

# WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes – March 28, 2012

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Thomas Dahlgren, at 6:04 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Avenue, Wilmington.

Pledge of Allegiance by Chair Thomas 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.”*

Due to misunderstanding, meeting notification was not posted. Therefore, no formal business can be conducted this evening.

### 1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (10) short a quorum

Present: Jack Babbitt, Marisela Caraballo, Thomas Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Socorro Fimbres, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Susan Prichard, Glenda Sands, Patricia Sullivan

Absent: Jacqueline Garcia, Arthur Hernandez, Juanita Naranjo, Hank Osterhoudt, Anabell Romero, Ivan Sulic

Late: Patrick Wilson

### 2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings – will be done at next meeting.

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

Officer Perez - LAPD

Metro unit in Wilmington because of crime issues in the harbor area.

In Harbor Division until beginning summer

Platoon of 30 officers – Gang/Narcotics/Loitering

Additional 30 officers also assigned to Harbor Division

Parole/Probation enforcement

Gang Injunction enforced

Crime currently down by 8%

Jail cells are full

Nine (9) homicides since January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Community Events

April 4 – Community walk starting at Boys/Girls Club – “O” Street/Figueroa

April 10 – Wilmington United meeting at Senior Center

Board Questions

Dahlgren – Are murders all connected to gangs?

East/West rivalry – alive and well – drugs and gangs

17-21 year olds are trying to make name for themselves

January 2 slaying not gang related at this point

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Officer Ramirez – LAHD

Community Clean Up on March 15

Hazmat unit, Port and County targeted East-side junkyards

Many citations given

Earlier today – County/City

Mahar/Watson area – homeless encampment and misc. debris

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7, 11a.m. at Wilmington Waterfront Park

Board Questions

Sands – what happens when cited

Hefty fine

Independent contractor cleans area, property owner pays bill.

**4. Government Representatives:**

Reymundo Saucedo - Congresswoman Janice Hahn

March 15 – Wilmington Veteran Resource Fair

Working with White House on Social Justice and Environment Issues

April 14 – Co-hosting Health Fair at Wilmington Waterfront Park

Small Business Information – now in Spanish

100,000 businesses started last year by undocumented individuals

Jacob Haik, District Director for Councilman Buscaino

Gabby Medina – Harbor City/Wilmington

Created Wilmington United – two (2) meetings so far

Ratepayer meeting with Dr. Pickle/DWP – not well attended

St. Peter/Paul Community Walk – well attended

Cruces Clean-Up/Lara – very successful

321-23 East Anaheim – open storage – cited by Building & Safety

Questions/Board

Ethington - AdSac?

Physical structure done, expect wiring to be done in 6 months

Wilmington/Port used streets

Port has list and is evaluating by Tideland standards (90%/10%)

Sands – Wilmington United – Beautification? – Committee will be setting goals

Alameda south of Grant Avenue a major problem

Moreno – Clean Wilmington effort

Funds will be going through Pacific Unicom (a non-profit)

Wilson – East “T” Street/North of Anaheim – major problem

Dahlgren – status of pipeline funds/still no billing for 2011

Questions/Community

Pot holes in East Wilmington

Call and report to 311

Bill Orton, Senator Wright

Redevelopment Bill

Provide funds to help various agencies wind down operations

Senator led fight to preserve redevelopment agencies

Question/Board

Sands – Does this affect expansion effort – Yes/all redevelopment programs

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**5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

Raymond Yu, Walnut 91789, 626-688-6309, raymonyu@hotmail.com

April 28 – Metro Expo – grand opening

Train goes to Culver City – free ride all day

Questions – 213-243-5550

Ricardo Delgado, Juventus Soccer Club

1231 Gulf Ave., Wilmington 424-224-3036 – [ricardodelgado310@gmail.com](mailto:ricardodelgado310@gmail.com)

Nothing accomplished since last meeting

Prichard indicated she would intervene

Lucia Rodriguez, 822 Marine Ave., #27, 310-835-0590

Presented adult education resolution – hopes WNC will support

Adult education helps

Parents helping students with homework, gain employment, express themselves, become citizens, understand American system

Others who decided not to speak, but were in support of the above

Ma. Magdalena Heredia, 822 Marine Ave., #27, 310-835-0590

Maria E. Rodriguez, 1564 Ravenna Ave., 310-549-2597

Ana Alvarez, 1337 Watson Ave., 310-952-0265\*

Alma Chavez, 1112 Marine Ave., 310-834-9975, [zenorina0301@yahoo.com](mailto:zenorina0301@yahoo.com)

Maria I. Gonzalez, 923 Banning Blvd., #6, 310-847-1842

Mary Gant, 1315 W. Sandison, 310-835-6800, m\_gant@hotmail.com

Marathon – All Banning High students entered completed LA Marathon

One did it walking due to injury suffered during event

March 26-28 – Banning’s production of Grease

Performing on a shoestring – full-page ad costs \$50

April 4 – Community Walk from Boys/Girls Club – Q/Figueroa

Carnivals – PCH/Figueroa – No more – thank you CalTrans

April 28 - Sharefest – will be working on Port Academy’s Teacher Lounge area

200 Mile Relay – Huntington Beach to San Diego

Two Banning teachers participating – Nicole Grant, Joe Mendoza

Gladys Padilla, 921 Mahar Ave., 562-619-6225, [spadi003@gmail.com](mailto:spadi003@gmail.com)

Womyn’s Month – 2012 Workshop Calendar

March 29, 6-8p – John Mendez Center – Self defense class

March 31 – Harbor View Place, 326 King Ave

Vision of a Safer Community – How do we create?

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

Concerned about affect of Wilmington United on Wilmington NC

Laura Espinoza, 1018 Marine Ave., #C, 310-834-3242

Is the WNC planning a violence prevention project?

All we are doing is walking. The NC should have a plan to change. We go to meetings, but see no change.

Violence comes from parents not participating in community

**6. Presentations -**

Seismic Survey

Vibrosized truck

Nodes placed in the right-of-way (area between curb and sidewalk)

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Truck travels down major streets, put down an acoustical plate  
Sound rebound is measured and taken by mode  
Four trucks in a line – with police car in front and behind  
Police time paid for by Warren E&P

### History

Began in Long Beach in 2009  
5300 nodes planted, requires batteries  
24,000 vibration points to date

### Wilmington

Provided map of area to be surveyed  
Community outreach  
Work with City officials  
Brochure to be sent to every residence/business within 300' of node  
Door-to-door, day truck on a particular street  
Dedicated phone line – 562-326-5186  
Web site – [www.wilmingtonseismicsurvey.com](http://www.wilmingtonseismicsurvey.com)  
Information to be shared with Caltech  
[www.youtu8be.com/watch?v=z07zPer8sDr](http://www.youtu8be.com/watch?v=z07zPer8sDr)

### Questions from Board

Sands – Ground Acceleration? – means earthquake  
How far does vibration go down? – 100'-10,000' depends on denseness  
Also working with USGS and Water Replenishment District  
How long to go down a block – 600'/hour  
Jasso – History of Long Beach?  
Three (3) year project  
Fimbres – Whiskers? – These are a GPS device  
Sullivan – Whiskers with Paint? – probably not this project

### Questions from Community

Jose Rodriguez, 1269 Eubank Ave., 310-863-2680  
Gloria A. Calderon, 1248 Broad Ave., 310-830-5120

### Councilman Buscaino

Thank you for providing time for me to speak to WNC and the time/services you provide Wilm.  
The last month has been a celebration and learning curve  
Must all take pride in our efforts/successes  
Unfortunately Wilmington has suffered an increase in violent crime – LAPD/Community addressing  
Cruces area/Lara  
Mary Gant  
Hope to eliminate the term Wilmas from community vocabulary  
Wilmington United will be facilitated by Ms. Medina –  
Committees – education, beautification, public safety

### **BREAK**

DONE Representative

Thomas Soong – [Thomas.soong@lacity.org](mailto:Thomas.soong@lacity.org)

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Helpline – 213-978-1551

DONE office moved to 20<sup>th</sup> Floor of City Hall

April 30 will be open house for the new quarters

2011-12 Fiscal year ends on June 30

Demand warrants must be provided to DONE by May 16

PCards will be good until June 15

Current balance will be provided treasurer (Wilson) next week

No more roll over of funds

Elections

There will be a regional training

Budget for 2012-13

Currently recommended - \$25,000

Next meeting will be Monday, April 16, 2012 @ 6:00 PM at Banning's Landing

We will need a quorum in order to resolve "Action Items" on tonight's agenda.

16. Adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary

with support from Sabrina Avila, Admin Support Officer

Approved by Cecilia Moreno, Acting Chair