

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – February 25, 2009

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:10 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

Cecilia indicated there were translators present. If anyone present needed their services, they would need to move closer.

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.”

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack Babbitt

Ms. Moreno asked for a moment of silence in honor of George de la Torre, Juanita Foods.

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (16) confirming a quorum. (Present: Jack Babbitt, Tom Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Socorro Fimbres, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Ana L. Medina, Helen Mora, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Hank Osterhoudt, Marcus Perez, Susan Prichard and Patricia Sullivan)
Excused: Marisela Caraballo
2. Approval of November meeting minutes. (M/S – Dahlgren/Medina)— **Passed: 15-0-1**
3. Los Angeles Police Department – Senior Lead Officer Lopez
Harbor Division News:
Capt. Hayes, Commanding Officer
Officer Ron Johnson, recently became a Sergeant recently. Currently in training downtown.
New Station’s opening is planned for Saturday, April 25, 2009
Motor Vehicle Theft and Burglary still a problem
LAPD is trying a new tactic – leaving their cards in cars with doors and/or windows open
asking people to be more careful
Pick-Your-Parts – both sides of PCH – 2 or 3 cars Saturday and Sunday.
Questions from Board
RVs parking/living on residential streets
Cite, but just move around corner as allowed by ordinance
Training officers – 40 – as reported in Daily Breeze
Are they here yet?
Can they do Graffiti patrol?
Email Lopez and Capt. Hayes
Large trucks in Residential areas
South Traffic trying to keep a handle on this situation
If someone continually committing offence, please provide appropriate information
license, time, etc.

Los Angeles Port Police – Officer Morris

Truck Task force operational two times a month
Hazardous Materials Unit – Ken Hawkes
Handle illegal dumping as well as Hazardous cargos
Unit – EPA trained
Truck Pollution – call AQMD – 800-CUT-SMOG
Provide – License, Description, Direction of Truck, Day/Time

4. Public Comment

Chris Salabay, CD15 Candidate
Introduce himself to WNC and listen to Wilmington issues
Issues Forum on 2/19 at Rolling Hills Preparatory School
He was only Council candidate to attend
Opposes Proposition “B”
Ken Melendez, Chair, Wilmington Waterfront Development Committee
Tomorrow, 4:00 p.m., POLA High School - EIR Subcommittee
Four (4) Points
Impartial Chair
Wilmington ???
All meetings held in Wilmington
???
Wilmington Projects
CRA Landscaping
Banning Residence
YMCA Swimming Pool
John Delgado/Mark Arriola, San Pedro Youth Sports Association
Working with City Recreation & Parks
Introduce organization
Handed out booklet
Probably will be changing name to be more inclusive
Mary Gant, Sharefest
Big event on May 2
Two large projects
Avalon Continuation School
Hawaiian Avenue Elementary School
Last weekend participated in “Soap & Coins”
Provided both to customers at four (4) local Laundromats
Rick Stoff, Chrysalis Enterprises
Company creates transitional jobs
Outreaching to Neighborhood Councils
Example - Clean major thoroughfares
Don Compton, Resident
BNSF comments – as on agenda – comments deferred
Chris Ferragamo, Coach, Banning High School
Thanked WNC for support of Banning High
Provided picture for WNC office

George de la Torre
Supported Banning High for 40 years
Things a street should be named in his honor
Jeffrey Childers, DWP – Government & Neighborhood Relations Liaison
Introduced himself to Board

5. Government Representative Reports:

Celina Luna, Councilwoman Hahn

Human Relations Commission

Community Forum held in Wilmington on Thursday, February 12, at
Banning Senior Center.

Opportunity Festival

30 local community groups, law enforcement and State agencies provided
information to about 300 Wilmington residents

Recreation & Parks – budget implications

Cluster facilities support teams

Wilmington Waterfront Buffer project

Only through streets between Bridges and “C” Street will be:
King and Hawaiian Avenue

Wilmington Industrial Park repaving

Port has reaffirmed commitment to repave the streets within boundaries

Wilmington Middle School Safe Passage

CD15 coordinating with School/LAPD to train 65 parents for this program

Harbor Area Remote Launch

Participate in LA City Council meetings from San Pedro City Hall

Beginning date set for Wednesday, March 25

Training available

Illegal Posters (on City property)

Sweep set for this week

First poster \$250, afterwards – each one \$15

Parking Enforcement

Officers to be assign “area”

Questions

Hernandez – POLA Transportation Line

Justin Houterman, City Attorney – Neighborhood Prosecutor (returning)

justin.houterman@lacity.org

Quality of Life issues – graffiti, dumping

Questions

Hernandez – vendor pushcarts – are these legal

No - \$1000 or 6 months

Sullivan – do photographs help? Yes

Two kinds – gang and taggers

6. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Report – Dan Davis

SR47 – January 27 – HRA held – response by end of March
Corridor – counts down by 12%

Questions

Ethington – is SR47 funded? – yes partially
Heim Bridge – CalTrans
Federal/State/SAG – selected to go forward
Jasso – which of the SR47 plans chosen?
No decision yet

7. DONE Report – Rosa Arcadia – not present

8. COPSS Report – Pat Rome

April 2 – Crown Plaza

COPE – Community Out Promoting Preemptory Energy Preparedness

9. Presentations

a. ConocoPhillips Wet Gas Scrubber – Tony Cordero

Went on line last September, 2008

First of its kind in California

Complies with AQMD standards to reduce particulate matter

FCC – boils crude to a higher grade

Benefits: reduce particulates, reduce ammonia, reduce sulfur dioxide, minimizes
water usage, recycles slurry

Innovative Features

West ESP field ensures reliability, air coolers mitigating steam plume,
recycling wet fine particles to cement kilns

Web Site – www.cleanair4la.com

Questions:

Dahlgren – Allow for a variety of oil? – No

Medina – Noise? – No – hissing – high up

Fimbres – Steam Plume? – mitigating with water coolers

Required to beautify neighborhood?

Moreno – reviewed WNC motion, minutes/letter of support
– no mention

b. BNSF – McFarland (Watson Yard)

Lou Bagaletti (Butterfield Communications)

Watson Yard – Eric &

Trini Jiminez, BNSP – Government Relations

James Johansen, Port Relations

Current traffic moved off to Intermodal-Alameda

McFarland Line

Two (2) Times a day for Pasha terminal traffic

Vanco – 6 loads/week

If all train traffic went through Northern end – congestion in yard

Situation analyzed – if double overed – situation would not lessen

Landscaped McFarland – 1-1/2 years ago

Public Comments

Don Compton

Need to protect families in new Los Flores Tract
Supervisor Knabe/Juan Espinoza (rep) with Public Health
Checking into situation

Antonio Rios (with translation)

BNSF – storm drain plugged – flooded “L” St. during recent rain

Response: Trini Jiminez

BNSF - emergency, please call 800-832-5452

Do take health and safety issues seriously

Cannot abandon McFarland Line – use already significantly reduced

Expect mitigation plan to be released within next few weeks

Board Members:

Kern

Should consider operational effect, not bottom line

Ethington

Are there empty cars on line? – No

Chemical should be carried on Alameda not McFarland

Jasso

Engineers blow horn very high at every intersection – why?

Federal requirement – working with national agency to create
“quiet zone.” Currently - only one - Placentia

Lou Battaglia

Refueling of engine done on Terminal Island, not at Watson Yard (732-1112)

Working with Federal government to create a “quiet zone” along McFarland

10. Action Items

- a. PCAC – (Babbitt/Medina) that the WNC support both PCAC’s motions H1 and H2.

H-1

The Port Master Plan/Quality of Life Subcommittee moved that PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that a land use feasibility study be conducted for the 40-dacre Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site to identify uses that are compatible with existing recreational uses, and

Be it further recommended that the evaluation include uses proposed in the 1987 Cal Hamilton, Wilmington Harbor interface Study, the 2006 Cal Poly Wetlands presentation as well as uses proposed by the Wilmington community and Port Mater Plan subcommittee that include: Boat Yard/Boat Building facility, wetlands, visitor serving facilities, park space, golf course, botanical garden, consolidated slip storm water treatment facility, aquaculture (fish hatchery)

Approved (14-0-2)

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H-2

The Port Master Plan/Quality of Life Subcommittee moved that PCAC recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners that an ancillary study or survey be conducted to determine how much capacity is needed for the 3935 recreational boats moored in the Port of LA in order to comply with Tariff 4, Section 22, Seaworthy Vessel and Vessel Maintenance requirements.

Approved (16-0-0)

b. Planning and Land Use Committee

1. Northgate Gonzalez
Item tabled (Babbitt/Prichard) until March meeting

Approved (16-0-0)

2. "M" Street Vacation
(Dahlgren/Hernandez) that WNC approves the vacation of the alleys within the boundaries of LAUSD's new school site "F"

Approved (15-0-1)

Recess

11. Information Items

- a. Bus Bench Ad Hoc Committee
Prichard – Holland does not want bench in front of property
- b. Refreshments
Thanks to Jasso for tonight's refreshments
Sullivan to provide February's refreshments
- c. LA DOT – MOU - Ethington
What did you say
Prichard – wrote – who indicated he felt were necessary
- d. Mayor's Budget Day – February 21
Prichard attended – only four others from Harbor area
5000 responded to survey, only 250 from Harbor area
- e. Two Year Pilot Council File for Neighborhood Councils
Rosa Arcadia spoke about this earlier
- f. No DONE Announcements

12. Report of Officers

- Chair – Moreno
Mail – Flood Plain
Neighborhood council Files
LAPD – St. Patrick's Day Hike, 3/15 in Malibu

Loyola – Environmental Law Services available – 3/17 free
Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Quarterly newsletter

- Co-Chair – Babbitt - None
 - Secretary - Prichard
Attended – Issues Forum – Interesting – Only one Wilmington resident
Mayor’s Budget Day – earlier report
Harbor Regional Park improvement
 - Treasurer – None
13. Reports from Standing Committees
- By Laws
 - Executive Board
 - Finance
 - Gateway & Beautification – Medina
Babbitt to become Chair
 - Land Use & Planning - Babbitt
Next meeting, Monday, March 2, 8:00 a.m.
 1. CRA expansion
 2. Storage facility PCH/Figueroa
 - Public Works – Lara
Needs help with this responsibility - Moreno to help
 - Publicity & Communications - Ogle
Next meeting, Wednesday, March 18 at Noon
 - Transportation
Truck signage should be installed by mid-2009
 - PCAC Representative
14. Unfinished Business
- a. New Business
Agenda Item for Public Works committee – Lara/Moreno
(Hernandez) - POLA Transportation System link with MTA/POLA
Bring Committee Roster to next meeting
 - b. Reports from Caucus Groups
Church – Mora
Considering a meeting with Mental Health Care professionals
Education – Prichard
Need help with “Read Across America” on Tuesday, March 3
 - c. Reports from Members at Large - None
 - d. Announcements from Governing Board
 - e. Adjournment
9:21 p.m. – Next meeting will be March 25, 2009