

# WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes – July 22, 2009

With corrections

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:05 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 Patrick Wilson

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

2. Approval of April minutes. (M/S – Wilson/Dahlgren) **Passed: 13-1-0**

3. Los Angeles Police Department – Senior Lead Officers Garcenila  
Low crime in the last week – only three against property  
One averted because someone at home  
ShareFest grant – LAPD/Harbor Division awarded five (5) surveillance cameras  
Paperwork now being completed for their installation.  
Weed & Seed – Attended grant workshop in Florida  
Prevention/Intervention grant application due on December 8.  
Movie in the Park – either August 28 or 29.  
Trying to have in Banning Park – contact arrangements are difficult  
Vendor Task Force - County Sanitation, County Health and LAPD  
Twice in the last two (2) weeks  
Cited eleven (11) individuals  
Impounded twenty-two (22) carts  
From now on only once very two (2) months  
Transient Encampments  
LAPD – Officer Bucanfusco  
Creates paperwork on site  
County Sanitation and County Social Work units visit site and offer services  
If inhabitants, after warning, chose not to use services, the site is demolished.

### Los Angeles Port Police – Officer Cheryl Morris

Worked with LAPD on Vendor Task Force

Most street vendors do not own cars – they are renters, they just own merchandise

If on Port property need City business permit, Port business permit and a County health permit.

Worked with LAPD on Transient Encampment

Motor Units/Commercial Truck Enforcement

Two (2) more officers have taken California DMV training  
Recently enforcing Broad/Anaheim Intersection – 30 situations

4. Public Comment

George Bioletto, Machinists Union #1484

Offices at Avalon/"M" Street are constantly being damaged by graffiti  
Installed light sensors – damaged  
Installed fencing – town down  
Electric fencing – taken off track – cost \$2500  
Plate glass window destroyed - \$300  
Front Doors – broken down/completely destroyed

Brisa Sotello, Tesoro

Open House this Saturday  
Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

5. Government Representative Reports: Was Taken out of order/reported after Presentations  
Congresswoman Harman's Office

Rebekah Kim ([rebekah.kim@mail.house.gov](mailto:rebekah.kim@mail.house.gov)) – 549-8282

Issues - Education and Transportation

Asked to request FEMA to attend City's Floodplain management meetings

Jessica Duboff (Jessica [duboff@mail.house.gov](mailto:duboff@mail.house.gov)) - 310-643-3636

Issues – Health and Veteran Affairs

Councilwoman Hahn,

Celina Luna - [Celina.luna@lacity.org](mailto:Celina.luna@lacity.org) – 310-732-4515

Traffic Signals on PCH near Banning High School

Traffic Light at PCH/Sanford approved

Working to expedite installation of PCH/Broad signal

Banning Residence Museum – Proposition K Funding

Phase I completed in 1990 – renovation of doors/windows

Phase II completed in 2006 – wrought iron perimeter fencing

Phase III Walkways – 1700' within fencing (3.3 miles = 17,424' in park)

Currently in conceptual design phase

Being designed to withstand vehicular traffic

\$650,000 available for construction of 1700 (\$382/foot)

May go higher after soil study

Friends of Banning Residence raised \$2.2 million for Transportation exhibit

Will be displayed in the new Visitor Center.

Plans currently in City's Building & Safety Plan Check

Expect new Visitor Center to be open in January, 2010.

Banning Park – Athletic Fields – Proposition K Funding

Available \$520,000, need \$1,000,000 to complete scope of project

Project design in conceptual stage

Baseball Field - Regrade/resod field, add equip. box & replace bleachers

Repair Lagoon Bridge

Improve 1970's Recreation Center

Add air conditioning to 1930's gymnasium

Port/Street Repaving

Need streets with “nexus” to Port traffic  
“I”/Anaheim intersection suggested  
Report being updated

Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

48 hardship cases rejected  
Hahn motion to tax these dispensaries  
Similar to Oakland, California  
If passed, additional \$30 million to City budget  
City working on ordinance to limit number of facilities

Special Event Funding

Council has not approved policy on this matter as of yet.  
Councilwoman Hahn continues to vote “no” on new proposed system

Marathon

Event will return to March calendar  
New route will not impact houses of worship  
Will go through Beverly Hills and Santa Monica

California Budget

Takes approximately another \$250 million from City’s budget  
This will mean cuts to basic City services  
By motion, Hahn has asked for a report on State’s impact on City’s budget  
County of LA Supervisors have already voted to sue the State  
LAPD Union concerned about State’s idea to release 27,000 inmates early

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 25  
Tesoro Family Community Day – RSVP required  
Tuesday, August 4, 6:00 p.m.  
Police National Night Out, Harbor Christian Center  
Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 p.m.  
Wilmington Task Force Meeting, Banning Senior Center

6. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Report ([www.acta.org](http://www.acta.org))  
No report

7. DONE Report – Rosa Ibanez

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training  
DVD (20 minutes) available in WNC office.  
Board members need to view video before September meeting.

Congress and Community Budget Day

Mark your Calendars – Saturday, October 10, City Hall  
Next Planning Meeting – Thursday, July 30 @ 6:30 p.m. at  
LACERS Board Room, 360 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Los Angeles  
Harbor Area representatives: Phil Trigas, Central San Pedro  
Neodros Bridgeforth, Harbor Gateway North

Inventory Update – Submit before July 31, 2009

Not submitted – DONE will hold up City funding

WNC Elections will be held on June 8, 2010

Important Dates

Regional Training –

Saturday, August 15, 8:00 – 12:30 p.m., 135<sup>th</sup> Street School, Gardena

8. COPE Preparedness Report – Pat Rome

Working with LAPD/Neighborhood Watch

Provide CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

9. Presentations

Helen Mora – Ms. Mora was unable to attend.

Her representative Delia Batalla, parishioner of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, accepted good wishes, certificates and a plaque from:

Wilmington Neighborhood Council

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Councilwoman Janice Hahn

Ms. Batalla indicated that Ms. Mora was humbled by the recognition and is doing everything she can to get well.

10. Action Items

a) Wilmington/Harbor City Community Plan

*Send a letter to Councilwoman Hahn, City of Los Angeles' Planning Department and other agencies expressing WNC's concern regarding the potential three-four year delay in reviewing the Wilmington/Harbor City Community Plan*

(Babbitt/Medina – M/S)— **Passed: 14-1-0**

b) Funding Requests

i. Hawaiian Avenue Boys & Girls Club request for \$5,000

Mr. Tripp, Director of Operations, HB&GC, spoke on behalf of request

Because of no summer school open from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. week days

Average attendance – 120/day

Moreno informed Board that the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce has provided the other \$3,000.

(WNC Executive Board/Dahlgren – M/S) *Approve \$2,000 be allocated to Hawaiian Avenue Boys & Girls Club for their summer programming.*

**Passed 15-0-0**

ii. ShareFest Summer Youth Development Academy request for \$25,000

Presentation made by Chad Mayer

(WNC Executive Board/Hernandez – M/S) *Approve \$2,000 be allocated to the ShareFest Summer Youth Development Academy*

Friendly Amendment (Babbit/Osterhoudt) to increase funding to \$5,000

Therefore, *Approve \$5,000 be allocated to the ShareFest Summer Youth Development.* **Passed 16-0-0**

- iii. Wilmington's Police National Night Out request for \$500  
Cirilo Razo, Harbor Christian Center rep. spoke on behalf of request  
Recognizes LAPD, LAPort Police and LAFD – Station #38  
Harbor Christian Church, Tuesday, August 4  
(WNC Executive Board/Hernandez – M/S) *Approve \$500 be allocated to the Wilmington Police National Night Out event. **Passed – 16-0-0.***

c) Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

- i. Following much discussion,  
*WNC will write letter to Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (HANC) expressing its concern regarding HANC's formalization of governance, structure and by-laws. WNC has opted not to participate in the HANC and will request HANC refrain from using the WNC in their outreach. (Babbitt/Hernandez – M/S) **Passed – 16-0-0***

- ii. Prioritization of Issues

(WNC Executive Board/Hernandez – M/S) WNC recommends to HANC the following priority list:

1. Gang/Crime Reduction
2. Wilmington/Harbor City Community Plan, including concern with the privatization of public land and facilities as well as remaining proactive on development in the community.
3. Active interaction with the Port of Los Angeles, especially as it relates to regular communication, access to staff and involvement in the PCAC. Under this category we also include air quality, traffic and any other related issues.
4. Homelessness and the impact it has on the community.

**Passed – 16-0-0**

11. Information Items

Refreshments –

Thank you to Ana Medina for arranging dinner for tonight

Reminder Osherhoudt/Ethington – refreshments for August meeting

RECESS

12. Report of Officers

Chair - Moreno

Banning Residence Museum – Concert celebrating Phineas Banning's Birthday  
Thursday, August 20

Cost - \$25.00/General Admission – Bring your Picnic/free birthday cake

\$75.00/VIP Admission – Picnic, Beverage, Cake provided

Treasurer – Wilson

Per the suggestion of Rosa Arcadia hired Kristin Smith to help with compliance

Expect completion by August meeting.

13. Reports by Standing Committees

Gateway & Beautification Committee - Babbitt

\$6,300 available

Plan tree planting around PCH/Tesoro facility

Recolor Wilmington signage in “red” so they will stand out.

BNSF

Publicity & Communications Committee – Ogle and Prichard

Ogle – please submit your bios as soon as possible

Thank you to Donna for pictures boards used at Fiesta del Corazon del Puerto

Now have picture of every Board member

Prichard

Website – Met with Ms. Smith – feels we need a new front page

Please submit ideas

HealthyCity – [www.healthycity.org](http://www.healthycity.org)

Provides information regarding Wilmington – we can use on website

Asking organization to provide training at Hawaiian Boys/Girls Club

ABC – Disaster Preparedness Plastic Bags

Used for first time at Fiesta del Corazon del Puerto

Transportation Committee – Ethington

Next meeting – Monday, July 27 at Noon

PCAC – Ethington

PCAC approved motion for internal road for Marina access to Avalon Blvd.

Harbor Commission approved \$5,000,000 in mitigation funds for 6 Wilmington projects as presented

14. Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

WNC sponsored benches – Kern

Will be completed by August meeting

LA Floodplain Management Plan – Rome

*Report given with her COPE report – Item #8*

Effort mandated by FEMA, but not attending meetings

Last flood affecting Wilmington in 1938

Last flood study in LA area done in 1991

According to maps – 220 parcel affected in Wilmington

Crucial comment – “We need to study floods and connect it to sustainability, water use, droughts and all the other water issues makes no sense”

Knoll Hill – Kern

Three (3) San Pedro Neighborhood Councils cannot decide

Hahn is suggesting a land swap between City and DWP (tank farm at “C” St.)

Special Funding Projects

Committee to meet on Monday, July 27, at 5:45 p.m. at WNC office

15. Unfinished Business

Moreno to write ABC thanking for Emergency Preparedness plastic bags

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16. New Business
  - Photographs – Ethington
    - Created photo boards for Fiesta del Corazon del Puerto
    - Did not realize WNC had done so much – need to publicize
  - Theme – Dahlgren
    - Wilmington should create a theme
    - This would create atmosphere throughout community
    - Similar to Santa Maria, Santa Barbara
  - Table Cloths – Perez
    - Would formalize WNC setting
  - T-Shirts – Ethington
    - Would publicize our existence
17. Caucus Group
  - None
18. Members at Large Report
  - None
19. Announcements from Governing Board Members
  - Fimbres – Labor Day Parade will be held on September 7
20. Adjournment
  - 9:16 p.m. – Next meeting will be August 26, 2009

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Cecilia Moreno, Chair