

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – February 22, 2012

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Thomas Dahlgren, at 6:01 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 (10) short a quorum

Present: Thomas Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Socorro Fimbres, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Juanita Naranjo, Susan Ogle, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan Prichard, Glenda Sands
Absent: Jacqueline Garcia, Annabel Romero, Ivan Sulic, Patricia Sullivan
Excused: Jack Babbitt, Gary Kern, Ana Medina, Patrick Wilson
Late: Marisela Caraballo, Cecilia Moreno

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

Officer Crabbe/LAPD

Homicides

Significant arrests made in most of them
January 2 incident still under investigation

Car Burglaries

People are not locking their cars
A recent arrestee commented 1 in 10 of the unlocked cars had something of value inside

Peace March

Week of February 6-10 -“L” Street – Sanford to Avalon – well supported
March 15 - “F” Street/Hawaiian to WilHall Park

Questions from Board

Sands – why LAPD at Holy Family 2/15 – Ash Wednesday
Fimbres – asked about Hawaiian Avenue Peace March
Jasso – Graffiti increase – LAPD asking for community input on this upturn

LAHD – Ofcr. Ramirez

Increase in Homeless encampments – will be going through area next week
Harry Bridges Blvd. – complete work next week – then final asphalt layer

4. Government Representatives:

Reymundo Saucedo - Congresswoman Janice Hahn

Introduced four items into Congress

Friday, February 24 – Hosting “Survival through Economic Recovery” – Torrance

Saturday, February 25 – Congresswoman on the Corner – Family Credit Union

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Councilman Joe Buscaino – 310-732-4515

Jacob Haik – District Director (in charge of all field deputies – 18 people)

Gabby Medina – Harbor City/Wilmington - main contact for WNC

Motto – Visible, Open and Honest

Wilmington Gang Task Force – similar to one in existence in Watts area

Wishes to discuss priorities with WNC members

Regularly scheduled meeting with NC leadership

Questions from Board

Jasso – Concerned about going to bottom of list

Hernandez – Transportation – Governor/Mayor – Bullet Train

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings (quorum attained – 12 present)

January minutes (Moreno/Sands) approved as amended

Passed 11-0-1

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

LA Marathon – Sunday, March 18, 6-11 a.m.

“Stadium to the Sea” – Dodger Stadium to Santa Monica

Information – 310-542-3000 - www.lamarathon.com/

Representing Teresa Rodriguez (Rodriguez.m.theresa@gmail.com, 310-710-2666)

Owner of El Norte Restaurante, 815 North Cristobal, Wilmington, Wilmington

Ms. Rodriguez won the ABC License Lottery last March 8 –

requested hearing before WNC last September in order to sell hard liquor

Currently ruled by 1994 CUP – would like to modify

Operation until 2a.m.

There is No residence within 1000’

No game machines on premise

No advertising

Adequate parking current available

Maria Becerra, 3309 East 3rd Street, Long Beach, 990814, 562-822-0984,

mebecerra1000@yahoo.com

Supports Ms. Rodriguez’ efforts

Ricardo Delgado, Juventus Soccer Club

1231 Gulf Ave., Wilmington 424-224-3036 – ricardodelgado310@gmail.com

Translation of letter from last month’s meeting indicating his Club’s situation relative to the Wilmington Athletic Complex and asking for our help.

Mary Gant, 1315 W. Sandison, 310-835-6800, m_gant@hotmail.com

Marathon – 65 Banning High students entered – one of the largest contingents

These students have a 98% graduation rate and go on to attend college

3/16 – Family run known as the “Graveyard Run”

Starts at 2:40p – Please come out and support

3/17 - Conoco Phillips provides Saturday carbo-load event

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

Encourage residents to participate– “Congresswoman on the Corner” event

He will suggest the creation of a “quiet zone” immediately

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

Co-Chair of the Port Community Advisory Committee

Wilmington YMCA Pool

Need an additional \$500,000 to complete

Shared PAC resolution recommending POLA to provide these funds

Donald Galaz, 757 Santa Cruz St., San Pedro – 424-264-8205 – donaldgalaz@yahoo.com

National & International Brotherhood of Street Racers

Would like to create a safe place for young people to race in harbor area

Asking to be placed on next month's agenda

Gladys Padilla, Mahar House, 562-619-6225 – gpadi003@gmail.com

Female empowerment program at Mahar House and John Mendez Center

6. Presentations - - None

7. Action Items:

- a. Motion (Ethington/Hernandez) *that the WNC send a letter to the PUC Rail Crossings Engineering Section regarding impacts from rail crossings at McFarland Avenue and Henry Ford Avenue.*

Board Discussion – Trains alert notice (noise)

BNSF Line - Anaheim to Yard at least 3x/day

Henry Ford Junction – as many as 5x/day

Asking PUC to visit sites, re-evaluate to see what they can recommend

Public Comment

Gary Sands, 1122 McFarland Ave., 310-834-6773

PUC says to close streets or create a quiet zone

Passed 9-0-3

- b. Motion (Moreno/Ethington) *that the WNC approve a Community Impact Statement regarding the lack of WNC and overall community involvement in the Green Up Clean Up City Council Motion adopted January – 2011*

Statement reads: The concern of the WNC is that this proposed policy was not vetted by members of the Wilmington community, like the WNC, Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Park and other existing functioning bodies that could offer significant factual data that would best help develop this policy. Other than two environmental entities, no other Wilmington stakeholder group was involved in the development of this City Council motion, yet may significantly affect Wilmington.

Therefore, the WNC is respectfully requesting the City Council Committees and the newly elected Office of Councilman Joe Buscaino that the CLEAN UP GREEN UP proposed policy be deferred from further action and development until proper community involvement is established. This would include meetings with the WNC subcommittees, Chamber of Commerce and other stakeholder groups so that thorough vetting and understanding takes place. This will help develop a policy that truly reflects the Wilmington Community and not something that appears to be being pegged onto our community.

Board Discussion

Wilmington, Boyle Heights and Pacoima are pilot projects for this effort

WNC should have had input before final decision

Put implementation on hold until community outreach is done

Passed – 10-0-2

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- c. Motion (Moreno/Hernandez) *that a letter be sent to Paul Lemont at CalTrans requesting that all future use of the State property at PCH/Figueroa for carnivals and other commercial enterprises be first approved by the WNC.*

Board Discussion:

Adjacent neighborhood is affected by the noise/lights/trash/home-cars being burglarized).

CalTrans does not maintain area.

Change beginning of 2nd paragraph to read, “In January 2011

Public Comment

Mary Gant, 1315 W. Sandison, 310-835-6800, m_gant@hotmail.com

Past Efforts

Passed around pictures from 2006

Mayor’s Day of Service – 2008 first time allowed to clean area

Currently Harbor Christian’s congregation cleans last Saturday of each month

Contacted CalTrans about adopting area

5-year commitment and CalTrans relieved of responsibility

April, 2011 – Councilwoman Hahn/Assemblyman Furutani working to limit number of carnivals/year

Last carnival caused 7 houses, 25 cars to be burglarized, trash throughout neighborhood, street vendors and graffiti

Passed – 11-0-0

- d. Referred to Gateway and Beautification Committee – to work with CD15 staff on monthly updates on use of \$500,000 donation from Warren E&P (\$100,000/year for 5 years).
- e. Referred to Public Works Committee – to work with CD15 staff on monthly updates on use of Pipeline Franchise Fees collected from local companies).

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8. Informational Items

WNC will consider donation requests received thus far at its March meeting

Sharefest

9. Report of Officers - None

Chair – Dahlgren introduced our new office support – Sabrina Avila

She is a Wilmington resident

10. Reports by Standing Committees

Bylaws –Caraballo

First – certified

Reviewed Stakeholder Caucus

Resident Caucus - Currently – 2 members

Both (Jasso, Sands) represent same group

Vacancies

Church - 1

Parliamentarian

Resident – 3

We will need a motion at the next meeting to rescind election of most recent resident position

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11. Report from Wilmington Marina Planning Study Steering Committee

The Harbor Commission approved the Coastal Development Permit for the Wilmington Marinas Parkway on Feb 16. Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of summer and be completed by February 2013. The Port is still working on the Operating Agreement for the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center.

12. Unfinished Business

Refer to Bylaws Committee

Don Compton as Parliamentarian

Carmen Adame to determine representative group

Bylaws update

13. New Business

14. Reports from Caucus Groups

14. Reports from Members at Large

15. Announcements from Governing Board Members

Port of Los Angeles – LA Waterfront Update Public Meeting

Thursday, March 29, 6-8p – Crowne Plaza Hotel

16. Adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 28, 2012 @ 6:00 PM

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary

with support of Sabrina Avila, Admin Support Officer

Approved by Tom Dahlgren, Chair