

Wilmington Neighborhood Council
Minutes – August 22, 2012

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:05 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The following statement was read: “As provided by the Brown Act, person in the audience may address the committee in connection with any agenda item or during the public comments period. Anyone desiring to speak please complete a speaker card and submit it to the secretary.”

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (15) confirming a quorum
Present: Marisela Caraballo, Dan Domonoske, Donna Ethington, Socorro Fimbres, Arthur Hernandez, Mary Gant, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Juanita Naranjo, Anabell Romero, Patricia Sullivan, Robert Trani and Patricia Valladolid.
Added after item 6a and 6b were approved: Nick Gombos and Michael Sanborn
Excused: Pat Wilson
2. Approval of July Minutes (M/S – Kerns/Hernandez)
Approved with corrections 12-0-1 – Corrections on page 4 – include Senator Rod Wright’s name as well as Bill Orton’s name as his representative.
3. Los Angeles Police Department/Port of Los Angeles Police Department
Report from Office Alex Castillo, LA Port Police
 - A couple burglary lock vehicles
 - Waterfront Park - juvenile fights
 - Sunday Top Gun Director Jumped off Bridge
 - Conquer the bridge.com
 - Sept 14-16 Lobster fest discounts available
 - Question from Garry: tractor truck traffic on Avalon
 - Question from Socorro: car carrier on PCH west of Wilmington Blvd.
 - Question from Robert: Are there any new trucking companies?
4. Government Representatives Reports
Reymundo Saucedo, Office of Congresswoman Hahn
Update
 - Working on series of events aimed at providing resources to small business and residents. Tomorrow holding TradeConnect event hosted at Port of LA building, second floor from 1:30-5:30pm –bring ID to attend
 - President’s new immigration policy DACA. Approximately 4,000 residents from district eligible. Website hahn.house.gov
September 22, 2012 all day event: bringing attorney for individual legal assistance

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- Homeowner retention workshop- outreaching to major banks that hold property in area, Sept 29, 201 9-2pm at Wilmington Boys & Girls Club
- TradeConnect Spanish event on Thursday Sep 27 1:30-5pm at LAHC

Bill Orton, Office of Senator Rod Wright

- 9 to 10 bill that are still alive
- Issue regulations bill
- State highway 1: if is required take picture
- Saturday, August 25, 2012- Screening Health care, hair cuts, back to school supplies. Children between 5 and 14 in South LA at Jessie Owens Park. FREE event – children need to be accompanied by an adult

5. Presentations

City Controller Wendy Greuel

- Vender payments, auditing 14 auditors
- Performance based budgeting: should be transparent and hold all accountable
- Two departments- Planning and Street Lighting
- Pension and health care reform to be able to afford
- “I look at expenditures”
- Gas issue- steeling
- We need to have checks & balances in place because every pay their tax dollars
- Parking lot:
 - Special Revenue funds- available at controller website
 - Over 500 special funds, may be created for specific purpose a long time ago.
- Audit on Coliseum audit
- Port Industrial Economic Analysis
- Port, Airport, DWP, and Pension system
- Need support to implement audits

Question from BM Fimbres: What about over expenditures on city employee gas card, vacations

Answer: Cell phones in city: 11,000. Now down to 0 cell phone in City controller department.

Pcard work more efficiently

Question from BM Fimbres: What about outsourcing department to private

Answer: Continually looking at outside contractors

Question from Public: How will Occupy LA be paid?

Answer: Cost of LAPD and cost of park around LA city hall

Lanie Walsh, POLA Construction Manager for Harry Bridges Blvd. Improvements

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New Harry Bridges between Figueroa and Avalon
Thank you for your patience and cooperation during 2yer period

Questions:

Jasso: What will happen on fenced in area?

Answer: Part of the C Street off ramp project

_____ : What about Alameda to Harry Bridges Blvd.
Ribbon cutting on September 18th

Clean Wilmington Program – Salvador Lara and Donna Ethington

- Program has been up and running since May 2012, prior to May, Salvador did all clean ups
- In May of 2012 Pacific Unicom Corp. received \$50,000 from Warren E & P Funds to start up the Clean Wilmington Program
- Contact for Clean Wilmington is Salvador Lara (310) 720-5249
- The Program tries to get resident involves when Clean Wilmington goes into the neighborhood and at the same time, tries to educate the public about resources to pick up trash
- Partner with other groups
- Upcoming clean ups:
 - Sites have been identified, but no dates yet
- Friend Facebook site: CleanWilmington Ca
- Have map zones for clean up

Suggestion from BM Naranjo: Connect with Seahawk at Service for collaboration

Question from the Public: What about a community dump site for bulky items?

Question from BM Trani: Will you address issue on Figueroa and Mauretania

Answer from BM Moreno- Area that border 110 freeway, LAPD will have to coordinate due to hazards

Clarification from BM Gant: Clarification with misunderstanding of LAPD

Gabriel Medina: Office of Councilman Buscaino

- Warren E & P funds – just an agreement with City not a contract, \$500,000 for City. We are receiving them in increments we have received \$55,000 on tree trimming
- Pipeline Funding- City Franchise Tax: only 5 will be complete due to quote, will go by severe cases. Tree removal due to side walk,
- Clean up Green Up, met on Monday
- Sexual offender meeting happened on August 14th, created an Ad-hoc committee
- Ana Medina 6pm at Hojas Tea House Thursday, August 23, 2012 to discuss Avalon and Anaheim become art district
- 920 Eubank – CD 15 received the WNC letter in opposition to the variance
- Estrella Pupusas on PCH- applying for Liquor license – Need letter of support or opposition

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- Meet the Captain last Thursday at Hojas Tea House
- Wilmington United Meeting: Once month Second Tuesday of month at 9:30am
- LABOT: Completion of Wilmington, traffic signal
- Currently working on bike lanes, Broad Avenue has already been completed, Opp Street is next. Anaheim lane project

Questions

Kern: What types of projects can be funded with funds for Warren E&P Funds

Answer: Public works for community surrounding Warren E & P

Fimbres: Clarifying, just surrounding area of Warren E & P

Sullivan: How will lanes be created because Opp Street is congested?

Answer: Ms. Medina will bring map or email map for lane information

Gant: Department of Water and Power property in Wilmington, who will take care of it, we need support

Jasso: Bicycle lane is on Anaheim? We have money for specifically in Wilmington?

Comment from Ethington: Clean Wilmington can go in and clean various area with contribution or contract.

BM Fimbres: Bike Lane down the Harbor would also be a good addition.

Ms Medina: Email me streets for bike lanes

Comment from Hernandez: I was part of bike lanes committee and I think Anaheim is a good place to start.

6. Action Items

- a. The WNC Executive Board recommends to the WNC Governing Board that the WNC appoint and fill the Park Advisory Board Caucus Seat vacated by Susan Ogle with Michael Sanborn of the Banning Residence Museum. M/S – Kern/Caraballo
Approved 15-0-0 Appointment effective immediately
- b. The WNC Executive Board recommends to the WNC Governing Board that the WNC appoint and fill the Business & Industry Caucus Seat vacated by Jack Babbitt with Nick Gombos of ACX. M/S – Kern-Hernandez
Approved: 15-0-0
- c. Selection of the Executive Committee for 2012-2014 Term
Secretary: M/S – Romero/Gant for nomination of Patricia Valladolid
Approved: 17-0-0
Treasurer: M/S – Caraballo/Moreno for nomination of Pat Wilson
Approved: 17-0-0
Vice Chair: M/S – Fimbres/Hernandez for nomination of Socorro Fimbres
M/S – Caraballo/Osterhoudt for nomination of Michael Sanborn
Approved: 10-2-5 for the selection of Socorro Fimbres
Chair: M/S – Caraballo/Gant for nomination of Cecilia Moreno
Approved: 17-0-0
Gary Kern raised the concern that the WNC needs to appoint a Parliamentarian to the Board. Cecilia shared with the Board that DONE has offered some options, one is to hire one to attend the meetings, other NC have done this. The cost is

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approx. \$100 per meeting. Another option is to help by offering training. There was interest for the entire Board to participate.

- d. The WNC Executive Board recommends to the WNC Governing Board that the WNC approve the Resolution that would create an ad-hoc committee of the WNC to address registered sex offenders in Wilmington. M/S – Gant/Romero
Public Comment: Susana Camacho – In support of the Ad-hoc Committee

Approved: 17-0-0

- e. The WNC Executive Board recommends to the WNC Governing Board that the WNC send a letter to the Office of Zoning Administration stating opposition to the zone variance application submitted for 920 North Eubank Avenue. The variance application is for permitting overnight parking of tractor/trailer and open storage of shipping containers – no paving, bumper guards, wheel stops, walls, curbs and landscape that would otherwise be required by the Muni Code. M/S –

Public Comment: Lorie Gastelum – Opposed to truck storage in that area

Approved: 17-0-0

- f. The WNC Executive Board recommends to the WNC Governing Board that the WNC send a letter of support to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center Mitigated Negative Declaration. M/S – Ethington/Kern

Approved: 14-0-3

- g. Motion to consider taking a position on the Project Street Legal. M/S – Fimbres/Hernandez to provide a letter stating the WNC is in support of the proposed project in concept.

Comment from the applicant, Donald Galas: The project will bring attention of illegal street racing. Project Street legal main focus to get off streets. This is a community project, to educate and not incarcerate.

Comment from applicant, Angel Nieves: The project was created main concept, we are asking a letter of support.

Kern: What is the length of the race strip? A: an 8th of a mile, 2,000 feet

Moreno: The LAPD, who will be crucial should this proposal move forward, should be given an opportunity to provide input, like recommendations for conditions or suggestion for safely running such a proposal. It is premature to take action now.

Fimbres: Why do we need to wait for LAPD if we are the community's voice.

Gant: What location is there illegal: A: Harry Bridges, E St and F St

Ethington: Hasn't heard of Wilmington being on news for this issue.

Valladolid: Friendly amendment - Support Project Street legal if they (1) Meet with WNC board member Patricia Valladolid to revise proposal and mentoring component and (2) Work with Harbor Area High School.

Fimbres/Hernandez accepted the Friendly Amendment

Approved: 14-1-2

- h. 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

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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 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.

M/S – Kern/Osterhoudt

Public Comment: Rick Whearty – There are 4,000 plus boat and nowhere to take care of them. Want to open a community center- do it yourself yard.

Approved: 13-0-3

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by Patricia Valladolid, Board Secretary, with the assistance of Sabrina Avila and Cecilia Moreno.