

# WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes – June 24, 2009 (As Corrected)

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:03 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

Cecilia indicated there was a translator 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 (15) confirming a quorum. (Present: Marisela Caraballo, Tom Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Socorro Fimbres, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Bobby R. McNeel, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Susan Ogle, Hank Osterhoudt, Marcus Perez, Susan M. Prichard, Patricia Sullivan, and Patrick Wilson)  
Late Arrival: Susan M. Prichard  
Excused: Jack Babbitt

2. Approval of April minutes. (M/S – Dahlgren/Hernandez) **Passed: 16-0-0**  
**Up to this point minutes taken by Susan Ogle.**

3. Los Angeles Police Department – Senior Lead Officers Lopez  
Reminded everyone of Harbor Station’s new telephone numbers (see back table)  
Burglary – 2 last week, 3 the week before  
Graffiti – this is our community’s biggest problem currently  
Arrested someone in the act today.  
Penalty – misdemeanor; however if over \$400 in damage a felony  
Murals – property owner must attain City permit before allowing murals on buildings  
Reason – many murals contain hidden messages  
Homeless  
Captain bringing back dedicated cars for this issue – one of which will be in Wilmington

### Los Angeles Port Police – Officer Morris

Graffiti – if on port property – it will be removed once notified of situation

Commercial Truck – still awaiting approval (since 10/07)

Commercial Truck Task Force – were in town today

Stopped 200 trucks

Lara – wanted Officer Morris to know of trucks using Drum after 10:00 p.m.

Wilmington Industrial Park Owners (WIP)

Many are not aware of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council

Invited to tonight’s meeting

Wilmington Picnic

Port participated with Bike, Boat, Motor unit and their “TransPORTer” Vehicle.

Fiesta del Corazon – July 18/19 – Banning’s Landing

Please let everyone know of new location – Banning’s Landing – end of Avalon Blvd.

Flyers available on table

4. Public Comment

Pat Rome, League of Women Voters, PVP/San Pedro

Fundraiser – Friday, July 24 at the Botanical Gardens - \$35

Shakespeare by the Sea to present – Romeo and Juliet

Gary Sands, Resident

Read petition requesting railroads change their “safety horn rule” at night because trains are travelling at less than 15 mph. and other safety mechanisms are operational.

Ernesto Nevarez ([portofaztlan@yahoo.com](mailto:portofaztlan@yahoo.com))

Requesting WNC’s support truckers efforts with POLA similar to Long Beach

Port of Long Beach provided 5 Wilmington trucking companies grants to purchase new vehicles – where are they?

Should not been given to leasees

Bruce Hornton ([sbhorton@cox.net](mailto:sbhorton@cox.net))

Requesting WNC’s support of Knoll Hill’s resolution as suggested by

Councilwoman Hahn – swap Knoll Hill land for DWP property in Wilmington

Knoll Hill would be under the City’s Recreation & Parks Department

DWP property makes \$2 million/year for DWP.

All three San Pedro Neighborhood Council’s voted to oppose land swap.

5. Government Representative Reports: Was Taken out of order/reported after Presentations

Celina Luna, Councilwoman Hahn, [Celina.luna@lacity.org](mailto:Celina.luna@lacity.org)

a) Everyone invited to Councilwoman Community Swearing-in-Ceremony

Saturday, June 27, 10:30 a.m. at Banning Manor

b) Traffic Light – PCH/Sanford

Expecting response from CalTrans this week

Installation – probably March, 2010

Assemblyman Furutani asking CalTrans for October

c) Verizon Wireless Mono-Palm

Verizon has decided to co-locate their needs on the existing pole

d) Illegal Posters

Street Services still removing posters, but not billing (lack of personnel)

e) PCH Truck Sales

Still awaiting Zoning Administrator’s decision

f) Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

City extending its ICO (Interim Control Ord.) for 6 months, while they adopt a City-wide ordinance to place limitations on medical marijuana facilities. In the meantime, City has stopped submission of any new hardship cases.

All grandfathered sites would have to comply with new regulations when approved

Wilmington sites – 500 block of Avalon

1100 block of W. Anaheim

Problem sites should be referred to State of California as a public nuisance

Comments/Questions:

Kern – Verizon – will be adding height to current 60’ – No

Illegal Street Signs – If not going to bill – privatize

Hernandez – Marijuana

How many open/opening? – not accurate number at this point

Wilson – Illegal Street Signs – How much actually collected?

Example – a company accumulated a lot of fines. Then they needed a City permit. Were forced to pay fines before permit was issued.

Marijuana – how many requests for hardship – 695 - no more – to late to apply

6. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Report ([www.acta.org](http://www.acta.org))

Official representative not present

Lou Battaglia, Butterfield Enterprises spoke on this issue

EIR/EIS awaiting CalTrans & Federal Highway Administration approval

Funding may be jeopardy

Currently looking for construction company

Track use has slowed down – 45/day

Good – paying bonds

Question –

Ethington – ties along Alameda – PCH/Anaheim

There are 20 spurs off-line

7. DONE Report – Rosa Arcadia

a) Thank you to Wilson for WNC's budget being completed and submitted on time

b) Photos – looking for pictorial evidence of WNC's good work

c) 2010 Congress Planning Committee –reps from Harbor area are:

Phil Trigas/Central San Pedro & Neodros Bridgeforth/Harbor Gateway North

d) Need Inventory Report

e) WNC Membership needs to update their information on BONC website

f) Volunteer Appreciation Day – Saturday, June 27

g) DONE Budget

Losing 4 positions, plus the 6 that had been vacant

Now only 40 positions to serve all neighborhood councils

Interns helping with projects but not representative work

8. COPSS Report – Pat Rome

Create – Shelter in Place strategy for your loved ones

Make sure everyone knows your out-of-State contact telephone number

Make sure everyone knows your emergency plan

9. Presentations

Gang Alternatives Program (GAP) [www.gangfree.org](http://www.gangfree.org)

Daisy Ibarra, Education, [DaisyYbarra@gangfree.org](mailto:DaisyYbarra@gangfree.org)

Everyone invited to GAP's Board Annual Meeting tomorrow

Banning Senior Center, at 8:00 a.m.

SWAT-MLV (Students With Accessible Technology – Mobile Learning Vehicle)

25 computers located in mobile van

It is self-contained, but need funds to keep it operational

Classroom instruction to 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders

25 Minute - Education Outreach Program (EOP) Graffiti Assembly.

Free to all LAUSD School in the City of Los Angeles.

Students are told the Consequences of writing graffiti, like denied license, restitution, community service, jail time, etc.  
Refresher course provides to 6th graders at Wilmington Middle School

Juan Torres, Graffiti, [JuanTorres@gangfree.org](mailto:JuanTorres@gangfree.org)

Operational 7 days a week with 6 people from 7:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.  
Operational in Harbor City/San Pedro/Wilmington/Harbor Gateway/Boyle Heights/Watts and the Flood Control  
Check main thoroughfares first  
Then resident requests  
Then proactive work  
Not often in Far-East Wilmington

Publicly Accessible Property only  
Walls, signs, sidewalks, etc.  
2<sup>nd</sup> story type work – Mon/Tues – every 2/3 weeks

Types  
90% tagging – not gang oriented

Comments/Questions

Medina/Ogle/Perez – commend graffiti crews on their effectiveness  
Perez – What would alleviate graffiti?  
Community involvement, parents being more responsible, businesses being more proactive and another crew  
Dahlgren – How many more? – one more crew needed

#### 10. Action Items

a) PCAC Item

*“Therefore, be it resolved that the PCAC Traffic Subcommittee recommends that PCAC request the Harbor commission to urge Port staff to include the rail yard engineering plans an internal road that bypasses all Henry Ford Avenue rail lines and a sound wall between the rail yard and marinas as proposed numerous times by the Wilmington Boat Owners Association.”*

Motion to support - (M/S – Dahlgren/Hernandez)— **Passed: 13-0-3**

b) Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

Socorro Fimbres, Susan Ogle and Susan Prichard volunteered to rotate responsibility  
Prichard will attend July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at Kaiser Permanente

c) Formation of Ad-Hoc Committee to identify fixed budget items.

Volunteers - Socorro Fimbres, Gary Kern, Cecelia Moreno, Marcus Perez, Susan Prichard  
Fimbres – concern re: committee’s duties considering last month’s budget considerations

#### 11. Information Items

a) Ad-Hoc Committee report regarding benches - Kern

This will be resolved by July’s meeting

b) Refreshments – Thanks to Fimbres for tonight’s meal

Reminder to A. Medina for July meeting

c) DONE Announcements – Ms. Arcadia already presented

RECESS

12. Report of Officers

- Chair – Moreno
  - Wilmington Picnic Booth
  - Manned by my family and I
  - PCH/Sandison Light
  - Wrote letter to State/CalTrans/City/LAUSD
  - Assemblyman Futurtani called to say by March 2010, trying to expedite
- Co-Chair – None
- Secretary - None
- Treasurer – Wilson
  - DONE processing checks as we speak

13. Reports from Standing Committees

ByLaws – Caraballo

Attended Election Committee meeting

Wilmington will hold its election June 8, 2010 (Tuesday) with San Pedro Central

Executive Board – Moreno

Business cards probably available next month

Publicity – Ogle

Please complete provided form so information can be added to website

Will be taking individual pictures to add to site too

Transportation – Ethington

Truck Limitation Signs

Justin Houterman, City Attorney, assisting

Signs will read “No Truck Parking 2-6 a.m.

Pertains to anything over 22’

PCAC – Ethington

Elections

June Smith elected Chair

Carre Scoville – Parliamentarian

Passed Aesthetic Mitigation Projects

West for Staff Review before submittal to Harbor Commission

14. Unfinished Business

None

15. New Business

Fiesta del Corazon – July 18/19

Knoll Hill issue – Kern

Wait until San Pedro makes a decision

16. Caucus Group

Education – Prichard

No general summer school

Hawaiian Avenue – special education – only for July

Banning High – only for student’s with graduation difficulty

Insight – [www.insightschools.net](http://www.insightschools.net)  
California State approved on-line high school  
Each student provided with computer, headset, scanner  
Must report in to school

Seniors – Kern  
Budget cut 15%, with more seniors needing help  
Expected to provide same service with less money

17, Members at Large Report  
None

18. Announcements from Governing Board Members  
Fimbres – Labor Day Parade will be held on September 7  
Moreno – Tesoro Refinery  
Family Community Day – July 25 – Need reservations

19. Adjournment  
8:48 p.m. – Next meeting will be July 22, 2009

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary with the assistance of Susan Ogle  
Approved, Cecilia Moreno, Chair