

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – April 27, 2011

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Vice Chair Cecilia Moreno at 6:04 PM at the Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave., Wilmington.

“As provided by the Brown Act, persons in the audience may address the neighborhood council on any issue they may have during the public comment period or when public comments are solicited during the discussions of an agenda item. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes, unless otherwise allowed by the chair person. Speakers may address the council as a group. Any personal derogatory remarks to a specific council member or persons in the audience will not be tolerated. Anyone desiring to speak please fill out a speakers card found on the back table and hand it a council member or the Council’s Secretary.”

Pledge of Allegiance led by Pat Wilson

1. Roll Call of Governing Board Members (14) confirming quorum.

Present: Jack Babbitt, Donna Ethington, Socorro Fimbres , Jackie Garcia, Arthur Hernandez, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan Prichard, Susan Ogle , Annabelle Romero, Patricia Sullivan, Patrick Wilson

Late: Annabelle Romero

Excused: Marisela Caraballo, Thomas Dahlgren, Robert Jasso, Nelson Williams

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings

Motion (Kern/Hernandez) the Notes of March 23, 2011 be approved as presented.

There was not a quorum at this meeting – therefore no official minutes. The majority of those present approved the notes of this meeting.

Passed (5-0-9)

Motion (Ogle Ethington) the Minutes of April 6, 2011 special meeting be approved as presented.

Passed (9-0-5)

Motion (Babbitt/Ethington) the Minutes of February 23, 2011 be approved as presented.

Passed (10-0-4)

3. Los Angeles Police Department/ Port of Los Angeles Department-

LAPD – Officer Garcinela called to say she would be unable to attend this evening

LAHD - Sgt. Ramirez, POLA – Community Relations/Wilmington

Staff has been busy assisting and enforcing traffic pattern caused by the construction on Harry Bridges Blvd.

May 14 – Vessel Safety Meeting will be held at the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club

Questions from Board

Ethington – Status of lost tenant?

Various agencies looking for Rod Wolf as family concerned about his whereabouts.

CERT Training will begin on May 3 at POLA headquarters

4. Government Representative Reports

Brian Mineghino, Assemblyman Warren Furutani, (55th District), (brian.mineghino@asm.ca.gov)

Requests the WNC support of AJR8 – which states:

“Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature respectfully memorializes the United States Navy to approve the application submitted by the Pacific Battleship Center to house the USS Iowa at the Port of Los Angeles; and be it further Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Navy.”

Vice Chair Moreno indicated that this would be taken up as an action item at our May meeting

Celina Luna, Councilwoman Hahn (15th District), celina.luna@lacity.org

1. LAFD – Councilwoman/Community/FS#38 held news conference opposing any staff changes in the Wilmington station. Suggests everyone in the community send a letter to Mayor, Chief ???and Eric Garcetti, LA City Council President
2. Illegal Dumping – recently created a partnership between City/GAP – Gang Alternatives Program to clean up specific locations; Gulf/Ronan N/Opp St.; End of “G” St., Cruces Neighborhood alleys; Behind 400 Block/Avalon; Frigate between Emden/Mauretania and N/PCH; “E” St. under 110; Behind 1300/W. Mauretania; Little Alameda/E of Young St.; Alameda between Mauretania/”O” St.

If WNC or other community members have a persistent alley dumping problem, please inform CD15 office – 310-732-4515.

3. Clean Wilmington Program – Hahn has donated \$50,000 to Salavador Lara’s ongoing effort to clean Wilmington. Lara has partnered with Clean San Pedro through which funds will be channeled.
4. PCH/Sanford Signalization – CalTrans/City indicate this installation should begin late summer.
5. Pipeline Funds – Pipeline Franchise Fee funds (\$500,000) has been allocated to Wilmington with Councilwoman’s efforts. These funds will be used for fixing broken sidewalks, handicapped access ramps and support work at Drum Barracks. See minutes of WNC Special Meeting held on April 6.
6. PCH/Figueroa – CalTrans Park&Ride Site
Hahn/Furutani offices are working to reduce the number of carnivals on this site.
7. Wilmington Community Benefit Trust Fund
Warren E&P donated \$500,000 to the City for this on-going effort. Funds to be used for fixing broken sidewalks, reconstructing street/drainage problems, trimming trees. Priority will be given to area around the company’s facility.
8. Illegal Posters
Street Use personnel were in area recently and took down 50 signs in the area of Anaheim between Wilmington Blvd/Figueroa Pl.; PCH between Avalon/Figueroa and Lomita Blvd.
9. POLA/Bekins Warehouse
POLA will be hosting meting on the future of this building on June 7, Wilmington Senior Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.
10. Wilmington Waterfront Park (WWP)– Group Permits
Hahn has requested POLA create a system whereby groups can reserve space for gatherings/events at this new facility.

11. POLA Funded Street Repaving

Hahn has requested POLA to consider repaving streets due to their proximity to port operations: Specifically – “C” Street in front of WWP, 100-200 Block of Lakme Ave; Harry Bridges Blvd. between Alameda/Anaheim; 505 East Harry Bridges Blvd; and “T” St. just east of 103 South exit to Anaheim St.

12. Port Labor Agreement – Jobs

POLA recently approved the Port Labor Agreement for apprentice positions in the LA/Orange County Building & Construction Trades Council. If someone is interested, please call 213-483-4222\

13 Questions from the Board

Prichard – Tsunami signs – Luna – will provide maps

Fimbres – Anaheim/Hawaiian food truck – B/S has issued order to comply

WWP – Will organized groups be able to reserve

POLA currently addressing this issue

Moreno/Port – indicates restricted by Tidelands Trust regulations

Emergency Preparedness

LA City Management Team

Hernandez – Bekins Building – what next

Meeting on June 7 will address community concerns

5. Public Comment

Tim Wuerfel, LAFD, 17812 Whitford Ln., Hunt. Beach 92649, 714-803-9091 timber@socal.rr.com

Operates Hook/Ladder at FS#38 – City is proposing to eliminate on 7/5

Currently at Station – Truck Co., Engine Co., and Ambulance

Closure of either Truck or Engine Co. will mean longer wait time

Community should write letters to Mayor, Council President and LAFD Chief

This Sunday, Banning High – Football Scholarship

Thanked community for their support

Mary Gant, Sharefest

May 14 – Sharefest Day - Banning High’s GESA Academy - Electronic Recycling – Fundraiser

May 21 – 10a-2p - PATH Academy – Banning High -

Health & Safety Fair – looking for monetary support

LAFD – every Wilmington resident needs to send letter per Wuerfel’s request

Through LAFD computer input criteria 20 stations indicated needed modification

9 chosen – Wilmington one of the nine

Cannot find out what criterion/risk factors used

Wilmington provides LA with basic necessities through Port activities

We suffer traffic, trucks, air, pipeline, railroad, etc. for the benefit of the whole

We need City support of FS#38

Ask WNC - letter of support – Everyone in audience stood in favor of such a letter

Gary Sands, 1120 McDonald Ave., 310-834-6773

Thanks – RR crossing at Denni- McFarland/Hyatt completed –

Please drop by to see our new crossing

Richard Diaz, 1534 Lakme Ave., 310-835-8854

Pipeline franchise fee projects – how chosen

Special Meeting on April 6

Ken Melendez, 1327 Hunt Terrace, Harbor City, 310-530-4536, kenmele@earthlink.net

Ms. Luna, Councilwoman Hahn addressed most of his concerns

Co-Chair PCAC

POLA's Holmes is working on WWP policy for POLA-owned parks

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

We all need to share information

Wilmington Waterfront Park (WWP) – please attend – flyers are available –please post

Don Compton

RR Crossing at Denni

Hahn Town Hall Meeting – Hahn indicated she was willing to send a strong letter to BNSF to reroute trains to Thenard Connection

Urges community to protest in front of Watson Southern Yard to back up Hahn's position

Joel Villarreal, 424-224-1242 bigjoev94@gmail.com, Foreman, Local 44

Wilmington/Carson League – 90% Wilmington Children

Supports community's efforts to keep FS38 at current deployment

Industry and Children need to know they will be assisted during times of crisis

Thanked LAFD for support of athletic program

Carmen Zamora, 633 Broad Ave., 310-487-5689

Supports LAFD's current deployment at FS#38

Laura Espinoza, 1018 Marine Ave., 310-834-3242

Madres de Wilmington - working with Powerful Women to create workshops in Wilmington

Support LAFD's current deployment at FS#38

If WNC creates letter/petition, her group will circulate

Bus needed if community to attend Budget and/or Council hearings

Alley in her area needs attention – car tire dumping is the problem

Cookie Malaalij - 1360 Fries Ave., 310-518-1318

John McKenna, 1162 Lakme Ave., 310-835-3097

Raul Orozco, 617 East "M" St., 310-830-7255

Angela Contreras, 1252 Watson Ave., 310-835-7649

All of the four (4) above ceded time to speak in favor of keeping FS#38 at current deployment

6. Announcements

Moreno – Wilmington Waterfront Park – opening ceremony scheduled for June 4.

Prichard – Sharefest - May 14 – visit website www.sharefest.org to find out where you can help

7. Presentation Items

a. POLA – Michael Keenan, Asst. Dir., Planning & Economic Development Division

310-732-7653 - mikeenan@portla.org

1988 zoning was changed – Vopak's use grandfathered in

Vopak has no hazardous material

Any changes would need a Conditional Use Permit (CUP)

Inconsistent with current development – Banning's Landing

Joint responsibility as POLA owns land

POLA is recommending relocation so to lower impact on community

Vopak – Michael T. LaVavera, General Manager 310-549-2308 – Michael.lacavera@vopak.com

Company uses Berths 186-191, adjacent to Banning's Landing

Lease expires in 2023, potentially grandfathered status could stand

POLA has indicated would like Vopak to relocate

Vopak proposes alternative

Motems requirement would require a \$30-35,000,000 upgrade

Investment will not be complete until 2017

If required to move – improvement only good for 6 years

Make change now because of Motems and extend lease

Move marine operation to other side of facility

Reconfigure storage tanks - Currently/10, Future/4 – same capacity

Create park/Buffer to shield facility for Banning's Landing visitors

Vopak –

Is a 3rd party terminal company

Does not own any product

Stores jet fuel, bunker fuel, caustic soda (household products)

Risk/Flash point 140 degrees – does not store flammables

Employment – 45 Teamsters/10 Administrative

Requesting WNC to support proposal

Good neighbor

Will cost \$100,000,000 to tear down and move facility

Company needs to be able to make a profit

Questions from Board

Moreno – Buffer path – useable by public – No

Ethington – USC Rowing Facility

If allowed to stay, would need to move

Medina – 10 to 4 tanks – comparable capacity – yes

Fimbres – Employees for improvements – local area?

Depends on contractor – but Vopak would suggest

Hernandez – Marine Operations move to other side – yes

Bulk cement contract expected to restart in 2012, Berth 191

Romero – reiterated above – wanted to make sure notes were correct

Kern – supports #2 – makes sense economically, opens waterfront for Banning's Landing

Public Comment

Glenda Sands

Increase tank capacity – No

Reconfiguration – would it extend lease – yes/hopefully 20-30 years

Hilda Andrade , 1109 Wilmington Blvd, #2, 310-483-1103, chely342004@yahoo.com

Would like some positions set aside for Wilmington residents

Special Items

Motion (Babbitt/Hernandez) that the WNC make the following additions to tonight's agenda

Presentation and Action Item for 1736 Family Crisis Center

Action Item for FS#38

Passed (15-0-0)

b. 1736 Family Crisis Center

Richard E. Dell, MDM Architects, 818-957-7765 – rdell@mdm-architects.com

Tobi Quintiliani, 1736 Family Crisis Center, 310-379-3620, tobifor1736@yahoo.com

Facility – NE corner Figueroa/Grant – formerly used by Latter Day Saints

Z.A. Case No. 20708 (1972) and Z.A. Case No. 21534 (1975) allows a 4100 sq. ft.

facility/22 parking stalls as a religiously oriented instate for educational, classroom and training purposes.

Would like WNC’s approval for Planning Depts. Administrative approval for the Zoning Administrators consideration.

Current owner requires a very short escrow - time is of importance

Future

FCC will be operation Monday –Friday from 8a-5p, rarely on Sat., Never/Sun.

Only administrative/office use – no shelter

Babbitt, Chair, WNC Planning & Land Use Committee

Membership feels this is a conforming use

Asked FCC to canvas neighbors

Low key use and needed in the community

Supports an administrative hearing opinion from Planning Department

Questions from Board

Romero – Community needs this resource – support

FCC staff indicates will provide outpatient services for adults/children

Fimbres – Have you polled neighbors yet?

Will be meeting with neighbors due to Planning Dept. request

Notifying everyone within 500’ of property

Sullivan – is 1736 Family Crisis Center a new organization

No, we have been in operation for 39 years

Plan to outreach to Harbor College staff/students

Funded 85%/government, 15%/private and foundations

Medina/Prichard – live in area and support this use

Questions from Public

Gloria Hernandez, 1202 Mauretania – 310-834-3396

Will FCC provide services in Spanish – yes

8. Funding Action Items

Wilson/Treasurer provides the following

WNC funds available as of April 27, 2011

Balance Forward (from 2009-10)	\$ 7,308.08
2010-11 Funding	<u>45,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$52,308.08</u>
Less Demand Warrants	(33,706.09)
Less Credit Card Charges	<u>(3,716.61)</u>
Total Deductions	<u>(37,422.70)</u>
Total Available	<u>\$14,885.38</u>

Motion (Prichard/Osterhoudt) WNC approve the following funding allotments

Wilmington Middle School Bank	\$ 500
Wilmington Family Health Clinic	2,500
Sharefest- Wilmington	5,000
GAP – “My Gangfree Life”	- 1,000
Total	<u>\$9,000</u>

Approved (14-0-0)

Discussion –

Executive Board felt we had more funds available, therefore original recommendation
Difference needed for office expenses and staffing
If WNC feels enough left over at June meeting, we can allocate remainder at June meeting
Funds will not be available until July 5 – City closes books on April 15 for this fiscal year
Can credit card be used for some of these expenditures – yes

Agency Comments

Dr. Lombard, Wilmington Family Health Clinic – understands situation and thank you
Victor/GAP – lost some CDD funding, would help if we could have another \$1000
Samuel Thompson samuel.thompson@lausd.net-Teacher/Mother Sherriljean@aol.com –
Wilmington Middle – Thank you
Expressed thanks for previous direction – Hahn/Knabe each provided 2 buses
Mayer/Sharefest – Understands/thank you

Friendly amendment (Babbitt/Hernandez) to increase GAP/\$1000 - not accepted

9. Action Items

- a. Motion Wilson/Kern to approve appointment of Ivan Sulic to student seat
Approved (14-0-0)
Mr. Sulic is not present this evening, but he did attend Executive Committee Mtg.
- b. Tabled as Mr. Jasso was unable to attend meeting
Kern requests resume indicating ability to be Parliamentarian
- c. Motion (Kern/Hernandez) WNC create letter to City officials and elected offices supporting existing staffing at FS#38
Passed (15-0-0)
Discussion
Letter should reference truck co, engine co., ambulances
Letter should include schools, refineries, wrecking yards, industry
Community input
Cookie Malaalii - 1360 Fries Ave., 310-518-1318
Supports motion – feels we should reference items as previously referenced
In addition, new school and heavy equipment in the Port area
Mary Gant, Sharefest
Thanks for your support
- d. Motion Babbitt/Garcia that we support the 1736 Family Crisis Center's request to use existing CUPs to occupy the facility and believe their use is consistent with the current/historical use of the facility.
Passed (15-0-0)

Broke for Dinner

10. Report of Officers

- a. Chair – None
- b. Vice Chair – None
- c. Treasurer – See Funding Action Items
- d. Secretary - None

11 Report from Committees

- a. By Laws Committee (absent)
 - b. Executive Committee
 - Refer to Committee Calendar
 - Please note change of date for Planning
 - c. Finance Committee – Wilson/Chair
 - See early discussion
 - d. Gateway and Beautification Committee – Babbitt/Chair
 - e. Land-Use and Planning Committee – Babbitt/Chair
 - f. Transportation Committee – Ethington/Chair
 - g. Public Works Committee – Medina/Chair
 - Vicki Wells, City Public Works to attend meeting on May 4
 - h. Publicity –
 - Prichard suggests moving to Monday so can be attended by Romero
 - Committee to decide which Monday best
- I – PCAC – Ethington
- Port police continues to cite trucks
 - Policies for POLA-owned parks presentation - Holmes

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business

Education/Prichard would like to suggest WNC sends letter of support to LAUSD/Vladovic supporting Avalon High/Awtry

13. Reports for Caucus Groups

Education – Prichard

Announcements – activities relating to education

Ethics Training – two hours

Required every two years – members need to go online – please complete this month

Recreation – Garcia

Southwestern Soccer Club won State Championship

Arrangements will be made for team to attend May meeting

Olympic Grant – Soccer Development Clinic

BHS – 55 students completed LA City Marathon (in pouring rain)

14. Reports from Members at Large

Hernandez – reported various storm drain problems to Hahn’s office - Cleared and cleaned

Suggests community come out to Bekins Warehouse meeting in June

Adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Next meeting will be May 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Takeisha Smith Lankford, Admin Support Officer
and Susan Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Cecilia Moreno, Vice-Chair