

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – March 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 Pat Wilson

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (16) confirming a quorum. (Present: Jack Babbitt, Marisela Caraballo, Donna Ethington, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Bobby McNeill, Ana L. Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Hank Osterhoudt, Marcus Perez, Susan Prichard, Patricia Sullivan and Patrick Wilson)
Late Arrival: Socorro Fimbres
Excused: Helen Mora
Absent: Tom Dahlgren

2. Approval of February minutes, with corrections. (M/S – Medina/Sullivan)— **Passed: 13-0-3**

3. Los Angeles Police Department – Senior Lead Officer Lopez
New Station’s opening is planned for Saturday, April 25, 2009
Totally functional sometime in May.
Foreclosed Properties
Received training from City Attorney and Building & Safety
After three reports of entry followed by boarding up, City can tear down property
Motor Vehicle Theft and Burglary still a problem
Only three burglaries last month followed by three arrests
Comments from Board
Kern – would like to see a graffiti task force

Los Angeles Port Police – Officer Morris

Commercial Truck Task force is working with extra patrols on Blinn

30 vehicles cited

Company asked if drivers could use Drum to “Q” Street

DOT and City Attorney

Not authorized, but allowed to relieve pressure on Blinn

Hazardous Materials Unit is operational

LAPD, Port Police, Dept. of Sanitation

Report Dumping and unit will follow through

Graffiti – Gang Alternatives Program - **contact@gangfree.org** or call **(888) 292-9323**.

4. Public Comment

Raymond Yu

Friday, April, JPL, he will represent

Gary Sands, Resident

Concern - DWP Property at corner of Lomita/Eubank Avenue

Needs attention - Building & Storage on property for 1.5 years

Ms. Moreno will ask DWP to speak to issue at April meeting.

Mary Gant

Sharefest

Big event on May 2

Thursday, March 26, last day to submit possible project.

Needs WNC Logo

Project Funding – Low at this point

At last meeting concern regarding ATT Building –

Mural Project accepted

Marathon

40 Banning High students participating

May 25, Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser to support effort

Antonio Rios, Resident (with translation)

Railroad – McFarland from Anaheim to PCH

Health & Safety Issues

Possible cancerous emissions

Toxic Chemicals can explode

Change route so enter their yard from Lomita Blvd.

Don Compton, Resident

Studying possibility of creating another neighborhood council in Wilmington

5. Government Representative Reports:

Celina Luna, Councilwoman Hahn

Earth Hour – Saturday, March 28, at 8:30 p.m. – LA City will participate

Recreation & Parks – will be meeting with staff shortly

Asking for feedback from proposed list – will resend

Council Meetings – Remote Cite

Harbor area can now participate in City Council meetings by visiting

San Pedro City Hall, 7th Floor

Illegal Posters

February's sweep removed 100 posters and owners cited

Harbor Pipeline Project

Recycled water for 4-6 of largest users in the area

Will ask to make presentation at April meeting

“Pioneer Woman” Award

Daisy Ybarra, GAP's Community Outreach Coordinator, to be honored

Presentation in Council on Friday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m.

Up-Coming Community Events

- March 28 – Wilmington Chamber’s Spring Gala
- March 31 – SWIRP Zero Waste Community Meeting
- April 7 – Wilmington Community Task Force
- April 18 – Wilmington YMCA’s Healthy Kids Day
- April 25 – LAPD’s Harbor Division – Ribbon Cutting/Opening Day

6. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Report – No Report

7. DONE Report – Rosa Arcadia

Grant Applications – 501.3.c. Organizations

Will enable WNC to provide checks up front

Education & Neighborhood Committee

Recommending most a NC could keep in fund would be \$150,000

Any unencumbered funds would roll into City’s General Fund

Budget Survey Results – Handed out flyer – self explanatory

Neighborhood Council – 2010 Elections

Public Hearing will be held at HC/HG Library on Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

WNC Funding Stories

BONC would like to publish our successes

Send information and pictures

8. COPSS Report – Pat Rome

April 4 – Crown Plaza

COPE – Community Out Promoting Preemptory Energy Preparedness

9. Presentations

a. Trust for Public Land (TPL) - Tori Kjer (Chair)

A non-profit agency working with Parks for People LA on
Green Alley pilot projects

One of which is in Wilmington

Cost \$810,000 – no funding at this time

Between Mahar House at East Wilmington Park

Will connect Park to Wilmington Park Elementary

And eventually Waterfront Project

900 Linear miles of alleys in Los Angeles

Equal to ½ of the size of Griffith Park

Better because

Supplements park space, encourages walking & play, improves water
quality, replenish water table

Referred to Gateway Beautification Committee (Babbitt)

- b. Community Redevelopment Agency – Barron McCoy
 - Attending meeting to garner support for the expansion of the Wilmington Industrial Park (WIP) area throughout the community.
 - Redevelopment plan sets standards and implement plan for project area
 - Investigation process takes two years
 - Studies Physical and Economic Blight
 - Determines Boundaries
 - Creates Development Plan
 - Creates Community Advisory Committee
 - 2-year commitment
 - Project Area would
 - Regulate Land Use
 - Facilitate Development
 - Board Comments/Questions:
 - Wilson – Wilmington trucking companies
 - How would CRA work with Port to facilitate relocation? – Yes
 - Perez – Why now? – Timing
 - CD15 and Mayor want City to help Wilmington community
 - Moreno – Who pays for study? - CRA
 - It is not one study, but a series
 - Community input throughout
 - Ethington – Colors on Maps?
 - Indicate current zoning
 - Jasso – Still active with WIP?
 - Yes, since 1974 – 50% developed at this point
 - Difficult because of small lots, and
 - Brownfield problems - oil wells and contamination
 - Public Comments/Questions
 - Ken Melendez
 - Are WIP goals accomplished?
 - No – would complete before moving out
 - WIP is not happy about possible expansion
 - JoAnne Wysocki
 - Map colors may be wrong; perhaps a bigger map would be clearer
- c. Northgate Gonzalez Market
 - Family Member – Miguel Gonzalez
 - Representative – Rob Katherman
 - Market to move to commercial area facing PCH between Fries and Island
 - Currently will use Goodwill area (it moved to Island side of property)
 - Will expand into CVS when CVS moves into area parallel to Fries Ave.
 - Requesting support of move of ABC license to site
 - ABC is expediting request because of circumstances
 - Market will close at 11:00 p.m.
 - Alcohol only 3% of overall sales
 - Does not sell single cans, small bottles

c Northgate Gonzalez Market – continued

Board Comments/Questions:

Sullivan – will parking be an issue – do not expect

Moreno – CVS? – To move into area where Hollywood Video had been

Jasso – Square footage? – initially smaller until CVS move

Perez – Supports

Public Comments/Questions

JoAnn Wysocki – Concerns

Market will open at 6:30 a.m.

Does not believe percentage of sales is so low

Only 600' from a school

Recitation of County Health Citations

Gonzalez' response was that one month after taking over the market; LAUSD informed company it wanted property.

10. Action Items

- a. PCAC Motion carried over from February Meeting (Ethington/Hernandez)
“WNC supports PCAC request from the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the June 2009 term date for the allocation of China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation funds be extended until December 31, 2009”. **Passed 9-2-5**
- b. Motion to support the relocation of the Gonzalez ABC License from current site on Avalon Boulevard to new site on PCH. (Babbitt/Hernandez) **Passed: 16-0-0**
- c. Motion to support CRA's Wilmington Expansion Study (Hernandez/Medina)
Speaking in support – Hernandez, Fimbres, Ethington, Perez
Expressing concern:
 - Jasso – Covers all of Wilmington
 - Ethington – conflict with City's review of Wilmington/Harbor City community plan
 - Wilson - Complete WIP before expansion, diminishes personal property rights
- d. Motion to recommend non support of Neighborhood Councils MOU with the Department of Transportation (Kern/Wilson) **Passed: 12-2-2**
- e. Business Cards
Will order 50 per board member
Take off names
Make corrections

Recess

11. Information Items
 - a. Bus Bench Ad Hoc Committee – No Report
 - b. Refreshments
Thanks to Sullivan for tonight's refreshments
McNeill to provide April's refreshments
 - c. Mayor's Day of Service – See Mary Gant's report
 - d. No DONE Announcements
12. Report of Officers
 - Chair – Moreno
Mail – Wilmington Recreation Center – Requesting Funds
Thank You – John Mavar – Candidate Forum participation
Newsletter from Chamber of Commerce
Department of Toxic Substances Control – new San Pedro High School
Wilmington Picnic - \$500 request
Gas Company pamphlet
 - Co-Chair – Babbitt
McFarland issue – Jack what did you say?
 - Secretary - Prichard
Handed out sheet regarding input to Mayor's Budget
 - Treasurer – None
13. Reports from Standing Committees
 - Committee Calendar –
 - Cecilia asked council members to note their committees and attend meetings
 - Publicity & Communications - Ogle
 - Handed out sample format for future newsletter.
14. Unfinished Business - None
15. New Business
 - Homeland Security presentation
16. Caucus Group
 - Port Caucus group requested to respond to Compton's concerns
17. Members at Large Report
Hernandez handed out minutes from Wilmington Senior Council
18. Announcements from Governing Board Members – None
19. Adjournment
9:36 p.m. – Next meeting will be April 22, 2009