

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – May 22, 2013

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:12 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: Sylvia Arredondo, Socorro Fimbres, Mary Gant, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Anabell Romero, Patricia Sullivan, and Roberto Trani

Excused: Marisela Caraballo, Dan Domonoske, Donna Ethington, Patricia Valladolid and Patrick Wilson

Absent: Juanita Naranjo, Michael Sanborn

2. Approval of April 24, 2013

Minutes were not available.

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

LAPD – Officer Ria Garcenila

Violent crimes are down. Regarding the shooting at Blinn Ave. and O Street, three arrests were made and three guns were recovered. All the suspects from that shooting have been identified. Regarding the 1600 block of Wilmington Blvd., search warrant was served and six people were arrested. Property crimes are down and continue to be sporadic and crimes of opportunity. Regarding the January 2012 murder on L Street and the BNSF property, a suspect has been arrested.

LAHD – No report from Port Police

4. Government Representatives:

Reymundo Saucedo – Office of Congresswoman Hahn

Written report submitted. Highlighted a few items: Regarding the Southern California Gateway Project (SCIG), the Congresswoman is disappointed with the action by L.A. City Council. She introduced a bill “Honoring Our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2013”, she hosted an Export Roundtable Discussion with Small Business Associate Administrator Dario Gomez, there will be a Port of LA TradeConnect workshop focusing on Latin America at the South Gate Park Auditorium on Fri., June 7th and she continues to work on the full spending of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. See his full report for more details and upcoming events.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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

Invited everyone to the “Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families: Past, Present and Future” event on Sat., May 25, 2013 at Arcadia County Park, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia 91006 organized by the Office of County Supervisor Mike Antonovich. He provided a flier with the details.

Julian Chavira, United Wilmington Youth Foundation, 16010 Broad Ave., 310-218-6866
Shared that the organization continues to work on raising funds for their project and invited everyone to their fundraising event taking place at Banning’s Landing Community Center on Sun., May 26 from 12 – 5 pm

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

Advocating for a light rail for Wilmington and that the WNC submit a letter to the new Mayor of LA with this request. He also spoke advocating for affordable homes in Wilmington.

6. Presentations

a. Wilmington Utility Box Art Project Selection – Susanna Camacho

She provided a brief summary of the project and the work completed to date. She then gave everyone instructions on the voting system and the WNC and public submitted their anonymous ballots for the artwork and preferred locations. The next step will be to provide the results to CD 15 for implementation.

b. Wilmington Relay for Life – Lorie Geluz and Emily Juarez

Requesting support from the WNC and community for the 3rd Annual Event. The purpose is to raise much-needed funding for the American Cancer Society for awareness and prevention. This is the 3rd Annual event and is completely reliant on volunteers. It will take place in the football field at Banning HS from 9 am June 1 to 9 am June 2.

c. BHS Transition – Freddy Quintana (LAUSD Vladovic’s Office), Tommy Chang (LAUSD Intensive Support Innovation Center – 213.241.0100), Travis NAME HERE, and Marisela Cervantes (LAUSD – Marisela.x.cervantes@lausd.net)

Tommy provided a brief background on the Public School Choice 4.0 and the two plans that were submitted, one coming from BHS (9-12th grades) and other from BACIS (9-10th grades). He said the State is adopting a new set of standards that focus on college readiness. There are still many decisions to be made, but currently the Superintendent is looking to have one administrator at BHS for the two chosen school for the first year. There is regular communication taking place and will add the WNC email to the Banning Newsletter so we may be informed and kept updated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Amy Grat, ITEP, amygrat@itepinc.org – Has worked well with the school and ITEP has been very successful. Hopes the changes will not affect the program and more importantly, the success of the students. Transition needs to be handled carefully and cautiously to minimize negative impacts.

Carlos Prinzen, P.O. Box 1105, Wilm. – Provided a copy of the last AYP results for BHS. Extremely disappointed and frustrated with the process. Superintendent has done a disservice to the BHS.

Laura Espinoza, 1018 Marine Ave., Wilm. – Concerned with the transition process at BHS and the bad handling of the process so far.

Eddie Duque, 1054 Broad Ave., Wilm. – He is angry with the how this entire process was handled and that to date, the Superintendent has not responded to the letter submitted by the WNC.

Emily Juarez, 1312 McDonald Ave., Wilm. – Very concerned about the transition process at BHS and has not faith it will go well based on what she has seen from LAUSD so far.

Graciela Espinoza, BHS – In attendance in representation of Principal Rudy Mendoza, who could not attend the meeting.

Gabby Medina from the Office of Councilman Buscaino’s Office arrived late and extended her apologies. She provided the Board and community with a written report.

7. Action Items

- a. Board Resolution regarding missing receipts form DONE audit covering July 2010 through end of 2012.

The Executive Board continues to work on the paperwork for the audit and is not ready to bring the Board Resolution but it will be forthcoming. Currently, both Kristina Smith and Sabrina Avila are working on locating the missing receipts and preparing the reconciliation as instructed by DONE.

- b. MOU with the Harbor Department (Port of LA) – Select representatives to serve on Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) to address this item.

Motion (Gant/Trani) to appoint Socorro Fimbres and Gary Kern to attend the HANC meetings in representation of WNC to work on the MOU in collaboration with the other NCs in the Harbor.

(Passed – 11-0-0)

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8. Standing Committee Reports

Executive Board

Bylaws

Finance

Land Use/Planning/ Gateway Beautification

Public Works

Publicity – Anabell Romero – Requested that all Board Members complete and submit the bio info for the website and that everyone’s picture would be taken.

Transportation – no meeting held in July

PCAC – Next step now that it has been dissolved.

G. Kern raised the issue that now that PCAC is no more, what will happen to the projects the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee had been working on. Who will advocate for these? He requested the WNC prepare a letter to submit to the Harbor Commission requesting the WNC Land Use Committee work with Port staff to shepherd these projects along.

RSO Ad-Hoc Committee – Mary Gant reported that they held their monthly meeting. To date, 140 RSO still remain in the Wilmington community. LAPD recently netted a three that were out of compliance. This past month, the school sent out two study safety alerts.

9. Informational Items

10. Report from Officers

11. Unfinished Business

Socorro Fimbres brought up concerns regarding trucks in residential streets. He also raised a concern regarding the City public parking lot in the Wilmington downtown area that is only accessible from Marine Avenue and not Avalon Blvd.

12. New Business

None

13. Reports from Caucus Groups

None

14. Reports from Members-at-Large

None

15. Announcements from Governing Board

16. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:49p

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Minutes taken by Cecilia Moreno, Chair with support from WNC Board

Approved by Cecilia Moreno, Chair