

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – August 26, 2009

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:07 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. Also, we would not have any electronic display of information because one of the necessary power cords was missing.

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: Jack Babbitt, Tom Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Bobbie McNeel, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan M. Prichard, and Patrick Wilson)
Absent: Hank Osterhoudt
Excused: Marisela Caraballo, Socorro Fimbres, Susan Ogle, Marcus Perez, Patricia Sullivan
2. Approval of April minutes. (M/S – Dahlgren/Medina) **Passed: 13-1-0**
with correction to Page 6, Item 13, PCAC instead of Harbor Commission
3. Los Angeles Police Department – Senior Lead Officer Lopez
Crime has been steady –
Increase in burglaries – especially on the North and West sides of town
Shooting – August 18 in the Cruces area – investigating
Illegal vending still a problem
Graffiti task force will be coming to the area in the next few months
Harbor Division will once again have Graffiti car as of October 1
Movie in the Park – “Beverly Hills Chihuahua” September 18 at Banning Park,
Questions – Dahlgren - Campers on Banning/Eubank – one recently impounded
Prichard – Why Anaheim shut down on August 16?

Los Angeles Port Police – Officer Cheryl Morris

Commercial Vehicle Task Force – Joint and only Harbor Department – 2x/month
Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority
Will make presentation later this evening
People living in cars
Work with Parking Enforcement/DOT
Make contact (inform LAPD, City Attorney, create form),
DOT marks tires, give 3 days, then 24 hours later impound

4. Public Comment

Ted Smith, Potential Industries,
922 East “E” Street
tedsmith@potentialindustries.com

Recycling business
At location since 1975
Work with the City of Los Angeles and other municipalities

Dorothy Salas Sanchez
Greenbelt Bathrooms
None currently available
Ms. Moreno asked Ms. Luna, CD15, to look into matter and report at next WNC meeting

Don Compton
BNSF reroute
Stated nothing is being done because he feels WNC is controlled by POLA

Ronnee Katz, Drama Teacher
Wilmington Middle School
fapitzt@cox.net
Need funding for her drama program
Came to find out more about WNC and how it might be able to help through its grant program

Javier Correa
He and 7 of his neighbors are concerned about Warren E&P noise
E&P has provided air conditioning and new windows
Ms. Moreno asked that Ms. Luna, CD15, look into this situation.

5. Government Representative Reports:

Mayor Villariagosa – Ricardo Hong

1. LAUSD to allow all new schools to create new leadership models.
LAUSD to provide criteria by 9/30/09 for new school management
Will be implemented in September 2010
2. True Angel – Cecilia Moreno

Councilwoman Hahn - Celina Luna - Celina.luna@lacity.org – 310-732-4515

Street Repaving – must have nexus with Port of Los Angeles

The following streets have been requested: Blinn Ave, Drumm Ave., Alameda Ave. and
“C” St. (at the conclusion of the Buffer project).

BNSF McFarland Line Quiet Zone

The Bureau of Engineering has drawn up plans for Overall improvement of public safety
at the Anaheim St, Grant St, Denni St, and L St highway-rail grade crossings
operated by BNSF Railway and the Pacific Harbor Line (PHL).

The goal would be to enhance safety through improvements in the roadway right-of-way and new roadway medians, and upgrades to pavement markings, and other railroad and traffic devices.

Still needs to secure funding of approximately \$2 million. A representative from the Bureau of Engineering will attend WNC's next Transportation Cmte. meeting.

“No Oversize Vehicle” Parking in Wilmington

We will be meeting with DOT next week on this effort. Report at September meeting

6. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Report (www.acta.org)

No report

7. DONE Report – Rosa Ibanez

Congress of Neighborhood Meeting – Saturday, October 10, City Hall

Hopes all WNC members will try to attend

New Logo – EmpowerLA –

WNC needs to select two budget representatives for event

New City Attorney, Trutanich, will be attending

2010 Election

June 8 is a County election – do we want to change date, “NO”

Survey – please take the DONE survey – it takes about 5 minutes

Member Update – please visit your DONE profile to see if it needs updating

Ethics Training Class – Dahlgren, Hernandez, Lara, Ogle – have completed

Inventory Report – Thank you to Ms. Moreno for completing task

Business Cards distributed to WNC members

8. COPE Preparedness Report – Pat Rome

No Report – not in attendance

9. Presentations

a) Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Hotline - 213-683-3330 or 213-225-6581

Jenny Arevelo and Graham Foster (gfooster@lahsa.org),

LAHSA was created in 1993

Joint Power Agency for the City/County of Los Angeles

\$17 million/year of federal/state/county/city funds spread over 300 agencies

Emergency Response Team

They are 2 people of 4 mobile units available.

Assess situation – then refer to appropriate city/county/private resources

Visit homeless wherever they are found – provide outreach, obtain trust, engage

Provided a sheet “Community Services – Low or No Fee”

b) Knoll Hill

Provided conceptual drawing of plans so far.

Steering Committee expects to take to Board in mid-September

Kern – many community requests are not part of State Lands Commission

Councilwoman Hahn/Valero suggesting DWP do a land swap.

10. Action Items

- a) (WNC Board/Prichard) moved to the *approve the expenditure of funds to translate and print the WNC Resident's Guide to Municipal Codes.*
This is a 6-page document. Initial translation cost - \$990
Following much discussion it was moved (Kern/Dahlgren) to table the motion until move cost information available. **Passed 12-0-0**
- b) Following Ms. Jacqueline Garcia's and Mr. Ramon Iniquez' presentations on why they wanted to be members of the WNC Board, the WNC Board/Kern *moved to appoint Ms. Garcia to the WNC Non-Profit Recreation vacant seat and Mr. Iniquez to the WNC At-Large Member vacant seat, effective immediately.* **Passed 12-0-0**
The two new members were asked to become part of the WNC and were seated at the table.
- c) WNC/Kern *moved for support of the Knoll Hill Conceptual Plan as presented by the Knoll Hill Steering Committee. Furthermore, the WNC Board is in favor of the proposed land swap between Knoll Hill in San Pedro and the DWP tank location in Wilmington, as this will support the Wilmington Waterfront Project EIR recently approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners.*
Dahlgren concerned about contamination – how will it affect project?
Melendez (public comment) spoke in favor of motion
Passed 13-0-1
- d) WNC/Hernandez *moved to amend the \$3,500 approved and allocated to Sts. Peter & Paul School sponsorship so the funds can be used as a match to a ConocoPhillips grant for \$24,000 to purchase computers for the school.* **Passed 13-0-1**

11. Information Items

- a. Public Works Committee
The new name of this Committee will be Public Works/Constituent Services Committee
As part of WNC outreach effort
Twice a year, the WNC will conduct a public forum
- b. Refreshments –
Thank you to Hank Osterhoudt/Donna Ethington for arranging dinner for tonight
Reminder Babbitt – refreshments for September meeting
- c. DONE announcements – see report
- d. Upcoming Community Events
Wilmington Day at the Dodgers, Saturday, September 5, 2009
Labor Day Parade in Wilmington. Monday, September 7, 2009
Harry Bridges Buffer Public Hearing, Tuesday, September 8, 2009
Fiestas Patrias Street Fair & Business Expo, September 12-13

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12. Report of Officers

None

13. Reports by Standing Committees

PCAC – No August Meeting

14. Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees
 - WNC sponsored benches – Kern
 - Will be completed by September meeting
 - Special Funding Projects - Moreno
 - Committee met – good ideas
15. Unfinished Business
16. New Business
 - Metro’s Congestion Reduction Demonstration Program (Express Lanes)
 - Potential Industries
 - Port of Los Angeles – San Pedro Waterfront
 - Skatepark Booth
17. Caucus Group
 - Education – Public schools start on Wednesday, September 9
18. Members at Large Report
 - None
19. Announcements from Governing Board Members
 - December 5 – Wilmington Winter Wonderland will be at Greenbelt Park this year
20. Adjournment
 - 3:34 p.m. – Next meeting will be August 26, 2009

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary
Approved, Cecilia Moreno, Chair