing our conditional approval of the Southern California Intermodal Gateway (SCIG) project.

Board Discussion

Prichard – reworked the letter so easier to read

Jasso – Cal Carthage – cannot see what for/against

Ogle – so many things need to be addressed – why conditional support

This is the Draft EIR – that is why the comments

Hernandez – on/off loading

Good development – needs to be in green plan

BNSF – will create less pollution than truck traffic

Clean Air Act – is making trucks cleaner

Dahlgren – truck traffic on PCH needs to be addressed

Sands – good project

Need to do things better –

Electric/Magnetic tracks

May cost more now but more efficient in future

Passed 11-1-3

- e. Proposition K program - Prichard

Information included in packet

Funds to address “serious unmet needs of parks, recreation facilities, childcare centers and other community centers in our community. Questions – 213-473-5893 or eng.propkrfp@lacity.org

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Community meetings throughout LA – Harbor area – 3/14 at Boys/Girls Club on "O" Street

- f. Mayor's Budget Survey - Moreno
Link on WNC website – encourage everyone to participate
Spanish version should be available by the end of the month

8. Informational Items:

- Banning Museum's Valentine Tea & Tunes – Saturday, 2/11
- Banning's Landing Comic's Night – Saturday, 2/11
- Chamber of Commerce – Spring Gala – 3/3
- LA Mobility Element –
Ethington asks community to participate

BREAK

9. Report of Officers

Chair – Dahlgren

- Venilda will be leaving the WNC on 2/15
- Need to find someone to fill her position.
 - Flexible 12-hour/week position
 - If community unable, Apple One will hire
- Councilmanic election
115,000 eligible to vote, only 16,000 did

Treasurer- Wilson

- Still no money
- 2012-13 Budget
Expect another 5% cut from our \$40,500

10. Reports by Standing Committees

ByLaws –Caraballo

Scheduled to meet on Wednesday, 2/8 at 3p in Wilmington Chamber Conf. Room

Concerns – Resident Caucus

Kern – Original Resident Caucus - Originally well represented refers to the original make up of the neighborhood council. # of home owners group then vs now. May need to reorganize make up of council.

Babbitt – Resident Caucus – Asked Cmte to insure WNC Board members currently serving on the board, the resident caucus in particular, represent the four (4) geographic area of Wilmington as specified in our ByLaws.

Dahlgren indicated that this is why he had membership indicate Caucus representation during roll-call this evening.

Gateway Beautification – Babbitt

Benches installed

- Wilmington City Hall – 544 Avalon Blvd.
- West side of Figueroa St. @ "L" St.
- Food for Less – 2 benches on Anaheim

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Trash Cans – 7

Only Hawaiian Avenue Elementary wanted – so will be delivered there.

Land Use & Planning – Babbitt

Monthly meeting moved to 2/13

Public Works – needs a new chair

Publicity & Communications

Xmas photos taken with help of Mr.?

Committee has not had time to review and contact participants

Transportation – Ethington

LA2BE – hopes everyone will participate

PCAC – Wilson

Celebrated 10th Anniversary

Motion –

Approved?

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. New Business - None

13. Reports from Caucus Groups

Education – Prichard

Students last day of school will be Tuesday, June 19 instead of June 22

School Year will be beginning on August ?

Opening of Harry Bridges SPAN school

Although a K-8 school, first year only K-7

Causing major realignment of service area/school

No permits are going to be allowed the first year

14 Members are Large

Hernandez

Tesoro Refinery – Citizen Advisory Board

Build Strong

Bought a Vacuum Tank to install at facility

Cost \$40 mil.

Caraballo - New legislative groups

14. Adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be February 22, 2012 @ 6:00 PM

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary

with support of Venilda Castro, Admin Support Officer

Approved by Tom Dahlgren, Chair