

WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes – November 17, 2010

The meeting of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council (WNC) was called to order by Chair Tom Dahlgren 6:09 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, Jacqueline Garcia, Robert Jasso, Gary Kern, Salvador Lara, Bobby McNeel, Ana Medina, Cecilia Moreno Susan Ogle, Hank Osterhoudt, Susan M. Prichard, Annabell Romero, Patricia Sullivan, Nelson Williams, Patrick Wilson

Absent: Socorro Fimbres

2. Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting

Motion (Hernandez/Williams) the Minutes of October 27, 2010 be approved as corrected

Changes –

#6 Action Items – Need to add to a and c – No action taken,

#6b - *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*

#7 – Translation – being done by Romero’s sister, not USC students

Passed (13-0-5)

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

No one present due to Division being on high-alert due to an officer-involved shooting in the San Pedro area. Officer was trying to serve a warrant.

4. Public Comment

Maggie Fukuda, 1750 Marine Avenue, 310-549-7023

PCH/Ronan – Feels this intersection needs to be signalized

Daughter, Kelsey, was struck by hit/run driver

Once designated gifted/talented – today she is and will remain a child of 7

Board Comments:

Romero – Crossing guard will help elementary, but not middle school children

Chair Dahlgren indicated he would look into the matter after being informed that the matter had been before the WNC before.

Alicia Rivera – 310-534-7839 – Alicia@cbeal.org

AQMD – new rules – capturing coke during refining process

Would like to make a presentation at the December meeting

Bershay Kohang-Roko, 424-210-6935

Concerns about DMV testing

Gary Kern indicated he would see how he could help.

David Greene – 310-31-9899 – dgdavidgreene@yahoo.com

Tabacco Tax funding BEST Start

Saturday, 11/20 – 10:30a – 12:30 p

Meeting at Harbor College

Encourage people to attend

5. Government Representatives

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Gordon Teuber, Councilwoman Hahn's office

1. Invitation to Councilwoman's Christmas Tree Lighting Party
12/2 @ 6 p.m. at Pepper Tree Plaza in San Pedro
2. Overweight Corridor on PCH – ACX (grain hauler)
Would like to make presentation at December meeting
3. PCH/Sanford – New Traffic Signal approved – Caltrans
4. Leceuvreur/"L" Street area – Habitat for Humanity is working with CRA
1.35 acres owned by City, Zoned R1 – would like to build eight (8) homes
Asking CRA for appraisal reduction - \$1.6 million down to \$960,000
5. New playground equipment at Banning Park should be installed shortly
6. Harry Bridges Improvement – is now in Phase 1 Traffic Signal
7. Wilmington Buffer Zone should be completed by May, 2011
8. Met with Ken Melendez regarding Illegal Banners/Posters in Harbor area.
We request that residents do not take down signage
City of Los Angeles Street Use Department removes and fines the company
First poster - \$194 + \$6 for every sign thereafter.
9. BNSF – McFarland Line – Quiet Zone
Company is working on design/infrastructure, will not do the actual work

Comments:

Jasso – Habitat land – asked for clarification on site.

Kern – Pipeline Funds – would like to know how much available for Wilmington

Lara – Need to clean empty lot at Anaheim/Sanford

Teuber - Land belongs to Union Pacific; willing to donate, but Rec & Parks cannot accept, unable to keep clean on a regular basis

Ethington – Potential groundwater contamination issue; proposed UP donate to nonprofit; will call UP and ask permission to do community cleanup at site; most of old fencing has fallen down

Moreno – WNC needs to push Union Pacific

Romero – Number of pedophiles in community

Need to be monitored and tracked – information on website appears to be out of date.

Informed LAPD about someone in her neighborhood, took officers a month to question

6. Presentations

Wilmington Marina Planning Study –

JoAnne Ruddell

Showed a map of the area to be covered by presentation

PCAC motions 66, 73, 909 and 96

Conduct a land use feasibility study

Develop strategy for infrastructure improvements

Went over Project Time – Begun in June with visioning workshop, proceeded with three community workshops and expect to go the Board of Harbor Commissioners in December with recommendation for Alternative 1.

Described Recommendation for the Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site

Area 1 – Waterfront (Wetlands area) Footbridge, Outlook and Cultural Kiosk and Small Gathering Nodes,

Area 2 – Native Habitat

Area 3 – Amphitheatre

Area 4 – Central Feature

Area 5 – Trails & Intersections

Area 6 – Open Space/Gathering Areas

Area 7 – Other – signage, bus stops, parking lot, etc.

Described Recommendations for the Wilmington Marinas Parkway

Pathway, Picnic Tables, Trash Receptacles, Benches, Additional Parking & Sidewalk along Shore Road

Went over elevation map

Board Comments:

Williams – Telecommunications

Dahlgren – Maintenance? Once completed, the Port will be responsible

Jasso – Is the area in the flood zone? No, actually quite high

Hernandez – Community has asked for improvement for many year – glad to see things moving forward

Community Comments:

Maria Dominguez – Southwestern Soccer Club

Provided 500 signature petition supporting Concept 1

Parks/fields for sports – encourages children to be active

Glenda Sands

Thanked WNC membership for being present

Felt port was mandated to make these improvements

Moreno – Port representative – indicated Board of Harbor Commissioners asked the study to be done once a decision had been made to discontinue placing dredge material on site.

7. Action Items

a. Planning and Land Use Committee Motions

- i. Babbitt/Jasso that the WNC approve the proposed sign and marquee along Broad Avenue, at the new K-8 grade school site at “L” Street, as presented by Thomas Hoerstman, Senior Project Engineer.

Passed (17-0-1)

- ii. Babbitt moved that the WNC send a letter of support for the location of 7-11 stores at 111 Pacific Coast Highway (Avalon) and 945 Pacific Coast Highway (Wilmington Boulevard).

Board Comments

Romero – Suggested an amendment – Support PCH/Avalon because no alcohol served, but feels the parking situation at each location is unacceptable.

Kern – against motion

7-11 businesses will close not selling alcohol

Both sites have parking problems

Garcia – Parking and traffic patterns at both locations are problematic

Dahlgren – During the September presentation remembers 7-11 representative indicating it was both locations or neither.

Moreno – believes 7-11 stores at these locations would be bad for the community

Community Comments

Kat Madrigal – britelightny@yahoo.com

From a public health perspective feels 7-11 does not provide “healthy” foods.

Teaching children to purchase junk food. We need to reshape our community

Laura Espinoza – 310-834-3242 (through Spanish translator)

Concerned about drunk driving – feels 7-11 encourages

This is a problem for our youth

Feels 7-11 in these locations not good for community

Wilmington/PCH site – too much traffic

Will affect restaurant clientele

Enough liquor stores in area already

RECESSS – Shamrock Restaurant – “G” Street/Marine Avenue

8. Report of Officers

9. Reports of Standing Committees

Passed around Standing Committee sign-up sheets –

All Board members are expected to serve on at least two (2)

Carballo

Community members are encouraged to participate in committee meetings.

However are not allowed to vote until after attending three (3) consecutive meeting

Gateway Beautification Committee

Will met the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Wilmington Municipal Building

Benches:

Food4Less – 2 at the bus-stop at the Corner of Anaheim/Fries

Dana Strand – 3 or 4 – paperwork being submitted

Figueroa/”L” Street – NE Corner – Joe’s bench

Hawaiian Avenue/”F” Street – NE Corner

Would like concrete under the bench

Trash Cans – Hawaiian Avenue

Motion (Dahlgren/Hernandez) 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 (16-0-0)

Motion (Dahlgren/Hernandez) to approve be sent to the Gateway Beautification Committee to install and maintain a WNC bus bench outside the Wilmington Municipal building.

Passed (16-0-0)

Land Use Planning

Meet the 1st Monday of each month at Noon at Wilmington Municipal Building
Babbitt will continue to chair

Transportation Committee

Meets the 1st Monday of each month
Ethington will continue to chair

Land Use Planning & Transportation Committees

There is discussion regarding the merging of the
Caraballo – This would require a Bylaws change

Public Works

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6p.m. at the Senior Center
Ana Medina agreed to be chair

Publicity

Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month
Ogle will continue to chair

PCAC

Motion passed for the Harbor Commission to consider location of USS Iowa
Presentation – Tactical Police – Port Emergency Procedures
Basically close down the South board 110 and make it into a North bound route

Ascetic Proposals

Banning Residence's Transportation exhibit – 99% complete
Will open in early Spring 2011

Funds approved for the Wilmington Waterfront Park

Known in community as the "Triangle Park"

Work should be completed by mid-2010

10. CRA Wilmington Redevelopment Plan Amendment Steering Committee

Meeting tomorrow night – 11/18

Present draft "blight study" for Wilmington

Will use San Pedro as basis with input from Wilmington statistics

Comments – Hernandez – blight is a problem in Wilmington

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. New Business

Letter from Harbor City Neighborhood Council – Raymond Dahlgren will send letter to Planning and Land Use

13. Reports from Caucus Groups

Education – Provide contact list of all schools in Wilmington

POLA – Caraballo

Winter Wonderland – 12/4 – 11a-2p

BayView & “C” Streets

Snow and Crafts

Posada – Banning’s Landing – 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Afloat – Boat Parade – 6:00 p.m. – Banning’s Landing

Park Advisory Board – Ogle

Remembrance Day – Gettysburg

Drum Barracks – 11/19 – 2p

Victorian Christmas/Civil War Christmas

Banning Residence/Drum Barracks

Saturday/Sunday – 12/4 and 5

Residence – Lara

Attended opening of the Tzu Chi facility – across from County Health Clinic

Mostly work with teeth/dental

Charge \$20/co-payment

Use acupuncture

Parliamentarian – Dahlgren asked Caraballo to consider being the WNC’s parliamentarian

14. Members-At-Large Caucus

December 4 – 8a-12 Noon

Romero

Attended Ethics Workshop on 10/28 – very informative

Forbes article - <http://realestate.yahoo.com/promo/americas-dirtiest-cities.html>

The LA/LB & Riverside area ranked second-worst overall and worst in ozone pollution. This is caused in part by the number of cars on the roads in tangent with the effects of the nation's busiest port. Researchers at the University of Calgary found in 2008 that salty coastal air mixed with sunshine and pollutants helps create unexpectedly high levels of ground-level ozone."

15. Announcements

Adjourned at 9:04p.m.

Next meeting will be December 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Susan M. Prichard, Secretary

Approved, Tom Dahlgren, Chair