

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – February 26, 2014

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:17 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, Arthur Hernandez, Gary Kern, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Dan Domonoske, Anthony Quezada, Socorro Fimbres, Robert Trani

Absent/Excused: Patricia Valladolid, Anabell Romero, Marisela Caraballo, Rick Whearty, Patricia Sullivan, Robert Jasso, Juanita Naranjo, Jim Stephenson, Pat Wilson, and Michael Sanborn

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting

Since there wasn't a quorum, there was not action for the January 22, 2014 Minutes.

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

LAPD – Senior Lead Officer Perez

Officer Perez reported that the Department had been very busy today. He was proud to report that Harbor Division has ranked No. 1 in crime reduction for all 21 LAPD divisions. In 2014, there have been 12 cars stolen but with the recent arrest of 4 suspects, to see an improvement.

Compared to 2013, violent crimes are down and in 2014, Harbor Division reports 20% reduction in violent crimes, ranking #3 in LAPD.

LAHD – Officer Ramirez

Officer Ramirez reported that there has been a vandalism problem at the Wilmington Waterfront Park with tagging. Stolen vehicles are also a problem and in part, it's due to crimes of opportunity. Port Police had a recent truck traffic enforcement task force in the community.

4. Government Representatives:

Gabriela Medina – Office of Councilman Buscaino

She provided a written report and talked about the sidewalk repair plan and other items.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Diana Medel, dmedel@sbaycenter.com, she is the new Wilmington Coordinator for I Heart Wilmington. Happy to report the Wilmington Talent Show was very successful with 300-400 people in attendance and an amazing show of talent in the community. She came to announce the 2nd anniversary of I Heart Wilmington, which will take place on April 25.

Alicia Rivera, Alicia@cbecal.org, she wanted to follow up on the request she submitted in January to the WNC for the March 1st event at the Wilmington Waterfront Park and again make the request and ask that the WNC send a representative to welcome people on the morning of March 1st.

Miguel Nunez, m.nunez@kehrandpeers.com, attended the meeting to make an update presentation regarding the Wilmington Empower Project.

Susan Prichard, sprich1@lausd.net, she wanted to thank the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation for the recent grant to Hawaiian Avenue Elementary School and to mention that the school recently took students to SA Recycling to witness the bus crushing event. 1736 Grant & Figueroa – fence down

Carlos Prinzen, he wanted to remind the Board that he worked hard to stop the division at Banning High School during the public school choice process. That is done now but out of respect, LAUSD should have respected the community and the NC and responded to the letter sent to them. He is still waiting for a response and the meeting we had talked about.

Rashad Rucker, from DONE, wanted to remind everyone about the call for candidates in the Harbor Region. Elections will take place on May 3rd.

6. **Presentations**

a. ITEP Global Safety and Security Update – Captain Jim Morgan
No presentation made

b. Multicultural Communities for Mobility – Laura Torres and Betty Avila

7. **Action Items**

a. Approval of Monthly Expense Report
There being no quorum, action was not taken.

8. **Informational Items**

Climate Change March – March 1 at the Wilmington Waterfront Park
United Wilmington Youth Foundation is collaborating with Rock the Vote, Sharefest Work Day

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9. **Standing Committee Reports**

Executive Board
Bylaws
Finance
Land Use/Planning/ Gateway Beautification
Public Works
Publicity
Transportation

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 7:54 pm

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 26, 2014

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

Approved by Cecilia Moreno, Chair