

# **WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

## **Minutes – January 22, 2014**

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by 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: Sylvia Arredondo, Alberto Ramirez, Patricia Sullivan, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Juanita Naranjo, Dan Domonoske, Jim Stephenson, Anthony Quezada, Pat Wilson, Michael Sanborn, Socorro Fimbres  
Absent/Excused: Patricia Valladolid, Anabell Romero, Marisela Caraballo and Robert Trani, Rick Whearty

### **2. Approval of April 24, 2013**

Motion to approve the Nov. 13, 2013 Minutes by P. Wilson, second by R. Jasso  
**(Passed: 12 - 0 - 1)**

Motion to approve the Dec. 11, 2013 Minutes with corrections by S. Arredondo, second by J. Naranjo  
**(Passed: 10 – 0 – 3)**

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

LAPD – Officer Nua

C. Moreno reported that Officer Garcenila has been reassigned and the new SLO in Wilmington is Officer Nua. He unfortunately could not attend the meeting but provided an update. He stated that there are no issues other than stolen vehicles in the area between Wilm. Ave, Figueroa St and PCH and Lomita Avenues. Other than that, our crimes stats look good. He asked that folks be reminded to secure their vehicles in lit areas and if possible, purchase anti-theft devices such as the club.

LAHD – Officer Ramirez

Reported that they had a Commercial Task Force in the far east Wilmington area and impounded 10 cars as a result.

### **4. Government Representatives:**

Ivan Sulic – Office of Congresswoman Hahn

Written report submitted and attached. He introduced the replacement for Reymundo Saucedo, which is Veronica Ledesma, formerly with Assemblyman Hall's Office.

Question from A. Quezada - Regarding benefits for veterans. Ivan responded that the bill is still in the works.

Octaviano Rios – Office of Mayor Garcetti

He outlined and provided a copy of the Mayor's three Executive Directives. They include Great Street Initiatives (leverage resources so department work on major corridors, like Avalon Blvd), Cybersecurity (work to make the City's system more resistant to penetration) and Open Data (make raw data available online for analysis) He also extended an invitation to participate in the City Budget 101 – they are a townhall meeting to discuss the City's budget. The nearest one to Wilmington will take place on Jan. 23 from 6 to 8 pm at Taglyan Complex, 1201 Vine St., LA.

Question from C. Moreno – Regarding Great Street, what would that mean for Avalon?

Question from S. Arredondo – Regarding People Street

Question from A. Hernandez – Regarding state surplus in budget

Gabriela Medina – Office of Councilman Buscaino

She provided a written report and talked about the sewer work taking place on Avalon Blvd. south of Anaheim Street.

#### 5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Lydia Gutierrez, [Lydia@lydia4schools.com](mailto:Lydia@lydia4schools.com), She is running for State Superintendent and provide a bio and her platform.

Jenese Girgis, [jenese9@yahoo.com](mailto:jenese9@yahoo.com), 909-800-6279, she is doing a survey funded by Harbor Community Benefit Foundation for the Wilmington Health Center. It has to do with asthma and related service needs for the community. Where are there gaps in services? If you complete the questionnaire you will receive a free bag.

Don Compton, 233 E. "M" Street, 310-830-5905. He is advocating for a light rail for Wilmington.

#### 6. **Presentations**

##### a. Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

C. Moreno introduced S. Arredondo who presented the two winners of the 2013 WNC Holiday Decorating Contest with certificates. The winners were Rosalba Gomez at 643 Gulf Avenue and 1104 Frigate Avenue, Wilmington.

##### b. I110/C Street Interchange and I110/John S. Gibson Improvement Project – Chris

Trinidad and Prashant Konareddy, Port of Los Angeles

Mr. Trinidad and Mr. Konareddy made a PowerPoint presentation on two construction projects taking place, one at the intersection of C Street/Figueroa/Harry Bridges Blvd. in Wilmington and the other on the I110 at John S. Gibson. These are projects that will improve traffic flow on and off the freeways as well as build one intersection where there are currently two. They are three year projects and will return to the WNC to provide updates. The Port's website, [www.portoflosangeles.org](http://www.portoflosangeles.org) will also have a link to updates to these construction projects.

c. Great March for Climate Change – Alicia Rivera with CBE

Ms. Rivera introduced the upcoming Great March for Climate Action to take place in LA on March 1, 2014 and invited the public and the WNC to take part. She also provide a written letter requesting the WNC formerly take part in the event on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, endorse this action and provide a speaker at the rally taking place at the Wilmington Waterfront Park.

7. **Action Items**

- a. Mercy Housing – Recommendation from LUPGB Committee to WNC Governing Board to support the project subject to compliance with handouts A, B, and C provided applicant provides info at WNC meeting about the parking space sizes and # of units per size for the 331 parking lot, second from G. Kern.

Public Comment:

Susanna Camacho – opposed to the motion and concerned with major parking issue, amongst other concerns.

Mary Gant – opposed to the motion because promises were made to not increase the density and this project violates that agreement. The proposed project will affect not only the residents that live there but the entire community.

Paola Loera – supports this project and sees the benefits to the community

Refugio Montoya – currently lives in Dana Strand and supports the project

Angela Evangelista – Is in support and currently lives there

Susan Prichard – submitted her comments in writing and is opposed to the project

Lisa Blod – Service provider and is in support of the project

Board Members that also spoke regarding this motion included C. Moreno in opposition and G. Kern in support of the project.

**(Motion didn't Pass: 2 – 7 – 5)**

- b. Approval of Monthly Expense Report

P. Wilson reviewed the current expense, Kristina Smith for \$460 for Sept-Dec 2013 website maintenance, calendar upkeep and Constant Contact email blasts. A copy of the approved budget was also distributed to the Board.

Motion by C. Moreno, second from S. Arredondo

**(Passed: 4 – 0 – 0)**

- c. Funding Request for Consideration

1. Sharefest Community Development

Motion by S. Arredondo that the WNC approve \$5,000 for the purchase of 12 Apple iPads to be used by the Avalon High School students to prepare for the California High School Exit Exam, second from C. Moreno.

Public Comment:

Mary Gant – supported this expenditure and benefit to the community

Jim Loduha – Sharefest Community Development representative spoke in support of this motion

Mary Silverstein – Harbor Community Benefit Foundation representative spoke in support of this motion

Susan Prichard – spoke in support of this motion

**(Passed: 4 – 0 – 0)**

2. Grand Vision Foundation – Dropped

3. United Wilmington Youth Foundation

Motion from S. Arredondo that the WNC approve \$3,000 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual El Mercadito Mural Block Party and Scholarship, second from C. Moreno.

Public Comment:

Jake Chavira – Representing YWYF spoke to the event and how the funding would be used.

Mary Gant – spoke in favor of this expenditure and benefit to the community

**(Passed: 4 – 0 – 0)**

#### 8. Informational Items

C. Moreno informed the Board that board member Anabell Romero-Chávez had been selected to participate in the UCLA Luskin Community Scholars program, along with two other members of the Wilmington Community. The class meets every Wednesday and she would therefore not be in attendance at the Governing Board Meetings through June, but that she would continue to be active on the Board and on committees.

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#### 9. Standing Committee Reports

Executive Board

Bylaws

Finance

Land Use/Planning/ Gateway Beautification

Public Works

Publicity

Transportation

RSO Ad-Hoc Committee

#### 10. Report from Officers

#### 11. Unfinished Business

#### 12. New Business

#### 13. Reports from Caucus Groups

14. **Reports from Members-at-Large**

15. **Announcements from Governing Board**

16. **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 9:13 pm

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, 2014

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

Approved by Cecilia Moreno, Chair