

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – April 25, 2012

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Acting Chair Cecilia Moreno, at 6:20 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Avenue, Wilmington.

Pledge of Allegiance by Chair Cecilia Moreno

“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 (10) short a quorum

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

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

LAPD - Senior Lead – Officer Garcenila
Violent crime in Wilmington has decreased
Current problem – theft – a crime of opportunity
Remind everyone to lock doors and windows (house and car)
Gun Buy-Back program
Saturday, May 12, CalTrans Parking Lot (Figueroa/PCH) 10a-3p
All accepted – no questions asked
Gift cards will be dispensed/exact amount unknown at this time
Prescription Medicine Return – Saturday, April 28, 10a-2p
LAPD Station – 2175 John S. Gibson Blvd., San Pedro
Questions from WNC Board
Jasso – Update on graffiti effort
Arrests made almost daily – hard to prosecute as mostly juveniles
Kern – Thank you to LAPD for enacting drive-through at
Wilmington Athletic Complex – a noticeable improvement
Prichard – Helicopter – many around Hawaiian Avenue lately
Probably doing roof checks
Medina – SWAT at Wilmington Blvd./PCH last Monday – why?
Parolee at large

LAHD – Captain Dixon and Officer Ramirez
POLA – Security Awareness seminars
FREE - Two (2) hour sessions either from 1:30-3:30p or 5:30-7:30p
Wednesday or Thursdays through June 7. Began on April 11
Boys/Girls Club – 100 West 5th Street, San Pedro
RSVP – Keith-310-732-3148 or kgarcia@portla.org
Teaches community to be eyes/ears of law enforcement
Upon completion – certificate issued

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Gary Dwight, 3730 Bluff Place, San Pedro – 310-907-6700

President, Cabrillo Beach Boosters

Thank you WNC and PCAC for their support of the Angels Gate Lighthouse restoration.

Phase 1 complete

May 17 – Completion of Phase One Celebration, 2:30 pm, Berth 60, POLA

July 4th Celebration – Free event begun 63 years ago by John Olguin

25-30,000 people expected to attend

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

ESL classes important to her and others

Provided letters requesting support/assistance

Daughter (special needs) spoke asking everyone to help her mother

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

Representing Banning Adult School - Read the following,

“Good Evening everyone, We are from Banning Adult School. We were here last month to ask our NC to support us. LAUSD wants to eliminate adult education. We need adult education to help our children, to get better jobs, to become citizens, and to participate in our community. The Adult Division serves 300,000 adults that want a better life, and that have hopes for a better future. We have two sample letters from a neighborhood council in San Pedro and in Los Angeles. Can you please support us by writing a letter. Thank you!”

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

E-Waste Collection to benefit Banning High School

Saturday, April 28, 8a-2p at the corner of Lakme/”Q”

Sharefest – three (3) sites in Wilmington this year

Wilmington Park, Gulf Avenue and Banning High

Miss California Competition

Wilmington resident, Barbara Sandifor was #26 out of 300 contestants

Sonia Trujillo/Anna Marrufo, 1235 Broad Avenue, sonia.trujillo@lausd.net

Harry Bridges Span School – PSC-3.0 approved

We are two members of a 26 member design team, both born and raised in Wilmington

Curriculum –

Targeting PreK and K readability

Level Readers, Comprehension and ?

School of Writers – all students will write every day

Math – Foundation of Number sets, will know language of Math

4th grade and up will receive and infusion of Algebraic Thinking

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

Saturday, April 28 – Metro Expo – grand opening

Saturday/Sunday, April 28/29, 5a-9p

Train goes to Culver City – free ride all day

Questions – 213-243-5550

Donald Galaz, Project Street Legal, 945 West 9th St., San Pedro

424-264-8205, donaldgalaz@yahoo.com

Would like to gain the WNC support

For a street where young people could race cars legally at a prescribed time

Ideas – Broad Avenue between E & C Street; Harry Bridges Boulevard

NCs already supporting – SP/North, SP/Coastal

Written letters to Councilman Buscaino

Angel Nieves, 11003 Townlog Drive, Whittier, 90606, 562-695-1910, ani951@verizon.net

Retired LAUSD teacher, working with Project Street Legal in the past

Community needs to find a way to keep kids off drugs and out of crime

Thank you WNC members for efforts

Cary Scoville, 415 W. Elberon Ave., SP, 310-832-9622,

cariescoville@yahoo.com or carrie.scoville@CSULB.edu

I-710 Commission member, in existence for 10 years

Planned expansion of LB Freeway to ten (10) lanes in each direction

EIR scheduled for release at the end of May, 2012

Would like to make a presentation to WNC

Ricardo Delgado, Juventus Soccer Club

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

Came to thank the WNC for their assistance – equipment returned

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

Looking for people from East Wilmington

Community needs a short trolley line

Following projects on hold - SP Line, Bekins (conversion to railroad museum)

2. **Approval of Minutes from previous meetings** (quorum attained – 11 present)

March minutes (Kern/Hernandez) approved

Passed 11-0-0

April 16/Special Meeting – minutes (Ethington/Ogle) approved

Passed 11-0-0

6. **Presentations**

a. Chris Brown, Civil Eng., Engineering Dept., Port of Los Angeles

Project Manager – Wilmington Waterfront Park.

310-732-3666, cbrown@portla.org

The park is a success. Thank you to WNC for your many years of support and input. Your efforts have been recognized.

American Public – National and Southern California

ENR – National and California

Wilmington Waterfront Park Committee – Port most pleased with this award

Landscape Architecture Magazine – WWP on the front cover

Board Comment

Kern – WNC and the community should be proud of this accomplishment. Everyone sat through numerous hearings and community meetings. Typical love/hate relationship – the finished product was worth the effort.

b. Wilmington Cemetery District

Olivia Cueva-Fernandez, 1657 Marine Avenue, 310-549-3456

4th and newest member of the District

District members have been working hard to beautify the cemetery

Problem - Insufficient Parking –

Both sides of Eubank Avenue – posted – “No Parking Anytime”

LAPD/POLA/DOT – no one ticketed as of yet

Eubank Avenue between PCH/Lomita is a designated truck route

No designated parking for autos with “special plates”
Cemetery has had a few very large funerals lately
Community events, i.e., Memorial Day
Have been working with RR to use adjacent land
 Obtaining insurance is a problem
Provided letter requesting WNC assistance with this situation - distributed
 Working with CD15/Buscaino’s staff
Board Question
 Moreno – How willing is DOT to provide assistance
 Provided various alternatives
 No definitive solutions at this time

6c Clean-Up/Green-Up (CUGU)

Bahram Fazeli, Senior Policy Analyst, Clean Up, Green Up, bfazeli@cbeocal.org

6325 Pacific, #300, Huntington Park, 90255, 323-826-9771x100

CUGU is a pilot initiative to promote community health and revitalization in three (3) LA communities - Boyle Heights, Pacoima and Wilmington

Problems – Concentration of pollution, lack of coordinated incentives for businesses, lack of community amenities

Background – Provided synopsis of history starting with 1/21/11 motion.

 Worked with AQMD regarding land-use concerns

 They indicated that group should work with LA City Planning

Approach

 Best Practices in Public Health to create this design

 Overlay District with incentives to upgrade

 Pollution Prevention

 Better code enforcement

 Create green standards

 Revitalization

 Business improvement – loans and/or grants to help with

 energy audits, capital equipment acquisition, tax treatment,

 low interest bonds

 Community improvement - Better Streets, sidewalks, lighting; branding of

 business districts; buffer zones between land use; and, open space.

 Stream-line processing

 One-stop permit center, and an ombudsman office to help with above

Guide to Green – one provided WNC membership

 First time in Los Angeles – have shared with Mayor and CD15

Sources – Standards from current government agencies

Process – Performance and CUP

Key Performance Standards – listed in packet

City of Los Angeles role

 Ombudsman for business outreach, coordination, reduction of conflicting code requirements

Next step

 Outreach to stakeholders for input on framework

 Committee hearings

 Staff to develop policy

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Council vote and Mayor to sign

Why support

Community benefit – make community a destination, put on map

Community Input from Jesse Marquez

Worked on this project for three (3) years

Example – Pick Your Part fire – took 32 hours to extinguish in part because no access to fire hydrant or City code that requires a fire suppression system

Effort will take an incremental approach, new and expanding

Questions from Board

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Council/Mayor

Challenges in City currently

Need nexus analysis

Committee has raised funds for the first year – provide City with planner

Interagency resources – endorsed concept of Green Zone

This will attract attention for more funding

Planning

Elements proposed

Collaboration with local colleges

Unfortunate community plans not being updated

However, Wilmington would jump to top of list

Prichard

Appears originally to have been created with the idea that the CRA existed.

Typo – left out

Hernandez

Fundraising from AQMD and Air Resources Board

MOU for \$10 million

Ogle

Excited – would love to see this work

Reality – city budget allocation – first source

Increased cost for business

Where is money to come from?

Caraballo

How was Wilmington defined as a “Green Hot Spot?”

Based on Environmental Justice Screening methodology

Created by USC/Occidental/Berkeley

Tool used by Air Resources and recognized as the “gold standard”

Wilson

Funding is a huge concern

Strategy – prohibition to new business? Nothing affecting current business?

Community Input

Dan Hoffman, 1315 West “T” Street, 310-835-8782, fishwithdan@yahoo.com

Director of Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, no position taken at this time

Following – personal comments

Significant improvements in air quality made between 2005-2010

Funding needs to be nailed down

Need to work on community plan and with CD15

Let’s work together to resolve Pick Your Part situation

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Air quality is better and will continue to improve because

Cargo ships are plugging in dock-side

Port Tech LA – to assist clean/green businesses

UTR – diesel truck to natural gas

Advanced Algae – grow algae for clean energy and food

Sofia Carrillo, P.O. Box 724 – 310-493-8999, sofiacarrillo@sbcglobal.net

Resident and supports proposal because

Will benefit entire community

Visited businesses – large support

Tired of contamination – children suffering from asthma

Concerned Chamber of Commerce will not support

Ashley Hernandez, 1010 Cary, 310-780-7753, aleyvette@yahoo.com

Organizing Banning High School students

Root problem – pollution

This is a good first step

Rosa Cruz, 525 Wilmington Blvd., #C, 835-3734, rosie.cruz54@yahoo.com

Senior at Banning High School

Supports this effort

Jesse N. Marquez, 1601 Wilmington Blvd., 310-704-1265, jnmarquez@verizon.net

Need support from downtown

Not a community plan

Identify problem – this can fix

Need to force City to act

Use Port mitigation funds

Next round – job development

Maria Ramos, 324 Cruces St.,

Lived in Wilmington for 47 years

Supports proposal

We need a better vision for community

Flavio Mercado, 1110 W. Papeete, 310-483-3406, fdj26@aol.com

Coalition for Better Environment

Graduate of Banning High, Harbor College, CSU-Dominguez Hills/Geography

Supports proposal

Wilmington is a stepchild of the City

Ana Cano, 1010 Banning Blvd., 310-549-0472

Resident

Support because it will help eliminate contamination

Daughter diagnosed with asthma

Asked everyone to stand

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

Congratulations to everyone who attended this evening

Hope you will return next month

Need to improve environment and technology

Need volunteers to help with community clean-ups – Mr. Lara

CRA – used to attend – their priorities – low income housing and the environment

Melissa Cervantes, 1031 East “O” St., 310-834-7523, mystarr24@hotmail.com

Supports proposal

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Mother has cancer – cannot go outside because of weather

Berenice Garcia, 1014 Broad Ave., #4, 424-703-1845

Supports proposal

Children at home – Son/10 and two grandchildren

Since born – each suffers with asthma

4. Government Representatives:

CD15 – Gabby Medina

Banning Booster Club

SBCC – DASH

New route unsuccessful

Needs more community input

Fare increase

Wilmington United

Meets every other Wednesday

Membership has dwindled

Teen Advisory Board

Feed Back Conference – High School students

Scheduled for May 24 at Boys/Girls Club

Driving around community

Grand Opening – US Tow – last Thursday

Company works closely with LAPD

Upcoming Events

5/5 – Boys/Girls Club in Harbor City

5/12 – Fire Service Day

Take Back the Night – Empowerment Center, 626 Avalon Blvd.

7. Action Items

a. Applicant's representative asked for extension

Property owner in the process of asking City Zoning Administrator for a continuation.

Motion (Kern/Naranjo) to table this item until further notice.

Passed (11-0-0)

b. PCAC – With the resignation of Dahlgren, WNC needs to appoint a new representative.

Motion (Wilson/Hernandez) to table item to May meeting.

Passed (11-0-0)

c. WNC Elections

Wilson – if we put aside funds for this year and they fiscal year and they are not used, the funds will automatically revert to the City's general fund.

No action/motion to consider

8. Information Items

All up-coming community events/flyers were placed at the entrance table

9. Report from Officers

Chair - Moreno

In response to suggestions by the Board, there will be some changes starting the May meeting.

For example, Standing Committee reports will be provided toward the beginning of the

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meeting. Public Comment for Non-agenda items will be moved down in the agenda. More to come.

16. Adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by motion of (Naranjo/Jasso).

Next meeting will be Monday, May 23, 2012 @ 6:00 PM

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary

with support from Sabrina Avila, Administrative Support Officer

Approved by Cecilia Moreno, Acting Chair