

Wilmington Neighborhood Council
Minutes – September 26, 2012

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:06 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, Anabell Romero, Michael Sanborn, Patricia Sullivan, Robert Trani, Patricia Valladolid, and Pat Wilson.

Absent: Juanita Naranjo and Nick Gombos

Excused: Hank Osterhoudt and Ana Medina

2. Approval of July Minutes (M/S – Kerns/Ethington)

Approved with corrections: page 3, number 4 - add “ing” to provide, page 4, first line – replace “backs” with banks, page 4, number 5, bullet 6, replace “steeling” with stealing, next bullet – replace “check in and balance” with checks & balance, page 5 under Gabriela Medina CD 15 report, first bullet – replace “\$5,000” with \$500,000, same section bullet 4 – replace “at hawk” with Ad hoc, page 6 section under Questions Comments from Ethington – replace “payment” with contribution or contract.

Approved: (12-0-2)

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

Report from Office Perez, LAPD

- Report of incident of indecent exposure/lewd act in neighborhood of Wilmington Middle School. Robbery Suspect is outstanding, LAPD has flyers- these flyers have been posted local business fronts
- Multi-Agency Task Force conducted one month and a half ago – 14 registered sex offenders arrested
 - No longer placing sex offender parolees in Wilmington location (Flint Ave.)
- Grand Theft auto: LAPD suggest community members to lock your cars
 - Honda Civics, Toyotas most commonly targeted\

Questions:

Robert Trani - There has been shots in East side(Ghost Town)?

A: Have been multiple shooting, community was reluctant to get involved.

Robert Trani - Incident near my home, multiple gun shots

A: we have recovered guns in two weeks, reality that there is a lot of crime in East Wilmington.

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Report from Officer Smith, Port Police (In for Officer Ramirez)

4. Government Representatives Reports

Reymundo Saucedo, Office of Congresswoman Hahn

Update

- Spanish TradeConnect at Harbor College, hosted by Port of LA, Sept. 27, 1:30 pm
- Homeowner Preservation Fair – outreaching to major banks that hold property in area, Sept 29, 2012 9am-2pm at Wilmington Boys & Girls Club. Includes information on Short Sales, Loan Modification and Foreclosure
- Congress on your Corner: Sat., Oct. 13 11a-12:30p at Hojas Tea House
- DACA Workshop at Saints Peter & Paul School, Thurs., Oct. 11 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Senior Health & Safety Expo, Thurs., Oct. 25 9am-12pm, Peck Park Community Center

Congresswoman Laura Richardson:

- Currently serves in Congress and because of redistricting, the boundaries have changed. Currently she represents 58% of the new district. Has represented Wilmington in the past, when she was in the State Assembly, District 55. Her focus is casework. She would like to see what happens in Long Beach, where 10% of the revenue stays in the City. The Tidelands Trust is set-up that way and she'd like to see that in LA. This is something like \$20-30 million a year.

Gabriela Medina, Office of Councilman Buscaino

- Stop Signs request
- Traffic Signal Request
- Open Space area near the East Wilmington Greenbelt. This would allow for recreation area across from the East Wilmington Greenbelt Community Center.

Jacob Haik, Office of Councilman Buscaino

- Regarding the Warren E&P Funds, they will hold a community meeting in the area to work with the residents on the expenditure of those funds.
- Regarding Pipeline Funds, ?
- Community meeting scheduled for Oct. 3 to discuss the new park across from the East Wilmington Greenbelt Rec Center. There will be space for things like a soccer field and maybe a few basketball courts.
- They are still working on the donated area across from the Drum Barracks to put a small park there.
- With regards to Registered Sexual Offenders, they are continuing to work with the regulatory agencies, including LAPD to address the oversight and enforcement.

Questions

Gary Kern: How did the Councilman vote on the DWP rate increase?

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A: He voted yes on the increase

Gary Kern: Why does it take so long to get street striped?

A: Because there are two different departments that need to coordinate the resurfacing and then Dept. of Transportation does restriping. A priority was placed around the schools. Let CD15 know how we can help with areas that need to be done quickly, send requests for dangerous location to Gabby.

Mary Gant: Have you followed up with DWP property:

A: -- Jeff on vacation for 2 weeks

Robert Trani: When is the meeting for the East Wilmington Greenbelt Park?

A: Next Wednesday at 6pm at site

Patricia Sullivan: How was public informed of this meeting?

A: through email, Facebook, newsletter

Rashad Rucker, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Update on Elections on October 20th

- Wilmington has 4 candidates
- Region wide we have conducted 4 elections
- Candidate training on October 2nd at Community Health Center at La Mert Park Area--- may have one October 9th or October 20th

Questions

Anabell Romero: Contact information

A: (213) 935-0436, Rashad@empowerla.org

Marisela Caraballo: Are there any candidates present? Can they introduce themselves?

A: Yes

Patricia Sullivan: Is this the election that takes place in June?

A: We did the Selection in June for the other caucus seats and the Election for the Member At Large seats takes place in Oct.

5. Presentations

A. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Update

Connie Rivera, ACTA

Questions

Patrick Wilson: Proposal to affect Long Beach, is there any collaboration?

A: Yes there is continual communication; we are not involved in land issue details
Donna Ethington: What is coordination on bridge, and how will it impact traffic

A: Project is split in two; the bridge needs to be replaced due to size. Delayed, Caltrans we be taking development of bridge. Nothing will be destroyed until new bridge is completed

Socorro Fimbres: Traffic, impacted

A: I can invite someone from Caltrans to address those details

Take a look at 6 min video

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Public Comment

Jessie Marquez: What is the main purpose of Alameda Corridor—to take truck off streets? 7 Board members only 6 are seated, cannot break votes, and 7th member should be a resident. ACDA Public health and noise. Electric-----

A: Discretionary Cargo, not cost effective for local. Our Board does have 7 people. Emissions, Alameda Corridor is best example of low emissions. Electrification, it does have the capacity, challenge
Truck lanes-studies did not support the need for truck lanes. Delay of SR47 due to law suits and are being ruled in our favor

Susan Prichard: Improvement in city in Alameda area Henry Ford South to Anaheim?

A: Target start date is mid next year

Arthur Hernandez: Watson Yard, can they be turn off while idling

A: That question would not be for us.

B. LADWP & Valero Lease Agreement

Chris Brown with POLA, Craig Luna with LADWP and Steve Faichney with Valero

Chris Brown

- The Wilmington Waterfront Project is still pending but there is no current date, design is at 60% complete though. We will need new contract with a designer, permits, advertise for construction—3 year process from start date. This is not budgeted at this time but Port is still very committed.

Craig Luna, LA DWP

- With information of delayed project we would like to keep Valero using the tanks. Originally, the agreement started in 2001 with Valero. Current issues include 1.) Upkeep, 2.) Revenue from lease.

Steve Faichney

- Valero has been in tank since 2001. Unit shutdown: need tanks, and will cause slow in production. Ask for WNC to approve our interim lease of 3 years

Questions

Socorro Fimbres: What happened to the other tanks on Alameda?

A: That was the original idea, which was to exit tanks and move to Olympic Tank Farm. Tanks were not in condition to be used. After 3 year we plan to exit. We will not stay once Port is ready to develop property.

Gary Kern: Just a positive Comment- Valero has been honest and truthful, and that were ready to vacate. I would encourage this board, we are in the position to make statement to support community neighbor.

Donna Ethington: I would like to second what Gary says. Considering that the Port project is in the future. I would support Valero to leave product there.

Patrick Wilson: I also agree with Gary and Donna.

Public Comment

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Alicia Rivera: I am here from CBE, and I believe in order to allow this project to go on, what can we get from Valero: ask what can Valero do to improve air quality—Vapor Recovery.

Susanna Camacho: I had a few question --will it be maintained with 2012 safety standards?

Jessie Marquez: When Wilmington Waterfront Project was developed, we, the public, were informed that 200 million dollar budget. Port Budget is discretionary. Public was promised that. In terms of tanks, they are not a good neighbor, there is also flaring, these impacts----We supported Flare reduction. We should have mitigation. Purchase this technology.

Valero Response: Flaring is down significantly. On safety question, Valero was first refinery in California to receive certification of the highest standards and continue to maintain it.. Regarding vapor recovery, gas oil is not subject to that regulation.

C. Port of Long Beach On Dock Support Facility Update

Stacey Crouch and Thomas Jelenic, POLB

- Project proposed must be analyzed, and we analyze alternative. Alternatives are 10th Street, 9th Street and no project.
- This project is unusual, there is no preferred project. Each alternative is considered equally.
- We are in Draft EIR preparation stage.

Questions

Patrick Wilson: Refer to screen that shows Alameda project--area has been unkept. Why has it been allowed to degrade to that? There is a short stretch to I street, this is among worst street of all of Wilmington. Can either cities or ports fix that street, referring to conditions of land and condition of street?

Socorro: There is a small section going into Wilmington?

A: We will be joining up to Alameda Corridor, I am not sure which area, but yes we will put in rail lines.

Public Comment

Jessie Marquez: Concerns regarding good clarity, how much rail? What would be the type of equipment?

Susan Camacho: My question is will results be posted on your website?

A: Yes. Purpose is to meet our goal of on dock traffic, which is 35%. This is not an intermodal yard, these acts as an expansion that will exist on terminal. Transfer trucks.

6. Action Items

- a. The WNC Executive Board recommends to the WNC Governing Board that the WNC support the Funding Application from Harbor Community Development Corporation for \$500 for the Utility Box Art Project. M/S – Ethington-Sanborn

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Discussion

Mary Gant: Will people be submitting the art and how will it get approved:

A: Yes, if you look at the funding application, question 7, following submission, will hold exhibit.

Patricia Sullivan: Total budget is \$1500, why are you only asking for \$500?

Michael Sanborn: Once art work is finished and completed, who will maintain boxes?

A: As part of budget we did consider that.

Robert Jasso: How many members in your committee?

Mary: I applaud you for this project due November 1

Public Comment:

Susan Camacho: a Community involvement, impact on community members

Approved: (13-0-1)

- b. Motion from Gary Kern that the WNC Governing Board support a minimum 3 year lease extension agreement, with a 45 day option to extend as needed, between LA DWP and Valero for the two tanks. Second by Robert Jasso.

Discussion

Socorro Fimbres: I am in favor, but will we be able to take back tank if funding is available prior to lease.

Anabell Romero: I think we should take time to think about this.

Patricia Sullivan: Are we talking about one 45 day extension or more?

A: Valero, we will stay 3 year and month to month after that or on a 45 day cycle.

Cecilia Moreno: One of our community member suggested DWP consider turning over land across from Banning Landing, former storage area, in order to add parking or use by Banning's Landing. Is this something DWP would consider?

A: That is the triangular piece, we do not have any future plans, we would be open to that.

Gary Kern: Even if project starts today it would take 2-3 years to use area. Why hold DWP hostage when we can get a win/win.

Approved: 10-0-4

7. Report by Standing Committees

8. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Anthony Quezada: I am on the Veterans Advisory Committee. CSULB veteran group, starting an emergency response team with veteran, they are looking for team leaders. Free training, you will receive 10 hours of training. Project with USS Iowa, will email flyer.

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Donald Galaz: PSL was under impression that amendments were going to be made in to Donna's Ethington's letter.

In response to these comments, the Chair distributed a copy of the letter that was mailed out to the proponents and inquired from the Board if there was any need to continue the discussion on this item for purposes of clarification. There was none.

Don Compton: General public comment comes in the beginning of the meeting. I suggest you move public comment toward beginning of meeting. I am submitting my application for Chair of Transportation committee.

Susan Prichard: I am here tonight because of Dana Strand. HACLA released an RFP, due tomorrow, which will allow the building of between 150-187 – 3 and 4 bedroom apartments. When Dana Strand was reconfigured HACLA agreed there would be no increase in the population – they included the apartments, townhomes and senior citizen housing. The lots remaining were to be for 77 single family homes. To allow all this to happen the community also authorized sub-standard parking and sub-standard streets on the site. This has all been done without WNC notification and City Planning notification.

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