

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – June 27, 2012

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Acting Chair Cecilia Moreno, at 6:22 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: Marisela Caraballo, Donna Ethington, Socorro Fimbres, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Cecilia Moreno, Patrick Wilson, Annabelle Romero
Late: Juanita Naranjo
Excused: Jack Babbitt, Jacqueline Garcia, Ana Medina, Susan Ogle, Susan Prichard, Patricia Sullivan
Absent: Ivan Sulic

2. Approval of May 23, 2012 Minutes

Correction of minutes: R. Jasso – correction of shooting at the fiesta. The shooting took place on the street not the fiesta. The shooting was on Neptune and Anaheim near fiesta. Motion to approve with correction. Motion from G. Kern and second from A. Hernandez.

Approved: 6-0-4

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

LAPD - Senior Lead – Officer Hayes
Introduction of Officer Art Urrutia
Last week’s crime statistics
Shot’s fired – June 16, 2012 at 10:30 p.m., 1030 E. Sandison St.
The victim was a Hispanic woman approximately 40 year’s old.
Street robbery and shooting on June 17, 2012 at 1007 W. Wilmington Blvd.
Victim was Hispanic female, 38 year’s old.
Aggravated assault at 1210 E. Sandison St.
Two male victim’s ages 22 and 39. Suspect’s driving a Nissan Altima.

Officer Hayes reports that crime is down 10.35 percent since last year.
Saturday Night lights-Starting July 7, 2012 at Wilhall Park 6:00p.m.to midnight, every Wednesday through Saturday.

Sex registrant meeting- Next meeting will be held August 14, 2012 at Harbor Christian Church.

LAHD – Officer Ramirez

Motor Officers have been working with California Resource Agencies targeting commercial traffic. They are conduction random inspections: go through complete inspection of vehicles.

Food vendor task force targeting food trucks, food carts making sure they have permits.

Fireworks at Cabrillo Beach will start at 9:20 pm.

4. Government Representative Report

Representative for Senator Wright, Bill Orton

Representative for Congresswoman Janice Hahn, Reymundo Saucedo

Written Report from Gabby Medina- Meet the Councilmen was a success

5. Presentations

Harry Bridges Boulevard Improvement – No Presentation

State Enterprise Zone – Stella Cantanzarite

A handout was provided. It is a state-sponsored tax benefit that is designed to reduce the cost of doing business. It provides for special tax incentives for entities and individuals who operate a business within the boundaries and Wilmington, Harbor City and San Pedro are in the Enterprise Zone. Benefit's businesses who get highly taxed. Financial management services available as well.

Harbor Community Benefit Foundation – Mary Silverstein

Mary introduced the WNC and the community to the HCBF. She reviewed their history, structure and governance and invited the public to attend their board meetings as well as their upcoming meeting, June 28 at 6 pm taking place at the Senior Center, where they were going to discuss the Noise Mitigation Program for Wilmington.

Public Comment from Don Compton.

6. Action Items

A. Approval of Budget- Handout given by Patrick Wilson

Proposed fiscal year hand-out. Approved City budget for WNC is \$37,000. In 1999 original budget was \$50,000. In summary, it's a 25% reduction.

Brief summary of budget and fiscal year 2012-2013

Action of approval – approved budget: voting unanimous.

B. WNC board candidate form for member at large.

Forms can be emailed or handed to any member of the board. There is a two week extension for candidate form. Representative who could not attend will be here in July to speak.

C. Letter of support for painting of the Banning House and Barn.

Motion from M. Caraballo and a second from A. Hernandez to table.

Approved: 9-0-1

D. PCAC Items

Motion from D. Ethington and a second from

R. Jasso – How do you have a quiet zone near railroad?

I. The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee recommends that the PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commission that they consider and support the Vopak (Preferred) Berth Reconfiguration Project, to move their vessel activity to Berth 191-194, a MOTEMS compliant berth. This plan has widespread endorsements from industry groups, labor organizations, elected officials and environmental justice advocates.

Approved: 8-0-2

II. PCAC requests the Board of Harbor Commissioners to direct staff to establish Quiet Zones within the Port boundaries, and at at-grade railroad crossings within four miles of the Port boundaries that have a clear nexus to Port-related cargo; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage the Board of Harbor Commissioners to establish a working committee to assist the Harbor Department in determining the improvements necessary to establish a Rail Quiet Zone in the harbor area.

Approved: 7-0-3

7. Reports from Standing Committees

By Laws- accepting application, no other report

Finance committee – no report

Gateway and beautification – no report

Land Use and Planning – No report

Public Works- Committee wanted to talk about street art or do a presentation.

Brief discussion of meeting and introduction of street art. Would like to do an art walk starting at Anaheim St. to F St. Also the painting of electrical boxes near freeways. It's a community effort.

Publicity committee- no report

Transportation committee- oversized vehicle try to divide segments. Also, working with BNSF to coordinate a date to discuss the Quietzone.

8. Public Speaker- Non Agenda Items

1. Patricia Valladolid - Education caucus recommended on behalf of Susan Prichard. Interested in helping our community. "Juntas" new 4 wk. summer program July 9 - August.
2. Sylvia Arredondo - organized Wilmington first woman's month. August there will be a community bike ride ending with a picnic.
3. Laura Espinosa- Does the community have any programs for parents like me and for meetings? The Banning Relay for Life did not have a bilingual speaker, some of us who attended felt very uncomfortable because we did not understand. I would like to have organizations for our teens some kind of resources, programs to keep them busy.
4. Mary Gant- Information on meeting for Registrant Sex Offender. There are currently 177 sex offenders in Wilmington. Met with Parole Agents to clarify why Wilmington is so heavily impacted. The response was that it's "because Wilmington has the cheapest rent". Our community needs to get actively involved.

9. Informational Items

1. WNC received a letter from Conoco Phillips stating their name has been changed to Phillips 66.

2. WNC received a letter from Cal Trans District 7 regarding the Park and Ride at Figueroa and PCH. They are no longer renting this space out for carnival.

10. Report from Officers

Nothing to report

11. Unfinished Business

Patrick Wilson made a clarification regarding budget. It is 37,500 instead of 37,000.

12. New Business

Nothing to report

13. Reports of Caucus

No reports

14. Reports from Members-at-Large

No reports.

15. Announcement from Governing Board member

16. Adjourned at 9:10 pm

Minutes taken by Sabrina Avila, WNC Office Assistant