

# WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## Minutes – December 8, 2010

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Tom Dahlgren 6:05 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.”

The Council regularly attempts to provide a Spanish speaking translator. Chair Dahlgren indicated there were no translation services available at present. Someone did arrive shortly after the announcement.

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Dahlgren  
Roll Call of Governing Board Members (11) confirming a quorum.  
Present: Jack Babbitt, Marisela Caraballo, Tom Dahlgren, Donna Ethington, Arthur Hernandez, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Ana Medina, Susan Ogle, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan M. Prichard, Patricia Sullivan, Patrick Wilson  
Late: Cecilia Moreno, Annabell Romero,  
Absent: Socorro Fimbres, Jacqueline Garcia, Bobby McNeel, Nelson Williams
2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting  
Motion (Hernandez/Ethington) the Minutes of November 17, 2010 be approved as presented  
Passed **(14-0-0)**
3. Los Angeles Police Department/Port of Los Angeles Police Department  
No one present due to change in meeting time
4. Public Comment  
Helen LaFarga, 1372 Lakme Avenue, 310-834-3984  
Banning Park – West side between Banning Residence Museum and wall.  
Daily between 3-5 p.m. teenagers are congregating and causing problems  
WNC will try to set up meeting with Harbor Division Capt. Relative to issue
5. Government Representatives  
Celina Luna, Councilwoman Hahn’s office  
Free holiday parking in Wilmington downtown area from December 11 through January 1.  
Please encourage your neighbors to shop in Wilmington.  
Tree Trimming – the Business Improvement District (BID) will be trimming the trees in the downtown area on December 28 and 29.  
Union Pacific property – CD15 has asked UP to provide better maintenance of their property near Sanford and “I” Streets (near Greenbelt).  
Thank you to Mr. Lara’s volunteer group for cleaning this area on Sat., December 4.  
Wilmington Heart of the Harbor Holiday Parade - Hope to see you all this Sat., December 12.  
*Board Comments:*  
Kern – Requesting a up-to-date balance of funds in the Oil Pipeline Franchise Fee  
Will try to have for January meeting

Ethington – Parking signs

Department of Transportation stripped this section to the core. WNC submitted a request to CD15 four years ago to post “No Oversize/Commercial Vehicle Parking 2AM-6AM” signage in Wilmington’s residential areas, but the request has not been presented to LA City Council for authorization. Council office is still trying to get San Pedro and Harbor City signs posted.

Ethington requested the Council office to submit our request to LA City Council to get Wilmington’s request on record before all the other NCs submit their requests.

Lara – earlier this afternoon his residential area heard a large boom and felt the ground shake. LAFD dispatched rigs to the area – still trying to discern what occurred.

In the recent past, Pick Your Parts has had two fires – one was a DWP Transformer

Hernandez – concerned with Wilmington notification signage.

Signs on 110 Freeway, Anaheim, PCH and Gibson Blvd do not mention you are entering Wilmington.

6. Announcements

- a. Harbor Holiday Parade this Saturday, December 12, beginning at Noon
- b. Toy4Tots donations need to be delivered to the YMCA by Sunday, December 13
- c. All donation requests on hold until the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2011 due to DONE concerns
- d. WNC to hold its “Annual Community Christmas Light Competition”  
Committee members

7. Presentations

- a. Pat Wilson, Fastlane Transportation honors David Luis Bilbua, Fox Transportation  
On November 28, he received a call at home indicating that two of his employees had been injured and five (5) containers had been stolen. A group of truck drivers knowledgeable of his yard overpowered the guards and beat and bound them. As this was in process, Mr. Bilbua drove scene. After being overpowered and bound and personally robbed, he extricated himself from his bindings, called LAPD in a calm, concise manner describing the scene and the persons involved.  
The good news – only 3 trailers were stolen, all vehicles were recovered. Contents of two containers were stolen  
Mr. Wilson wishes to publicly acknowledge Mr. Balboa for his good deeds, reimbursed him for his personal loss and presented him with a \$500 check.  
Celina Luna provided Mr. Balboa with a Certificate of Commendation from Councilwoman Hahn.
- b. DONE recently sent a letter indicating there may be difficulty in honoring WNC’s donation to the St. Peter/Paul School’s Computer Lab  
Community Comment:  
Ms. Cynthia Lundy after reading DONE letter feels the matter can be resolved.  
She indicated school anticipates matching grant from Riordan Foundation for classroom smartboards.  
Due to delay, Mr. Dahlgren, WNC Chair, was able to find a private donation.  
Ms. Lundy received \$3500 donation.
- c. ACX presentation delayed until February

- d. Port of Los Angeles Presentation on the future of the Wilmington Buffer Park.  
Jim Morgan & Tim Clark (Maintenance & Construction) and Danny Hughes (Principal Gardner) made the presentation.

Provided a long picture of the park which extends from Island to Figueroa between Harry Bridges Blvd and “C” Street.

Passive Park

Total of 32 acres – 15/turf, 18/hardscape

Two sets of restrooms – 16 stalls

Interactive Fountain

Field Area – decisions need to be made with community input as to who will be responsible for reporting maintenance needs, preventing lawn deterioration, etc

Walking paths throughout park

Elevated area provides view of Port activities

Ample parking

Amphitheatre – small concerts, gathering area.

Lighting throughout

Create a friends group to watch park.

*Board Comments*

Hernandez – concerned sufficient parking

King Street under control of the City’s Dept. of Transportation

Romero – lighting – 165 lighting poles throughout park

Sullivan – As this is a passive park, will there be constant personnel – No  
General Services, Port Police and LAPD will monitor

Ogle – Rec. & Parks lost Mr. Hughes to Port. She is glad he will still be in  
Wilmington area.

Lara – When funds do become available, hopes Port will hire Wilmington  
residents to help with this effort. This cannot be promised because of the  
bidding process.

Caraballo – Wilmington PCAC subcommittee

*Public Comments*

Sands, Brenda – Bathrooms too far away from picnic area

Delgado, Ricardo – 1042 Marine Ave., Wilmington, 424-264-8470

Ricardodelgado0310@gmail.com

Would like to be able to have soccer teams use area

- e. Civil Grand Jury

Members of the WNC Board met with Civil Grand Jury in the Wilmington Senior Center on Monday, December 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Those present were told that we were not take notes or discuss matters talked about during the meeting.

## 8. Unfinished Business

- a. Refer the PCH Crossing Guard situation at PCH/Ronan to our Transportation Committee.  
This matter was brought to our attention by Maggie Fukuda at our November meeting
- b. Refer proposed AQMD rules for capturing refinery coke emissions to Land-Use and Planning Committee. This matter was brought to our attention by Alicia Rivera at our November meeting.

9. Action Items

a. Wilmington Marinas Planning Study – Ethington

The WNC needs to take a stand on this issue as it is expected to be on the Harbor Commission agenda on January 6, 2011. Therefore, we need an emergency motion to proceed with this vote.

Motion (Hernandez/Sullivan) to that the WNC invoked Section 54954.2 (b) 1 & 2 of the Brown Act to publicly identify a time sensitive matter that needs immediate action, and requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Board to hear and take action on the matter.

**Passed (15-0-0)**

Motion (Ethington/Lara) The WNC supports the Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site and Marina Parkway Project Preferred Concept (alternative 1 with 1.5 – 2 acres of wetland) and recommends to the Council office and the Port of Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners that the Commissioners approve the preferred concept and request Port staff to continue to work with the Wilmington Marinas Planning Steering Committee to: Define the design elements; Identify potential funding sources and allocate funding to the project; Establish construction goals and timelines that will complete the project within the next five year; Conduct a feasibility study on the proposed access road, as defined in PCAC motion 101 that would begin at Broad Avenue, run parallel with and along the south side of the rail lines, bypass the Henry Ford rail junction via a new vehicular bridge across the Consolidated Slip, and end at Henry Ford & Topko Road. The purpose of this road is to create a safe public access road from Banning's Landing to the Wilmington marinas development area that is not blocked by five rail lines and to reconnect the Wilmington marinas to the rest of the community.

**Passed (14-0-1)**

Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be January 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

The WNC will not have a formal agenda. We will consider this a strategic planning meeting. The meeting will begin with someone providing the demographics of the Wilmington community.

Meal celebrating the WNC's 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was donated by Jack Babbitt, California Sulfur. Newport Rib Company, 5800 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Long Beach, 562-439-RIBS

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Tom Dahlgren, Chair