

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – April 22, 2009

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 Ave., Wilmington.

Cecilia indicated there were no translators present. If anyone present needs translation services, she will help.

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 Cecilia Moreno

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (14) confirming a quorum. (Present: Marisela Caraballo, Tom Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Bobby McNeill, Ana L. Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Marcus Perez, Susan Prichard and Patrick Wilson)
Late Arrival: Marisela Caraballo, Patrick Wilson
Excused: Jack Babbitt, Helen Mora, Patricia Sullivan
Absent: Socorro Timbres, Susan Ogle

2. Approval of February minutes, with corrections. (M/S – Medina/Dahlgren)— **Passed: 12-0-0**

3. Los Angeles Police Department – Senior Lead Officers Lopez and Garcenila
New Station’s opening is planned for Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Totally functional on May 1, 2009
Will provide new telephone numbers at May meeting
Great News - NO burglary reports in last reporting period
Cock Fighting Arrest – Lomita/Neptune – not first time

Question from Board - Medical Marijuana facility – 529 Avalon
Will investigate and report at May meeting

Los Angeles Port Police – Officer Reynolds

Commercial Truck Task force is still operational
TWIC system began on April 15 – few problems

4. Public Comment

Mary Gant

Sharefest – May 2

7 volunteer sites and 6 social projects

Britain Nelms/Steve Gonzalez - britainnelms@yahoo.com

Banning High group - Community Connections

12 students in group – assist in community

Hoping to go to San Francisco after graduation –

Need \$800/student or \$7,200 for everyone

Don Compton, Resident

Reroute of BNSF Line - Working with Ron Groth for a new route

Antonio Rios, Resident (with translation)

Railroad – McFarland from Anaheim to PCH

Need to reroute out of residential area

5. Government Representative Reports:

Celina Luna, Councilwoman Hahn

Council Meetings – Remote Site – San Pedro City Hall, 7th Floor

This is a trial it is possible it will discontinue if residents do not use.

Illegal Vendor Task Force

Will be in Harbor area in the next month and will cycle through every four to six weeks for three hours – half of their time in San Pedro the other half in Wilmington

BNSF – McFarland Line

Will be meeting with concerned residents in the next month

Up-Coming Community Events

April 25 – LAPD’s Harbor Division – Ribbon Cutting/Opening Day

April 29 – Machado Lake – Prop “O” Meeting

May 2 – ShareFest/Mayor’s Day of Service

May 5 – Wilmington Task Force

Questions –

529 Avalon – Medical Marijuana facility – will work with LAPD

Budget – everyone working on this item

Early retirement benefit an option

Wilmington Municipal Building Elevator – part to fix has arrived

6. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Report – No Report

7. DONE Report – Rosa Arcadia

Conflict of Interest Training – April 25

Every WNC member needs to be trained or retrained every two years

City Budget is due June 1, 2009

NC’s budget will probably take a 10% cut to \$45,000

Any unencumbered funds would roll into City’s General Fund

NC Elections

WNC’s ByLaws Cmte. will meet on May 11 to discuss necessary changes

Grant Applications – 501.3.c. Organizations

Will enable WNC to provide checks up front

WNC Funding Stories

BONC would like to publish our successes

Send information and pictures

Regional Congress of Neighborhood Events

May 30 – Panorama High School – Emergency Preparedness

8. COPSS Report – Pat Rome

First or many Community Continuity meeting held on April 4
Dr. Lucy Jones, CalTech Seismic Professor, gave presentation
Frightening but realistic
Future Meeting Topics
July meeting – Getting down to Business
October – Connecting the Dots
January – Putting it All Together

9. Presentations

a. Terminal Island Renewable Energy Project

Presenter – Diane Gilbert Jones
BioSolids Regulatory Liaison
Department of Public Works
310-648-5248
Diane.gilbert@lacity.org

Well have accepted material and no environmental damage
Therefore, not trucking waste off-site anymore
And, not being dumped into harbor
This is a Pilot Project – it will continue until 2012
USGS is monitoring
If works, digester will be removed
and becomes approved, everyone hoping it can be replicated
Questions – Dahlgren – material is not building up, it is filling voids
Ethington – Tour a possibility, but no transportation to site provided.

b. Neighborhood Prosecutor Program

Irene Marzin del Camp, Community Resource Specialist for South Bureau
Phone – 323-789-2701 FAX -323-789-2701
Irene.delcamp@lacity.org

There is a collaborative of city/county agencies (LAPD, Public Works, Housing,
Building & Safety) and council offices (8, 9, 15) that meets once a month to
discuss various situations in the area.

Dumping – costing City \$12 million/year
Sometimes hazardous
Bad for environment
Need community help – call 311

c. DWP – Department of Water & Power – www.ladwp.com

Water Recycling Group
Jennifer Barrick, Civil Engineer Assoc.
Jesus Gonzalez, Civil Engineer Assoc.
Water supply from various sources is diminishing
Recycling of water will diminish water into Dominguez Channel
9000 acre fee of water - the size of Wilmington

10. Action Items

- a. Following a presentation by Nichole Grant, Banning High School Teacher (310-847-3700), a motion by **Dahlgren/Medina** to provide up to \$600 to support Banning High School's Students Run LA to secure bus to participate in the Marathon Quality of Life Expo as cited in their funding request. **Passed – 14-0-0**
- b. Following presentation by Board member Donna Ethington, a motion by **Dahlgren/Kern** to support the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee and the EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee's recommendation that the PCAC request the Board of Harbor Commissioners to reallocate \$500,000 of the approved \$3.1M in construction funds to operating revenue to cover startup and approximately three years of operating costs for the Wilmington Youth Sailing Center.
Passed – 11-0-3

11. Information Items

- a. Ad-Hoc Committee report regarding benches
Gary Kern – nothing to report
- b. Refreshments
Thanks to McNeel for tonight's refreshments
Hernandez to provide May's refreshments
- c. Draft WNC Quick Reference Guide to LA Municipal Codes
Please read
- d. Mayor's Day of Service
Circulated sheet asking who on Board will participate – Given to Gant
- e. DONE Announcements
See Rosa Arcadia's report

Recess

12. Report of Officers

- Chair – Moreno
Mail – CRA - Thank You –
Ms. Moreno attended Council meeting – reiterated in Council Chambers that WNC wanted to be involved in the process.
Wilmington Chamber "Heart Beat" newsletter
MTA – Bus Line pamphlet
AQMD – Warren E&P – WTU Central Facility – New Equipment Project
Comment period open until May 15th
Bureau of Engineering – Floodplain Management Plan Questionnaire
- Co-Chair – None
- Secretary - None
- Treasurer – None

13. Reports from Standing Committees

- By Laws Committee – Caraballo
Received the City Clerk’s “2010 Neighborhood Council (NC) Election Procedures – Stipulation Language Workshop.
Please comment before May 11
- Executive Board – please calendar – place your committee assignments on your personal calendar. If you cannot attend, please contact chair
- Finance Committee – None
- Gateway & Beautification Committee – None
- Land Use & Planning Committee – None
- Public Works Committee – None
- Publicity & Communications Committee – None
- Transportation Committee
BNSF Handout
Please review Municipal guide handout
- PCAC Representative Report - None

14. Unfinished Business

- Web– with all information gathered Prichard will work with Website manager

15. New Business

- Discussion of funding a community bus. In the end it was decided that the insurance and liability would be too costly

16. Caucus Group

- Education contacts collected – will try to have one meeting before end of school year

17. Members at Large Report – No reports

18. Announcements from Governing Board Members

- Perez – Diabetic Expo – this Saturday, April 25, Long Beach Convention Center
- Dahlgren – asking WNC Board members to write letters of support to AQMD
- Wilson – Chamber of Commerce “Cinco de Mayo” Street Fair
Saturday/Sunday – May 2/3 – Please Support
- Hernandez – Wilmington Task Force Meeting
1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
- Moreno – American Cancer Society – May 15/16 -Team Cancer Walk – SP High

19. Adjournment

8:56 p.m. – Next meeting will be May 27, 2009