

# WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes – May 23, 2012

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Acting Chair Cecilia Moreno, at 6:03 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: Jack Babbitt, Donna Ethington, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Susan Prichard, Patricia Sullivan  
Late: Socorro Fimbres, Anabell Romero, Patrick Wilson  
Excused: Marisela Caraballo, Jacqueline Garcia, Gary Kern, Juanita Naranjo, Hank Osterhoudt,  
Absent: Ivan Sulic

**NOTE:** Agenda Item 5c – Wilmington Cemetery District indicates that the issue has been resolved. Therefore, the item will not be discussed.

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

LAPD - Senior Lead – Officer Hayes

Last week’s crime statistics

Aggravated assault – May 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:25a.m.

GTA – Grand Theft Auto – both 1990s Honda Accords

1000 block of Island and Pick Your Parts parking lot

Burglary/Theft – unlocked vehicles

Someone took out the back seats of a car

Resell items on computer through EBay and Craig’s List

Shooting

Friday Night at St. Peter/Paul Fiesta – used pellet gun

Suspect identified but not in custody. Driving White Hyundai

Victim out of hospital

LAHD – Officer Ramirez

Wilmington Waterfront Park

Installed four emergency telephones – 1 in picnic area other 3 in park

Water elements not working – glitch in system

Vendor to mend – will be done by the time school is out for summer

Recycled water used in system

Questions from Board

Jasso – is water bad for children?

It is recycled water, the signs indicate not safe to drink

2. **Approval of Minutes from previous meetings** (quorum attained – 10 present)

Motion to approve April minutes as presented (Ogle/Jasso)

**Passed 7-0-3**

4. **Government Representatives:**

Congresswoman Hahn – Reymundo Saucedo 310-831-1799 or 365-7135 rsauceda@mail.house.gov

Created the following Advisory Committees across the District

Small Business

Women

Veterans

Introduced bill to extend time graduating college students have to start repaying government education loans from 6 months to 12 months.

Port of Los Angeles

GAS act

Small Business Incubator

\$300,000-\$500,000

5-year term

Benefits women/minorities/veterans and entrepreneurs

Clean Energy and Technology

Immigration and Naturalization

Planning to bring workshops to the District shortly

CD15/Buscaino – Gabby Medina

Community Events

5/1 - Lagoon Street & Sandison Avenue – Public Works project

5/12 - FS 49, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bethel Gifford (Fire Boat)

5/12 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Hojas Tea House – Glad found a new home

5/22 - DASH Route Community Meeting St. Peter/Paul Community Room

Possible Reroute

Motions

5/15 - Clean Up Green Up (CUGU) before Planning & Land Use Mgmt. Cmte. (PLUM)

City Administrative Office and Planning Dept. to prepare report within 60 days that provides a cost estimate to implement the CUGU strategies and policy recommendations.

PLUM motion also directing the City Attorney to prepare within the same 60 day period an ordinance to create a trust fund allowing the City to accept and disburse funds, including donations from private donors, philanthropic and other contributions, for the development and implementation of CUGU strategies.

Councilman Buscaino has yet to take a stand on CUGU

5/23 - Council approved (14-1) a policy regarding single-use bags.

Large Retailers (grocery retail stores- approx. 1800 in city)

first six months - outreach/phase-out period to educate shoppers of new City policy  
after that - plastic bags will be banned.

Small Retailers (liquor and convenience stores-approx. 7500)

first 12 months – outreach/phase-out period  
after 12 mo. plastic bags will be banned.

Exemptions and exclusions from the single-use bag policy include:

Low-income exemption on paying for reusable bags

Certified through supplemental food programs

Restaurants and most general retailers (with no food or pharmacy components)  
Produce bags and food packaging  
Free for 12 mo for large/small retailers.  
After 12 mo., 10 cent charge  
Progress report to City Council in two (2) years  
Council could take an action to change or keep the 10 cent charge on paper

Upcoming Events:

5/26 - National Memorial Day Concert: Wilmington Historical Cemetery, 605 East "O" Street

6/1 - Teen CPAB, Double Tree Hotel – Gobe Salazar – Main Support

Encourage Teens to participate

6/12 - 9:30a - Wilmington United Meeting - Workshop, "Summer Time in Wilmington."

6/23 - 9a-12p, Meet the Councilman - Wilmington Municipal Building, 544 North Avalon

Unknown – Fill-A-Pot Hole Day

Questions from Board

Hernandez – Wilmington sidewalks need help –how much funds

\$500,000; i.e.; \$24,000 to cut and remove two (2) trees – funds will not go far

Romero – CUGU – Councilman has yet to take position

Plastics Bags – Unknown "start date"

Medina

Tunnels under Freeway to Harbor College need attention

Community Art – murals, bike racks, electrical boxes (like other NCs)

**5. Action Items**

- a. Motion (Babbitt/Hernandez) that this item be tabled

Discussion – City Council has asked PLUM to report back with details within 60 days.

WNC needs to wait to see the specifics.

**Passed 10-0-0**

- b. Motion (Executive Committee/Babbitt) that the *WNC conditionally approve the zone variance for the property located at 921-23 East Anaheim Street, aka Mike's Foreign Auto Parts.*
- i. *The property owners repaint all the exterior fencing to one neutral color subject to the approval of the WNC and maintain the exterior fencing to insure immediate removal of graffiti.*
  - ii. *The property owners provide and maintain landscaping acceptable to the WNC along with the entire length of the Northern fence line, predicated on Union Pacific's approval.*
  - iii. *The property owners provide the community support detailed in their letter to the WNC dated May 10, 2012. – purchase of play equipment (@\$20,000) for future park.*

Owner Representative present

Liberty Bakunin, 921 E. Anaheim St., Wilm., 805-302-3204, libertywinter@gmail.com

Board Questions:

Jasso – the park has been on the neighborhood's mind since 1965

Fimbres – Park area needs to be cleaned before useable

Union Pacific willing to donate

Overhead power lines should not be a problem for the future park

Prichard – ask Zoning Administrator to include notification of Recreation and Parks of the promise of these funds to the future park.

**Passed 9-0-1**

- c. Removed from agenda
- d. Motion (Jasso/Ogle) that *the WNC submit a letter to the LAUSD Board of Education indicting our support of continued funding of Adult Education.*

Board Discussion

Prichard – meeting held at Wilm. Sr. Ctr. last Friday, 5/18. The room was full of residents indicating their need for adult education to continue in our community.  
CD/15 – Medina stated Dr. Vladovic, our LAUSD Board Representative attended and indicated his support of Adult Education.

**Passed 11-0-0**

- e. Motion (Moreno/Jasso) that *Jack Babbitt be the WNC's new PCAC representative.*

**Passed – 10-0-1**

- f. Motion WNC Board/Prichard that *the WNC allocate \$100 to support the Neighborhood Council Congress scheduled for September 22, 2012.*

**Passed 11-0-0**

- g. Motion WNC Board/Hernandez that *the WNC's Caucus Chairs send out a standardized letters inviting their caucus group members to attend our next meeting on June 27, 2012.*

**Passed 11-0-0**

- h. Motion WNC Board/Romero that the WNC approve the following funding requests:
  - i. \$1,500 for the Gang Alternatives Program (GAP)
  - ii. \$750 to cover refreshment costs for the 2012-13 year
  - iii. \$150 to Los Angeles Harbor College Men's Basketball program

**Passed 11-0-0**

**6. Reports from Standing Committees**

By Laws Committee – Moreno due to the absence of Caraballo and Osterhoudt  
Stakeholder Caucus forms handed out as appropriate

Form to indicate caucus meeting held – signed by caucus member on WNC board  
Interested stakeholder/caucus member

Need to complete candidate form  
DONE is asking each NC to contribute \$5000 towards election.

Therefore, this year  
Members at Large will probably be a selection not an election process  
Complete candidate form

Will add this information above to website

Questions – Community

Anthony Quezada, 3200 E. South Stl., #726, Lakewood, [amvetspost33ca@yahoo.com](mailto:amvetspost33ca@yahoo.com)  
would be interested in serving on WNC,

A former Marine, he is currently the Am Vets Public Relations Officer  
Jesse Marquez

Ask CD15 to sponsor NC election

Finance – Wilson

City budget has been approved  
DONE has not notified WNC about funding for the 2012-13 year.  
Therefore, no WNC budget created at this time.  
This needs to be done at June meeting

Land Use and Planning - Babbitt

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Noon, WNC office in the Municipal Bldg.

Public Works - Medina

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6p.m. at the Wilm. Senior Center

Publicity – Moreno

Use Avalon/Anaheim marquee to outreach for election

Ask each Caucus group to do the same – use letter provided

Next meeting will be Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 3p.m., WNC office in the Municipal Bldg.

Transportation – Ethington

Usually a joint meeting with Land Use and Planning because so many of the issues overlay

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Agenda – Street Racers

PCAC – Ethington

No action items on the last agenda

Presentation – ACTA – indicates trains will increase from 35 up to 140/day

Ports (LA/LB) expecting volume to increase 2.5x

Board Questions:

Status of Heim Bridge project – will it affect people going to work?

Not expected as they will complete new bridge before destroying the old.

Perhaps ACTA could make presentation to WNC

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

Mary Gant, 1315 W. Sandison St., Wilmington, 626-227-5803, [wilmcomorg@hotmail.com](mailto:wilmcomorg@hotmail.com)

Banning High, received \$4000 to sponsor a summer movie series at the school

Principal Lopez/Capt. Hayes worked together on this – neither around now

Will need help on this!

Registered Sex Offenders – why so many in Wilmington

Friday, June 15, meeting at Boys/Girls Club on “O” Street

LAPD, Probation to be n attendance

What can we do as concerned citizens?

Banning High School – will displace 23 teachers with the close of school on June 19.

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

Speaking with POLA Dep. Director Christensen regarding Wilm. Short Line Trolley

Red Car not coming from San Pedro

Use McFarland to move people from PCH to Wilmington Waterfront Park

Attend July meeting to discuss

Gladys Padilla, 821 Mahar, 562-619-6225, [gpadi003@gmail.com](mailto:gpadi003@gmail.com)

Honorary Mayor contestant – all proceeds to Gang Alternatives Program (GAP)

She/family lived in Wilmington – attended WilPark, Wilm. Middle and BHS

Two brothers, parents

Center for American

2009 – New Progressive Leader

2009 – founded WeCan – celebrate local artists

Works at Long Beach Hospital in HIV unit

Past March created first Women’s History Month effort for the community

Congresswoman Hahn asked her to be a part of her Women’s Advisory Board

YWCA – established Saturday?

Ana Espinoza, 575 Wilmington Blvd., Wilmington 310-661-1328, [ana.expinoza@student.csulb.edu](mailto:ana.expinoza@student.csulb.edu)

Asking WNC’s help in stopping LAPD and Torrance PD from harassing her and her family

This constant harassment is taking officers away from the job they need to be doing.

Action has been going on since she accused Torrance PD officer of a crime.  
Bill Gallegos, 116 East PCH, Wilmington, 323-573-5310  
Thanked WNC for support of Adult Education  
Executive Director of Committee for a Better Environment  
Works with residents and AQMD for strict control of refinery burn off  
Public health a serious problem in Wilmington  
Need to be same level of concern as Brentwood and Pacific Palisades  
Jesse Marquez, 140 W. Lomita Blvd., Wilmington, 310-704-1265, [vnmarquez@prodigy.net](mailto:vnmarquez@prodigy.net)  
Lifetime Wilmington resident  
Founder/Board member (12 years) – Coalition for a Safer Environment  
Public Health and Safety issues  
LA City's Community Plans are supposed to be updated every 4-5 years  
Need Planning Department to enforce their rules  
Some companies need to move  
Eight (8) new companies ready to move into Wilmington  
November, 2011 – 200 residents attended meeting  
Flyers handed out to Board members  
Jessica Martinez, 1023 Mahar Ave., Wilmington, 310-291-9115  
Three (3) minutes not enough time  
If you do not support CUGU you are a cancer supporter  
Sofia Carrillo, 521 N. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, 310-493-8999, [sofiamilo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sofiamilo@sbcglobal.net)  
Resident and love Wilmington very much, supports CUGU  
CUGU worked with university professors  
Concerned about high levels of contamination  
Residents (200) attended meetings – no WNC members, therefore you do not care  
We are fighting year after year – still waiting  
We have a right to a clean community  
Who is in charge – container companies?  
WNC always supports big companies  
Kat Madrigal, 116 PCH, Wilmington  
Chair, Relay for Life, Co. Owner Wilmington WIRE,  
past member Wilmington Leadership and Wilmington Collective  
Believe in justice  
Difficult when people we love come down with cancer  
Wilmington is known as a “toxic hot spot”  
Children deserve to live in a healthy environment  
Wilmington has a higher asthma rate than the national average  
Alfred Carrillo, 1510 E. Robidoux St., Wilmington, 310-940-6281  
Lived in Wilmington for 62 years  
Pastor of local church, attended WilPark, Wilm. Middle and Banning  
Supports CUGU  
Always dodging trains, trucks  
Pick Your Park fire lasted 32 hours due to lack of accessible water and bad roads  
We need regulation and control  
Predicts that within 30 years East Wilmington will be owned by Ports of LA/LB  
Miriam Gamboa, 1225 N. Marine Ave., #9, Wilmington, 310-292-7823  
Has lived in Wilmington for 20 years.  
Has a child with special needs

Supports CUGU

Ashley Hernandez, 1010 Cary Ave., Wilmington, 310-7807753, [aleyvette@yahoo.com](mailto:aleyvette@yahoo.com)  
Community Organizer/Banning High, Coalition for a Safer Environment  
College students and works at Hojas

Supports CUGU, people need their health

Joseph L. Pinon, 22628 S. Figueroa St., #11, Carson, 310-533-8414, [josephpinon@gmail.com](mailto:josephpinon@gmail.com)  
Chair, Carson Environmental Commission  
90744 has highest asthma hospital time  
Pick Your Parts – 32 hour fire  
Pollution spreads – air quality

Flavio Mercado, 1110 W. Papeete St., Wilmington, 310-483-3406, [fdj26@aol.com](mailto:fdj26@aol.com)

Member – Coalition for a Safer Environment

Supports CUGU

At Gulf Avenue in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Science Project – won 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Three jars of Vaseline – one open/outside, one open/inside – control closed

This showed the pollution

Milton Hernandez-Nimatuj, 116 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Wilmington, 323-617-7039

Works for Coalition for a Better Environment

Coalition is not a stranger to the community

Supports CUGU

Maria Ramos, 1324 E. Cruces St., Wilmington, 310-830-0779

45-year resident of Wilmington

Sadly Wilmington is an abandoned community, she has been fighting many years

Supports CUGU

Hopes someone does something to help Wilmington

Octaviano Vega, 1205 Drumm Ave., Wilmington, 310-834-4313

Lived in Wilmington for 15+ years

Change will come with the power of the voting booth

Stop complaining, we need to fight for our community

Make sure your children 18+ are registered to vote

Ana Cano, 1001 Banning Blvd., Wilmington, 310-549-0475

Supports CUGU

Will benefit everyone

We will be able to breathe better air

Board Comments

Romero – GUCU – not all Board members have made a decision on this issue

**BREAK**

**8. Informational Items**

COPE – Community Outreach Promoting Emergency Preparedness

Saturday, July 21 – 10a-Noon,

Wilmington Senior Center

Please RSVP – 310-982-1180 or [lonna@cope-Preparedness.org](mailto:lonna@cope-Preparedness.org)

Bras – gentled used – donated to ???

Port Activities

June 29 - 11a-7p – Crafted at the Port, Harbor Blvd./22<sup>nd</sup> Street

5-10p – Cars & Stripes Forever, Harbor Blvd./Vincent Thomas Bridge

July 7 – USS Iowa – Harbor Blvd/1<sup>st</sup> Street

July 12 – August 20 – Thurs (6-9p) – Summer Concerts – Harbor Blvd/Vincent Thomas Bridge

August 3 and 4 - 6-11p – Taste of San Pedro, Ports O'Call Village

August 7 – 7:30-10p – Movie in the Park, Wilmington Waterfront Park

August 15-19, Navy Days in Los Angeles, Harbor Blvd., 1<sup>st</sup> Street

September 14-16 – Lobster Festival

Banning's Landing

June 30 – 2 to 10p – Dance/Banda

Wilmington Honorary Mayor Contest

Chef Ghio, supported by Lions Club and Harbor College Foundation

Ms. Padilla – Gang Alternatives Program

9. **Report from Officers**

10. **Unfinished Business**

Ask ACTA to make presentation at July meeting

11. **New Business**

Short Line Trolley – Transportation Committee

12. **Caucus Groups**

Education – have been using the internet to keep schools abreast of situations

13. **Members at Large**

Romero – apologized for implying WNC board members had already made decision relative to GUCU

14. **Announcements from Governing Board Members**

See Item #11 – Informational Items

Hernandez – handed letter to Board members relative to Short Line Rail

15. **Adjourn** at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 27, 2012 @ 6:00 PM

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary

with support from Sabrina Avila, Administrative Support Officer

Approved by Cecilia Moreno, Acting Chair