

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – July 25, 2012

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Acting Chair Cecilia Moreno, at 6:09 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

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

NOTE: Later in the minutes Governing Board Members changed due to election

Elected: Daniel J. Domonoske, Mary Gant, Robert A. Trani, Patricia Valladolid

2. Approval of June 27, 2012

Motion to approve June minutes as presented (Kern/Jasso)

Passed 8-0-3

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

LAPD – Called to indicate Department unable to be represented this evening

LAHD – Officer Ramirez

Wilmington Waterfront Park

Installed four emergency telephones

Red button connects caller to LAHD-Police

Activates a camera until officers arrive

Emergency Binders – Spanish

Box on back table for the taking

4. Government Representatives:

Veronica Zendejas, Senator Lieu

California Senate on summer break

Senator Lieu serving his Air Force Reserve commitment

Senator Lieu is no longer Wilmington’s representative.

Currently Rod Wright

November election may change this

Current Legislation

SB1055 – Prohibit landlords from requiring rent to be paid on-line

This is causing a problem for people without computers

SB956 – Regulates used car interest rates to a cap of 17.5%

Questions: Wilson – new district will encompass all of Wilmington

Jasso – unknown where new Senate office will be situated

Bill Orton, Senator Rod Wright

Senator Wright's current district only takes in harbor area to Harry Bridges

Reymundo Saucedo - 310-831-1799 or 365-7135 rsaucedo@mail.house.gov

Congresswoman Hahn, Congresswoman – 36th District

Workshops

Citizenship Assistance Workshop – Last Saturday - Attended by 50 families

ADA – American's with Disabilities Act – Friday – at POLA, San Pedro

Legislation

Port Security Legislation – HR4005 – passed bipartisan – 411/9

“Gauging American Port Security Act” (GAPS Act)

Directs Homeland Security to conduct comprehensive classified examination of remaining gaps in port security and prepare plan to address findings.

HR5856 – voted against Defense Dept. allocation of \$88.5B for war effort

HR4287 – Homeless Veterans - \$1.95M grant for local organizations and expanded definition of “homeless veteran.”

Affordable Care Law – continues to vote against any legislation to repeal.

CD15/Buscaino – Gabby Medina

Council has been in recess for two weeks – returned past Monday

Marijuana Dispensaries

Voted in support of closing marijuana dispensaries in City

Will take effect in 30 days after 2nd reading and Mayor's signature

Downtown Parking Meters – Wilmington & San Pedro

Wilmington represented by Chamber Executive Director – Dan Hoffman

Council's Transportation Committee voted they be removed

Map will be provided

Poles will not be removed as may need in future

Potential use – bike rack

Interns – ITEP (International Trade Education Programs)

Have been with office since July 2 and last day will be August 10

Excellent representatives of the future of Wilmington

Sarina Jauregui & David Machura

Slanguage

CD15 will be providing bus to LAXart on August 11, 11a-5p

Could win \$100,000 toward programming

Need Wilmington residents to visit facility in order to vote

Address – 2640 South La Cienega, Los Angeles, 90034

Questions:

Wilmington scheduled for pothole resurfacing crew in August

Oil Pipeline charge – were bills sent out? – will find out

DONE – Grayce Liu

General Manager, BongHwan Kim, resigned – last day, Saturday, August 4

City will hold a goodbye/thank you party for him this Friday – time/where

WNC 2012-13 Budget due July 30

September 22 - Congress of Councils

Hopes all WNC members as well as interested community will participate

5. Presentations

- a. Carlos Quintana, POLA – Harry Bridges Blvd. Improvements

Indicated he would be unable to attend this evening

- b. Reducing Diesel Idling Emissions in California

Michaëlle Shultz Wood, Air Resources Board

mschultz@arb.ca.gov or 626-459-4838

Why is there a limit? Because unnecessary idling

produces emissions that contribute to serious health problems

wastes fuel and contributes to global warming

Rules

School bus –

No idling within 100’ of school

Restart bus no more than 30 seconds before departure

Commercial

No idling for more than 5 minutes within a residential area

Penalty

Minimum Civil - \$300 for first offense, up to \$1000

Enforced by ARB, local police and air district agencies

Report Vehicles

1-800-END-SMOG or www.arb.ca.gov/enf/complaints/complaints.htm

Signage

ARB has signage available, no funds for installation

Working with State and cities to install

AB233 would provide funds to install signage in Port area

Questions

Wilson – this can be enforced on private property

Citation written to driver

There is no appeal process

Citation depends on gross vehicle weight no size of truck

Ethington – difficult for drivers in Port area because of trains

Kern – signs are free but installation will cost

- c. Public Works Information – Public Works Board Member Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza

jerilyn.lopez.mendoza@lacity.org, 213-213) 978-0249

Formerly was a Harbor Commissioner

Currently as Public Works Board Member – handles Council Districts 6, 12 and 15

Board is divided into five (5) sections

Street Services – Streets, Trees, Curbs, Sidewalks

Sanitation – Wastewater, bio-solids, garbage, recycling, composting (free)

Street Lighting – separate from traffic signalization

Engineering – for all City departments

Contract Administration – for all City departments

Budget

No tree trimming services to be provided in coming year

Provided sheet explaining how WNC could purchase

Two (2) employees for eight (8) hours

2007 – there were 5000 City Engineers, today only 700

Bus Benches

City has new contractor – Martin Outdoor Media Bus Bench

City personnel working on this issue:

Shannon.Eastenson@lacity.org and Lance.oishi@lacity.org

Questions

Prichard/Sullivan – if problems, please let her know personally

Fimbres – 50/50 Cost Split Sidewalk Repair is no longer available

Currently there is State Assembly legislation on this issue

Hernandez – forward prior document

Wilson – send specifics regarding overweight corridor permit

Ethington - Make sure you have eight hours of work if you use street services crew

d. Registered Sex Offender Legislation

Mary Gant - 626-227-5803, wilmcomorg@hotmail.com

Wilmington Community Organization, June 26, Harbor Christian Center

Attended by: City, County, State and Federal elected officials

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Parole Department

LAPD

Wilmington residents – 50

Registered Sex Offenders

Megan's Law

Jessica's Law

California began registered in 1947 for person's life

Currently 63,000 on list

18,205 in LA County

4,949 in LA City

177 registered in Wilmington (1/300 resident ratio)

92 of which are on active Parole supervision

63 of these are within a two (2) block radius

Currently 24 are in violation of registration

Some from 2010

There is no limit on how many can be housed in a one community

Child "Safety Zone"

Included

2000' from K-12 School or park

Not included

YMCA/YWCA, Boys/Girls Clubs, recreation centers or athletic fields

Legislation

Current, *which means LA City could create additional limits*

Proposition 83 (PCS 3003.5©) authorizes municipal jurisdictions to enact local ordinances that further restrict the residency of any sex offender who is required to register pursuant to PCS 290.

Possible Legislative Solutions

- Limit number of registered in a community by percentage or fixed number
- Restrict total number in a neighborhood
- Restrict how many can be housed in one facility
- Hold property owner responsible per PCS 3003.5©)
- Expand definition of child “safety zone” to include
YMCA/YWCA, Boys/Girls Clubs and Athletic Fields

What Can Individual Do?

- Attend next Registered Sex Offender Community Meeting
 - When - Tuesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Where - Harbor Christian Center, 1551 Wilmington Blvd.
- Inform and Encourage to Attend – three (3) neighbors and/or friends
- Contact your local elected official
 - City Council, County Supervisor, State Assembly and/or State Senate
 - Inform each of your concern
 - Encourage each to take action

What Can WNC Do?

- Reach out to property owners housing Registered Sex Offenders
- Members attend meeting on August 14
- Refer to appropriate WNC Standing Committee
 - Once position taken – write letters to elected officials

Questions:

- Kern – Child Safety Zone does not include Athletic fields
- Wilson – State is involved in rental payment through Parole Board
- Fimbres – Member can speak at 8/14 meeting as an individual, can inform body of your membership, but cannot speak on behalf of WNC until a position is taken.
- Hernandez – We assume they are under doctor’s care and on medication. We are unaware of any restraining orders. However, all parolees are under State Parole Board management.

6. Action Items

a. WNC Election Update – Moreno

After providing information about selection process for WNC Caucus groups, the following was announced. These people will be seated as members of the WNC for the 2012-14:

Business/Industry	Jack Babbitt, Daniel J. Domonoske and Patrick Wilson
Education	Juanita Naranjo and Patricia Valladolid
Non Fraternal/Recreation	Vacancy
Seniors	Gary Kern
Church	Patricia Sullivan and one vacancy
Labor	Socorro Fimbres
Non /Fraternal	Cecilia Moreno
Resident	Donna Ethington, Mary Gant, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Hank Osterhoudt, Robert A. Trani, Jr.

Election Process

Five individuals have indicated a desire to become a Member at Large. There are three seats to be filled. The election will take place on Saturday, October 20, in the Senior Center from 10a-2p

DONE – Grayce Liu/Stephen Box/Rashad Rucker-Trapp

The election will be conducted as it was in 2010 without involvement of City Clerk

The election will be run by NC - Independent Election Representatives.

The two (2) representatives for District 15 are: Philip Box and Rashad Rucker-Trapp

Mr. Box will help with publicizing election through social media

NC's are being used throughout world as a way of engaging citizenry

Canada, England, Japan, Venezuela,

Even San Diego – that is where GM Kim is off to

- b. Motion (Ogle/Jasso) that the WNC send a letter of support (draft in package) for the painting of the Banning House and Barn to the Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, City's Department of Recreation & Parks, CD15-Councilman Joe Buscaino and Mayor Antonio Villariagosa.

Presentation – Peter Kunoth, President & Cherokee Welch, Dir. of Development

2014 – Banning House will celebrate 150th year

City owns building, Friends owns contents

Last painted in 1999

Estimated cost - \$250-300,000

Questions:

Fimbres/Ethington – Need WNC support to show Department community support

Hernandez – suggest everyone supports

Caraballo – Cost estimate done through Friends' efforts

(Passed – 13-0-1)

Note – new board members voted – Domanski, Gant and Valladolid

Former board member did not – Prichard

8. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Donald Galez, Project Street Legal, 424-264-8205, donaldgala@yahoo.com

Received support from: NC's-SP-Central, SP-North, Harbor City, ILWU

7/9 – Sheriff Baca indicated he would support if all NC's were on board

Similar statement from LAPD-Harbor Capt. Lauer

Similar statement from Sr. Leads in San Pedro - Miller/Ashcroft

Questions:

Kern - PSL made a presentation to Transportation Committee

Membership voted to support

Why not on agenda?

Executive Committee requested local law enforcement for input

Doing our due diligence

Fimbres – The process is being followed

Nancy Torres, Director, Day Labor Site, 1301 N. Figueroa Pl, 310-553-1103, nancyt@idepsca.org

She is new to position. Introducing herself.

Would like to become involved in community clean-ups.

Would like to create a community garden on site.

Needs help with entry permit.

Gladys Padilla, Honorary Mayor Candidate, 921 Mahar Avenue, 562-619-6225,
gpadilla@memorialcare.org

GAP/Relay for Life – supporting candidacy

Saturday, 7/28 – Summer Dance at Wilmington Senior Center

\$10 admission – food and live music

Last Sunday of each month – cycling club – Banning High to Waterfront Park

This Sunday, begins at 11:30a.

Slanguage is in a competition for \$100,000.

Which ever entity has most visitors at LAXart – wins

CD-15 – Buscaino is providing bus on Saturday, August 11

Will leave Slanguage at 11a and return at 5p

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

Encourage WNC – Transportation Chair to find a vice chair

Conflict of interest with BNSF and Butterfield Communications

Take RR out of residential and put in industrial area

Anthony Quezada, Amvets Post 33, 121 West “E” Street, 310-466-2724,
amvetspost33ca@yahoo.com

First time – post involved in Veterans Weekend Celebration

Salute USS Iowa on 11/10

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

Many people have cars as a hobby

Feels it is inappropriate for Street Racers to be in Wilmington

Who will insure? Who will control?

We already have enough violence in our community!

BREAK

7. Standing Committee Reports

ByLaws – Caraballo –covered by DONE – will come to board with changes

Finance – Wilson – Budget adopted at last meeting, will submit before end of month

Gateway – Babbitt – not present this evening

Land Use/Planning – no meeting held in July

Public Works – Medina – not present this evening

Working on public art proposal

Publicity – Moreno – continue to work on website

Encourage everyone to send in items for community calendar

Transportation – no meeting held in July

PCAC – Ethington

June Burlingame Smith elected as President

No August meeting. WNC needs to take position on the following PCAC motion
*Whereas, the Los Angeles Harbor has been home to ship builders and the vessel
repair trades since the Port's earliest beginnings; and
Whereas, commercial interests have exercised great influence on the selection of
the uses of Port property; and
Whereas, recent Port history records the closure of Colonial boat yard, and the
rumored decline of Wilmington Marine Service (aka Dinko's); and*

Whereas, said closing will leave the many thousands of boat owners in LA Harbor without any small or medium sized marine repair facility to haul out and do regular maintenance, forcing them to travel to have their required maintenance performed in other ports in Southern California.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the Port of LA issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to fill an operator position (in-kind) for the boat yard properties at the old Colonial location at 700 Anchorage Road, Wilmington, and (potentially) at the Wilmington Marine Services, 800 S. Fries Ave, Wilmington, in an expeditious manner; and

Be it Further Resolved, that an interim operator be provided until such time that an operator has been selected and contracted. The PCAC encourages the Port to consider non-profit operators for these sites.

9. Informational Items

Presentation expected at WNC August meeting are:

Controller Wendy Greuel

ACTA – Alameda Corridor update

Harry Bridges update

10. Report from Officers

Chair – received correspondence from Boys/Girls Club regarding 75th Anniversary event on September 12.

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business

Valladolid – September 15, Banning Park, Fall into Literacy

13. Reports from Caucus Groups

Education – School begins on Tuesday, August 14

Grand Opening of Harry Bridges SPAN school on Saturday, July 28. Tours to be provided

14. Reports from Members-at-Large

None

15. Announcements from Governing Board

Caraballo –

Movie Nigh at Waterfront Park

Tuesday, August 7 ** 6-8p –Family Fun Activities, 8p – Disney Pixar’s Cars 2

Summer Concert

Thursday, August 2 ** 6p – Magician and Satisfaction

We need Wilmington community turn out.

More people, more likely Port is to support more concerts in 2013

Please encourage your caucus members to participate

Gant/Moreno

National Police Night Out

Tuesday, August 7 at Banning’s Landing, begins at 4:30 p.

Support our local safety officers – Fire, LAHD, LAPD

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Fimbres

Labor Day Parade – September 1

Banning High Band in parade this year

Moreno

YMCA Pool groundbreaking – Thursday, August 2nd, 12-2p

Valladolid

Saturday, August 4, 2p at the John Mendez Memorial Hall

Summer Mentorship program closing program

Four (4) week training program for young Latina girls

16. Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:13p

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 22, 2012

Minutes taken by Susan Prichard, Secretary

with support from Sabrina Avila, Administrative Support Officer

Approved by Cecilia Moreno, Acting Chair